

Gov't estimates mean more \$ for universities

OTTAWA (CUP) — Estimates of planned government spending in 1977-78 tabled in the House of Commons Feb. 16 show that the federal contribution to post-secondary education may rise slightly, with the provinces receiving more cash instead of tax point equivalents.

Cash payments to the provinces will total \$907,100,000 under terms of the new fiscal arrangements act (FAA). An additional \$159,000,000 will be given as a payment from the previous financing policy. This compares to \$538,000,000 estimated for the year 1976-77.

The large increase in cash is a result of a decision to increase cash payments through the FAA program and subsequently reduce tax points. Through the program federal payments for education will be 50-50 cash payments and tax point transfers.

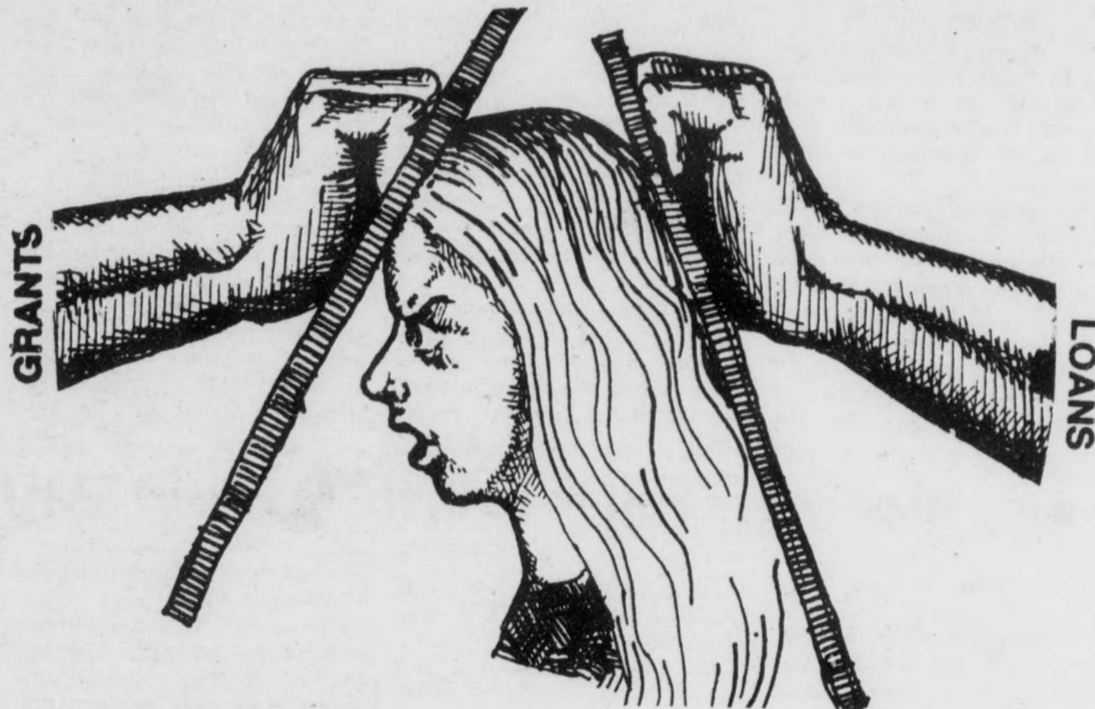
According to a spokesperson in the finance department the total expenditure in cash and tax transfers will be \$2,094,000,000. Last year he gave the estimate for 1976-77 as roughly \$1.8 billion. If the old financing formula had

been retained the spokesperson said the estimate might have been about \$1,862,000,000 for 1977-78.

The figures outlined in what is called the "Blue Book", the compilation of estimated government expenditures, are estimates and are not actual payments made, guaranteed payments or guarantees of entitlements to the provinces.

The figures released are a reflection of the FAA agreements which were announced earlier this year. Under that program the federal government will give the provinces support for post-secondary education on the basis of growth in the national economy and not growth in total spending on post-secondary education. Payment to the provinces on the basis of this national average expenditure will be made through tax points and cash transfers on a 50-50 basis.

Since recent payments to the provinces have been on the basis of about one third cash and two thirds tax point transfers the government is substantially increasing the cash contribution to meet that 50-50 balance.



The other programs which are involved in the FAA agreement under the established programs

financing, hospital insurance and medical care, both had decreased estimates. Hospital insurance went from \$2,023,480,000 in 1976-77 to \$1,405,800,000 in 1977-78. Medical care went from \$950,696,000 in 1976-77 to \$498,400,000 in 1977-78.

In addition to the monies given to the province, the government estimates show that \$995,000 is allocated for the education support office of the secretary of state with an additional \$72,000 going for employee benefits. Information shows an increase in the number of office staff from 15 to 20.

summer employment

Aitken Center needs people

The Aitken Centre is offering odd hours in a variety of jobs, occasional summer employment. Several concerts and shows are for interested students. The scheduled for the summer, with students will be expected to work other expected in July and August.

Students will be needed from in and around Fredericton, to raise and tear down lighting and stages, as ushers or usherettes, and various other jobs.

Don Sedgewick, director of the Aitken Centre, said the wages would be consistent with the normal student rates.

Interested students should write their names, addresses and telephone numbers on a piece of paper and send it to the Aitken Centre via campus mail.



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Sexism in sports

Fredericton (CUP) — A motion was passed at the spring regional conference of Atlantic Region Canadian University Press (ARCUP) calling for a greater awareness of sexism in sports-writing and asking that the member papers attempt to eliminate this problem.

Speaking to the motion, Tom Best, sports editor of The Brunswickan, said that one of the major problems facing the women's athletics was their own attitude. "There are no 'ladies' in sports," he said.

He said that some of the terms used by women when referring to sports such as "powder puff", indicate they are less serious than men and added that this was not the case. He felt that if women's athletics were to gain equality with men's athletics, the attitudes of the people controlling the money would have to be changed and one way of doing this was through the terms that the media uses in referring to women's sports.

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