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Young Tories move to attack against CFS

OTTAWA (CUP)—Young Tories from across Ontario attacked a national student organization Nov. 20 and 21 for spending too much time on issues they consider irrelevant to students.

About 35 participants fired criticisms at Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) chair Brenda Cote at a morning session of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Campus Association (OPCCA) conference at Carleton University.

Questions ranged from why CFS is involved in "non-student issues" such as the civil war in El Salvador and disarmament, to why CFS doesn't establish and enforce a list of priorities for students' councils.

Several delegates said during the conference that one of OPCCA's goals is to oppose CFS and at least one conference delegate said she is in-

involved in a campaign to keep CFS from being accepted at the University of Toronto.

CFS is a young organization still recruiting new members.

The morning session was billed as a panel discussion on student participation in university government featuring Carleton students' association president Jasper Kujavsky, OPCCA president Nigel Wright and Cote.

Wright did not arrive and the debate eventually focused on CFS.

Randy Bocock, a University of Ottawa student, cited the case of the U of O student federation executive denying the Jewish student union on-campus space in the university centre.

"Students' councils tend to get wrapped up in issues of no concern to

students," he said.

Cote said if students are concerned enough about misuses of power by their student representatives, they should organize and petition to oppose them.

"We can't dictate to people what

to do on their campuses," she said. "I can't go into a student council and say 'don't do this and don't do that.'"

In response to criticism that CFS spends too much time on international issues, Cote said the organization devoted less than one

hour of its entire summer conference to such concerns.

After the meeting, she said, "Anyone who wants to denounce CFS can do so. We can't please everyone. People try to find our weakest areas."

Ontarians want more for U's

TORONTO (CUP)—Eighty-two per cent of Ontario residents interviewed in a September Gallup poll favour increased government funding to the province's universities.

The poll was drafted by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), an organization of university presidents, and conducted by the

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Forty-two per cent of those surveyed thought the government should increase funding for universities at the expense of other programs, and 11 per cent favoured higher taxes.

But if current funding cutbacks

continue, more than 80 per cent favour reducing enrolment, while less than 10 per cent favour maintaining enrolment at the expense of quality.

The government and many administrators have already indicated lower enrolment is the route they are leaning towards.

Racist attacks cause deaths

VANCOUVER (CUP)—An attack on two Vietnamese refugees that left one man dead and another injured is being condemned as racially motivated by a local anti-racist group.

Loi and Loc Tran were beaten and left lying unconscious on a suburban street. Loi was accidentally run over by a truck and died as a result of his injuries.

The two men were driving through Surrey when a car cut them off and forced them to stop, said Charan Gill, B.C. Organization to Fight Racism president. Someone threw a beer bottle at Loi's car and when he got out to investigate, a fight broke out.

Laurie White, Simon Fraser University student society external relations officer, and a BCOFR executive member, said the incident was definitely racially motivated.

"These kinds of incidents happen here all the time and they are on the increase," said White. "There's been a lot of racist violence in B.C., especially in the last two or three years."

Gill said the situation when a refugee is offered a "chance for a new life" by the Canadian government and then killed by racist thugs once they arrive, is incredibly unjust.

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