Smiling students to be turned away

TORONTO (CUP)—You open up your newspaper in the morning and there they are—snapshots of smiling students.

Their black and white faces appear happy but the message in bold print beside them is enough to make you wince. "Fifty thousand qualified applicants will be turned away from university in Ontario in the next 10 years," it reads.

The grim advertisements, appearing in major newspapers in Ontario, are part of a campaign launched by the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations to warn the public about the dangers of underfunding.

The confederation wants to let the public know that students are being squeezed out of the university system and many who are qualified will be denied the opportunity to walk down the hallowed halls of post-secondary institutions.

And it has carefully timed the advertisements to appear while a commission investigating the future development of Ontario's universities prepares to release its report in November.

Confederation president Bill Jones says the organization is

We don't want no South African Smokes

MONTREAL (CUP)—Students at McGill's school of agriculture gave their students' council a strong mandate to look into "other measures of censure against South Africa" in a high-turnout referendum Sept. 27.

A majority of students also voted to continue the school's boycotts of Carling-O'Keefe, Rothmans, Seagram's and the Bank of Montréal.

One-third of the school's 1000 students voted in the referendum. Two hundred and sixty-two voted for the "other measures of censure", sixty-six voted against, and fortyfour spoiled their ballots. One hundred and eighty-five voted to continue the existing boycotts, one hundred and fifty-seven against.

South African corporations have controlling shares in Carling-O'Keefe and Rothman's. Seagram's and the Bank of Montréal have large outstanding loans to the South African government.

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extremely worried about the impact that the Bovey commission named after entrepreneur Edmund Bovey—will have on the education system.

"The Bovey Commission is not set up to deal with the fundamental problems of the universities," he said. "We hope that will change."

The commission recently completed a 12-city, month long tour complete with public hearings and submissions from several university groups.

Jones says the confederation recommended to the commission that university operating grants be increased to between six and seven per cent of the provincial budget, or about \$450 million. Operating grants today have dropped to about four per cent of the budget, despite a 60 per cent increase in overall enrolment.

"The government assigns a relatively low priority to universities. Only a minority see the direct benefit [of them]—we have a difficult case to make in a democracy [where the majority is important]," he said. "Universities are at fault because they haven't explained what universities do."

Jones said the confederation

fears the underfunding problem will prompt faculty to seek greener pastures in the United States. He added American universities are encouraging this "brain drain" because they are currently in an expansionary mood.

The confederation launched the advertising campaign in February to alert the public and special interest groups and included a coupon to be clipped and sent to the OCUFA office.

Jones said the confederation has received about 800 responses, largely from teachers and high school guidance counsellors.

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