

U pres. blasts government

OTTAWA (CUP) - The number of international students in Canada is "not sufficiently disturbing" to warrant differential fees or quotas for those attending post-secondary institutions, according to the president of Carleton University.

"Differential fees is one of the worst ways of applying a policy of some restraint," Dr. Michael Oliver told a workshop at the Joint Conference of World University services Canada and the Canadian Bureau for International Education (WUSC/C-BIE) here Nov. 19-21.

He said deciding how visa student enrolment should be limited is "begging the question" because there is a lack of infor-

mation suggesting they are a burden on the economy or that they prevent Canadians from attending school.

The Ontario government's decision to impose differential fees this year "comes from a climate of misinformation," Oliver said.

"I think the governments are responding in a very peculiar way to what they perceive the public thinks," he said.

The Carleton president and member of a CBIE task force studying Third world students said the increasing visibility of international students has sparked an "emotional reaction" from the public.

Canadians are not used "to people who look differently and talk differently" and are frightened by those "whose race may be perceived as a threat."

Oliver said the costs of university would remain the same without international students and that government should "balance the costs with the benefits" of visa students par-

ticipating in Canada's educational community.

He also stressed the need for governments to base policy for visa students on adequate information.

Delegates at the conference decided to begin a campaign of action opposing differential fees and informing the public about international students in Canada.

Focus on native policy

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Native Peoples Education is asking for submissions from the public on matters relating to post-secondary education for native people in Alberta, according to committee Chairman Ronald T. Scrimshaw.

Trycommittee, which reports to Dr. A.E. Hohol, Alberta's minister of advanced education and manpower is composed of 15

members, a majority of the native people appointed represent all regions of province.

In its advisory capacity, the committee is instructed provide a voice for citizens particularly natives, in development of provincial policies affecting native people education, with the main focus on higher education.

In addition to Mr. Scrimshaw of Gleichen, those serving on the committee include: Lewis Beacock, Fort McMurray; Melvin Beaver, Slave Lake; William Goodfish Lake; Peter Eram

McRae; George Fraser, C.A.S. Hynam and Mrs. Anne Stimpson, Edmonton; Mrs. M. Kidder and Raymond L'Hirondelle, Peace River; Little Bear, Lethbridge; Larry

Knight, Strathmore; Margaret Waterchief, Gleichen; Mrs. Theresa Wildcat, Hobbey and James I. Berg as executive secretary from Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower, Edmonton.

The committee will meet Grande Prairie on Dec. 2 and interested persons and groups are invited to express their views and concerns, in writing, to a member of the committee before Nov. 24.

Subsequent meetings planned for Lethbridge February, and for Lac La Pêche March. Written submissions welcome and members may be contacted for deadline dates.

Queen's votes support

KINGSTON (CUP) - Students at Queen's university voted Nov. 17 and 18 to support differential fees for international students in Ontario universities, with 1,544 in favor and 852 opposed.

The decision, by about 22 per cent of Queen's students came in the form of a referendum and is binding on the students' council.

The Ontario government will

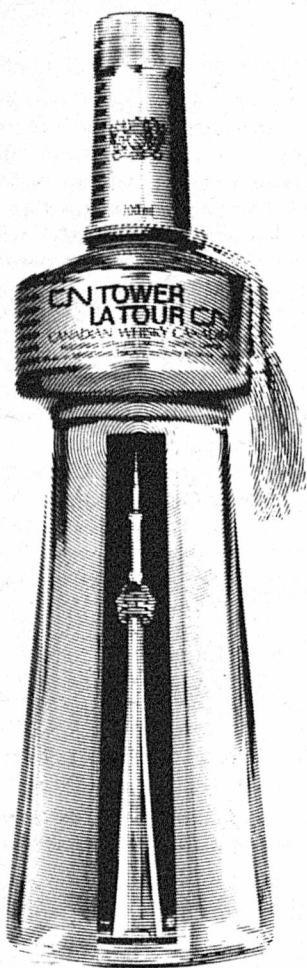
triple fees for international students beginning January 1977. Differential fees are also being considered in Alberta.

Alma Mater Society (AMS) president Jamie Avis said he was "surprised and dismayed" at the support for differential fees. There was no campaign on the issue.

Although the position contradicts Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) policy, Avis did not see it resulting in a rift between the AMS and OFS.

At the same time, an opinion poll on the principle of free tuition showed 1,634 opposed to the concept, 561 in favor and 238 undecided.

Although turnout was low, Avis said the vote on abolition of tuition was representative because "a majority of Queen's students don't favor free tuition."



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