

Gov't questionnaire "misleading" says NUS

February 10th a Federal government questionnaire on Student Aid will be circulated to approximately 10,000 students at

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33 institutions across Canada according to Student Union Vice President Claire Fripp. Fripp said that a NUS conference held last weekend determined that the questionnaire is ambiguous and misleading. She said that delegates felt that the questionnaire was worded in such a way that no matter what the answers, a Government plan CORSAP (Contingency Repayment Student Assistance Program) will be the only answer.

The Contingency Repayment Student Assistance Program, (CORSAP) is designed to provide financial assistance to students based on their total costs and their ability, after graduating, to repay the loan.

The item will be circulated to the aforesaid number of students, parents and Awards Offices in order that the government can determine new ways of dealing with Student Aid.

Fripp said no one knows which provinces will receive the questionnaire and New Brunswick may not be on the list. She said that NUS learnt of the questionnaire only recently and at their request the questionnaire is to be released on the 10th rather than the 2nd as originally planned.

On her suggestion NUS has decided to formulate a question-

naire based on that of the governments but with a "less prejudiced" viewpoint. The questionnaire is currently being compiled by the NUS executive and is expected to be released shortly after that of the federal government.

Funding was another topic at the conference and according to Fripp, NUS will be submitting a brief on the subject to the federal government. She said that a similar brief will be submitted to each province from the various provincial student organizations simultaneously. Fripp said that according to a NUS representative tuition will be going up in every province except Alberta.

She said delegates discussed what they thought would be the best policy to combat these increases in the individual provinces but there was no

agreement on what the best policy would be. She said she was somewhat disappointed with this as she had gone to the conference looking for concrete plans and suggestions.

Unemployment Insurance and recent changes in policy were another concern of NUS delegates and according to one Waterloo representative more than 50 per cent of the students on their campus would be without jobs or insurance next summer as a result. Fripp said that pamphlets and information on the issue will be sent to individual campuses and the distribution will be the responsibility of the student unions.

Fripp said that while conference itself was disappointing in some ways she feels benefitted from talking to individuals at the conference.



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One of the highlights of this year's Winter Carnival was a performance in the SUB Blue Lounge by Steve Peacock (left) and Marc Lulham of the UNB Folk Collective.

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