Education for everyone regardless of income

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But the ministry also makes it clear in their announcement that some minimum contribution is still to be expected. They don't say how much. Again, because of the

vagueness of it all, it's difficult for

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us to know whether this will be something progressive or regressive.

EXCALIBUR - You're saying that OFS is identifying with the principles of the interim committee on financial assistance, but saying the announcement by Dr. Parrott goes no way towards meeting the objectives outlined by the com-

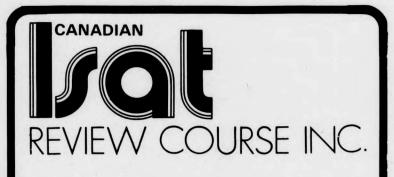
EDELSON — I wouldn't say no way. We have to be fair in saying requirement, with whatever time and part time students are moves in the right direction. But we have to question whether he's going far enough.

that certain of these things, like eliminating the summer savings problems, as well as grants for full

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EXCALIBUR — What does OFS see in general as an alternative to this student aid plan outlined by Dr. Parrott - something that would lead towards more accessibility and more equality of opportunity?

EDELSON — OFS has a policy, first of all, towards the abolition of tuition fees. In the interim we see that we can't allow tuition fees to rise any further.

In addition we would like to see a living stipend for all students. OFS looks at these as long term goals. Between now and whenever that's going to happen, there are a number of things we can do to make university and college more accessible to students of all income brackets, regardless of their cultural background, etc.

EXCALIBUR - Back of everything the government is doing these days, is the budgetary crisis - a lack of money. Given that, how would the province of Ontario pay for a scheme with increased grants and lowered tuition?

EDELSON - I think this discussion is an important one, and one we can only begin to deal with here, because there are so many questions. It brings to mind a number of things.

First of all, there's the question of who benefits from a university or college education. Is it the student

alone, or is there some sort of social benefit derived from having an educated populace?

The argument that OFS has made, and this was made in a brief that was presented to the Ontario Council for University Affairs last year, is that it's not just students alone that benefit, but that society in fact needs to have people that are qualified to deal with technological things, and the society generally needs people who are educated to the point that a university or college education is able to offer.

If we look at it from that side, we get into the argument over who should be paying for that education. Should it be just the students or just the taxpayers, or should we be asking members of the business community, the corporations, to contribute something towards the educations of the youth of the society. If we look at the figures, the amount that the corporations have contributed over the past few years has decreased rather than increased.

We could say that if the corporations were paying their share of the taxes, instead of burdening certain sectors of our economy, as we do now, that there would be anough money for anyone who could benefit from an education at university or college to attend. That's precisely the basis of the argument that OFS uses.



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(with 1976 comparisons)

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1977 (with 1976 comparisons)

REVENUE Advertising income	1 <u>977</u> \$56,104	1976 \$54,406
Grants	16,000	23,026
Sundry and interest income	87	202
	\$72,191	\$77,634
EXPENSE		
Accounting, audit and legal	\$1,175	\$ 954
Bad debts expenses	1,933	2,241
Bank charges	6	13
Equipment	_	457
Equipment rental and maintenance	119	91
Incorporation expense	720	_
Insurance - office and photo equipment	207	207
Lunch room expense	811	106
Memberships	_	1,280
Office supplies and expense	3,280	1,535
Postage and circulation expense	2,575	1,475
Photo supplies and expense	777	411
Printing expenses	40,664	34,951
Salaries, bonuses, honoraria and		
employee fringe benefits	24,403	23,099
Telephone and telegraph	1,528	1,377
Travel expenses	1,655	1,397
Temporary help	636	_
	\$80,489	\$69,594

ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS 1977 1976 \$5,208 \$8,526 Accounts receivable 16,097 18,326 Prepaid expenses 1,005 916 \$22,310 \$27,768

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES \$5,650 \$3,810 Accounts payable and accrued charges **DEFERRED GRANTS** \$1,000 \$ -**ACCUMULATED SURPLUS** \$15,660 \$23,958 Balance - end of year \$22,310 \$27,768

> NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1977

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR

ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - beginning of year

ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - end of year

(\$8,298) (\$8,040)

15,918

\$15,660 \$23,958

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