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OFS sets October 29 as day of protest against cuts

TORONTO (CUP) The Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) has slated October 29 as a day of protest against threatened plans by the federal government to cut grants to the provinces by two billion dollars a year.

If the federal government follows through with the cuts, students can expect "much higher tuition fees" and massive cutbacks, OFS Information Officer Wally Brooker predicted September 27.

Brooker said funding reductions might mean some post-secondary institutions would be closed and others would suffer substantial reductions in library and other services.

"We expect that the provincial government's tuition hike announcement in December or January may possibly be a lot higher than some people expect," Brooker said.

"Both sides (the federal and provincial governments) are trying to pass the buck. Students should not fall for one government's arguments over another's," he said. The current issue "is to stop the federal government from making the cutbacks."

The day of protest will be centred in Toronto, although OFS is encouraging other Ontario schools to plan demonstrations for the same day. The

Toronto protest will begin with a mock wedding ceremony between Ontario Premier William Davis and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

"Our attitude is that we're getting hoodwinked by both of them, and that they're in bed together," said Brooker, "they've already had their honeymoon, so we're going to formalize it by having the mock wedding ceremony."

The wedding procession will march to the Ontario Legislature, Queen's Park, for a rally and then proceed to the University of Toronto Convocation Hall for an evening of speakers and musical entertainment.

Kickback for rich, full-time students

EDMONTON (CUP) - If you made lots of money during the summer, received a large financial contribution from your parents for education, and plan to complete a full course load, then there is good news of you: you are eligible for the maximum remission on your student loan.

This is what students at the University of Alberta found this fall when applying for students loans from the university's Students' Finance Board (SFB).

Lisa Walter, vice-president external on the U of A student Council, cited SFB's policies on the age of independence and parental contributions as posing the most problems for this

year's legion of loan applicants.

"If your parents don't give you enough, then they (SFB) are not going to give you enough," said Walter.

"It's as though you're being punished for your parents' not giving," she said.

Under the current system, parental contributions are expected if students are not yet independent; SFB defines independence as three years of post-secondary education, or three years of work experience, or any combination of the two.

Loans and remissions are reduced in size if the parental contribution would not. In this way, students could avoid

For some students, however, this isn't possible. One bright spot in the student aid system is an improvement in budget guidelines. Student representatives met with SFB last year and successfully brought the budget ceilings up to more realistic standards.

"I am convinced that the reasons for improvement are that they (SFB) did consult with students," said Walter.

But there is no guarantee that wide-ranging student input will continue. Last year's dialogue between students and SFB was largely the result of public pressure.

A motion is now before the council which calls for four



being financially penalized by SFB.

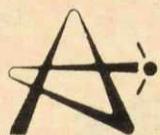
"Unless you can document your parents unwillingness or inability to give financial assistance ... they are going to penalize you," said Walter.

Walter said the independence question has created additional problems. Students who are not yet independent and whose homes are in Edmonton are not allowed a budget for housing costs.

"As long as students live within commuting distance to the university, they're expected to live at home," she said.

changes in the student aid system: 1) The abolition of the remission system with a grant/loan mix; 2) The abolition of penalties for students who don't attain the required summer savings; 3) More information for applicants and the public on how the Finance Board works; and 4) Guaranteed student input over and above the two students appointed to SFB by Alberta Education Minister Jim Horsman.

Council is anxious for student input since next year's loan policies will be determined before the new year.



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