

The race, the raw and the rest break — Engineering week carries on.



Ed. ministers aren't talking

QUEBEC CITY (CUP) - Provincial governments have or are planning to raise the loan portions of their student financial aid programs, but provincial education ministers aren't talking about it, at least not in public.

Ben Hanuschak, Manitoba education minister and chair of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) told reporters the ministers did not discuss the issue at the CMEC meeting here Jan. 13-14.

Although the CMEC has a task force set up to investigate "minimizing student debt loads" and "increasing" availability of non-repayable assistance to students," Hanuschak said he had no comment on the task force's progress.

The task force reports to the CMEC, which in turn makes recommendations to Secretary of State John Roberts. But according to CMEC staff member Ron

Chaplin, Roberts, who attended the meeting, was "not amenable to talking about student aid programs."

Chaplin said there would be

"more meetings" between federal and provincial representatives to discuss changes in the Canada Student Loans Act, which expires this year.

Quebec likes BNA Act

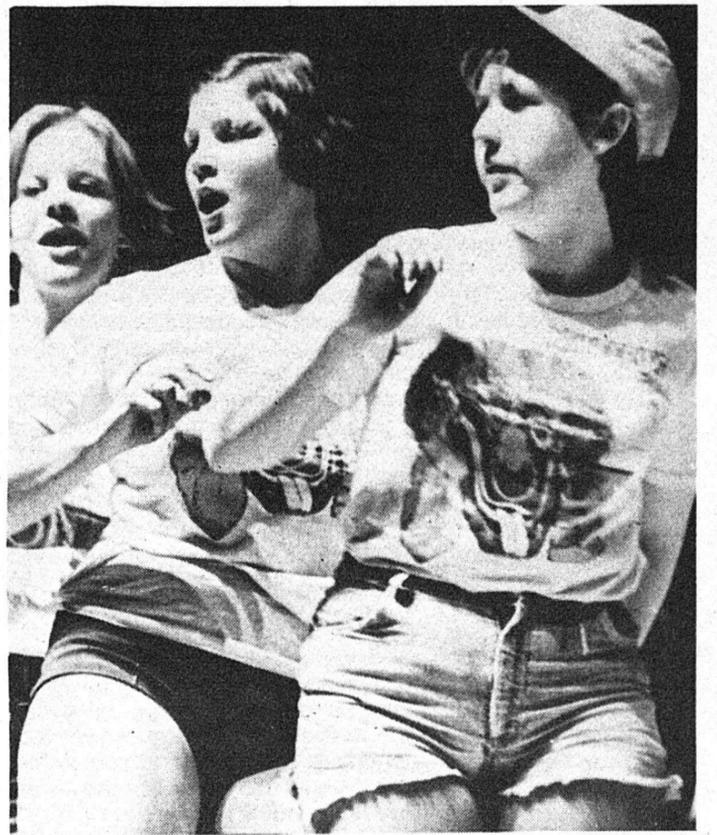
QUEBEC CITY (CUP) - Quebec wants to reaffirm its links and cooperation with other provinces as well as with other countries Quebec's minister of education told a Jan. 13-14 meeting of the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC).

Jacques Yvan Morin told education ministers he regards the interprovincial council, whose recommendations are not binding, as an affirmation of the

"constitutional reality" of education as a strictly provincial prerogative.

The Parti Quebecois minister said any transfer of federal education funds to Quebec would be considered unconditional and irreversible.

He added the federal government would have to accept his province's evaluation of programs set up with federal funds.



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unit. Now she worries about the security of her position with the S.U. Moore termed "ridiculous" a statement made to Gateway by SU pres. Zoeteman that her fears over the firing arose from her British background ("British people have a tradition of trade unionism," said Zoeteman.)
Vern Barteo of CUPE said Sundram's case will be decided by an Arbitration Board when the Department of Labour appoints a chairman to the three man board. He said he is "amazed" by the Students' Union's actions and predicts Sundram will win his case before the Board.