

# Students argue over student aid

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) — A serious challenge to the Canadian Federation of Students' cornerstone policy on student aid was defeated at the organization's first annual meeting this summer in Charlottetown.

The proposal, which called for a 50-50 grant-loan split for student aid, met with stiff opposition both times it was raised on the conference agenda.

Delegates voiced their continued support for the "grants not loans" position, an unofficial holdover

from the organization's predecessor, the National Union of Students.

Supporters of the all-grant position point to statistics showing that loans and subsequent debt loads are a deterrent to persons from low income backgrounds who would otherwise enrol in universities and colleges.

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union contended the 50-50 grant-loan split is a more reasonable demand to make of governments.

A committee has been struck by CFS to further study the proposal. It will present its report to the November conference in Victoria.

Some delegates felt the Charlottetown debate is one CFS members can expect more of as the organization attempts to attract larger more conservative institutions into the fold.

The federal government is expected to begin negotiations with the provinces for a major restructuring of the student aid system in Canada some time this fall.

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What I like about CFS is really the idea, y'know? I mean, there are a **lot** of us out there. It could be real exciting, just like the 60's. Except the politics.

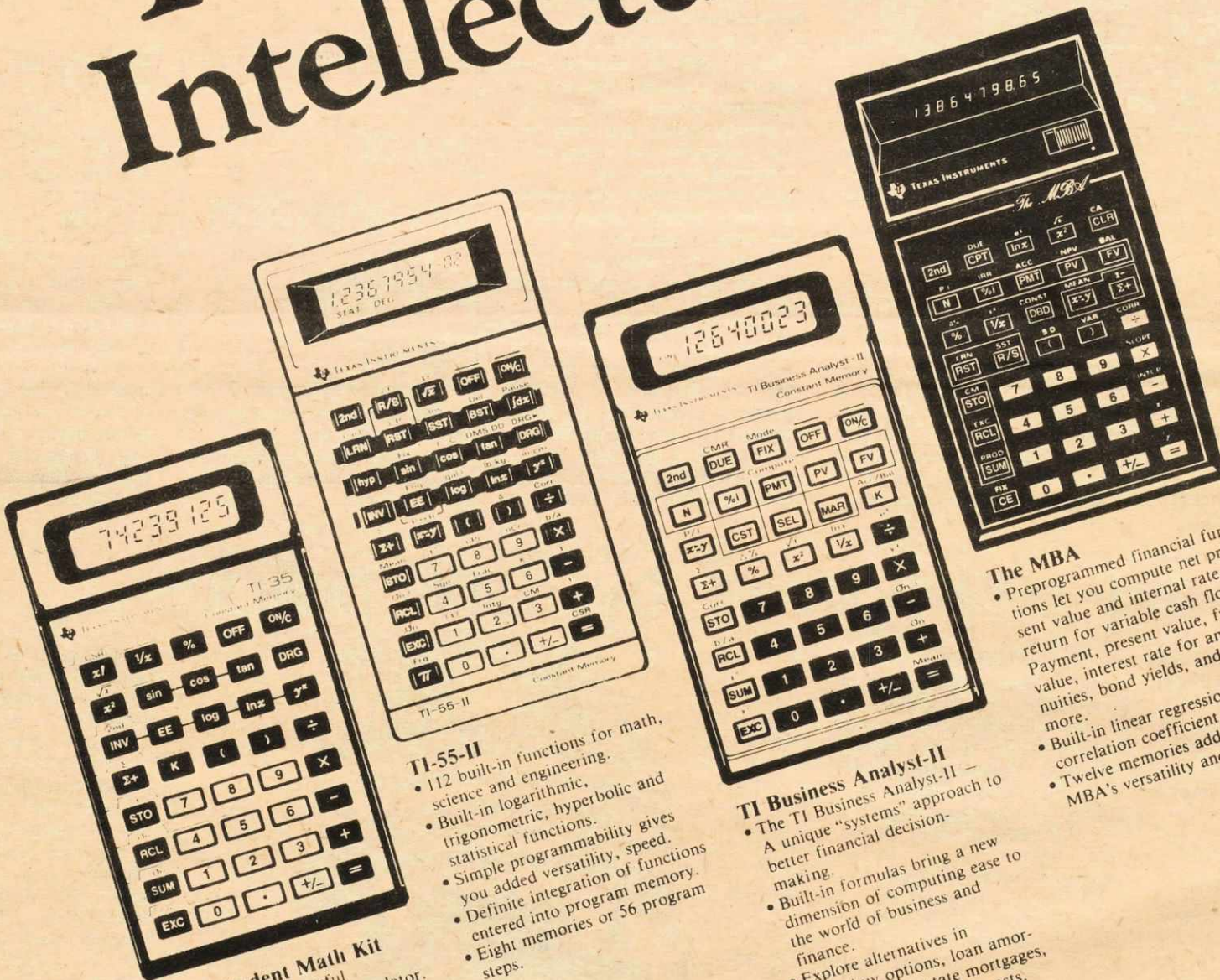
I'm not really into the politics part of it. There are plenty of other issues, like Bar services and Entertainment events. Have you seen the new Monkees' clone band? \*no\*

I guess it really comes down to what you can do after all. Instead of talking all airy-fairy ideas, CFS could be getting something done right now. And the bashes are a real plus!

I like the idea of Eric a Coté, too. I mean she's a real radical, got elected, too. I'll bet they'll be taking over places all across the country now. Just as long as they don't do mine. Some students just don't wash!

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