

# Teachers forced back

**TORONTO (CUP)**—Striking teachers at Ontario's 22 community colleges reluctantly returned to the classrooms Tuesday after the Ontario education minister brought in back to work legislation.

Bette Stephenson brought in legislation Nov. 8 forcing the 7,600 striking teachers to return to work after they had been walking the picket lines since Oct. 17.

Teachers can be fined \$500 each day they disobey the order and the union representing the teachers has been warned it can be fined \$10,000 if it instructs its members to stay on the picket lines.

Although the teachers returned in a defiant mood, only a few incidents of protest were reported Tuesday.

More than 120,000 full-time and 160,000 part-time students in the province were shut out of class for just over three weeks. Although Stephenson promised students would not lose their academic year, many students feared they were wasting their time. Hundreds supported the teachers, however.

NDP provincial leader Bob Rae, whose party would not support the emergency bill, accused the education minister of taking sides in the dispute and ignoring the key issue of workload. "Why is it that all matters of dispute between parties have to be sent to compulsory arbitration except the matter that has been in dispute for the last six months (since the teachers' contract ended Aug. 31)?" asked Rae.

The government has since established a three-member Instructional Assignment Review Committee to report on the workload issue by June 30, 1985.

Rae also accused the minister of "giving the employer in legislation what they were unable to get in bargaining."

The Liberal opposition, however, supported the principle of the bill,

according to Sean Conway, Liberal colleges and universities critic.

The Liberals proposed amendments to the back-to-work legislation which would bring the issue of quality of education back to the bargaining table.

The Council of Regents, representing the college administration in the dispute, broke off talks with the union Nov. 6 and asked Stephenson to intervene in the strike. They said they wanted students to return to class.

The union has responded by calling for Stephenson's resignation. Only hours before the talks broke off, the minister said the council was seeking a "negotiated settlement" with the union.

"She misled the house. She has to resign," said Ron Kelly, chair of the union's bargaining committee.

Stephenson promised that programs would be modified so students could complete their year on schedule.

## Amoco gives to physics

by Don Teplyske

The Amoco Foundation recently presented the University of Alberta physics department with a \$10,000 cheque.

Dr. George Cummings, Department of Physics chair, accepted the contribution on behalf of the department and cited university professor Dr. Frantisek Hron's involvement with Amoco as a factor in the U of A receipt of the awards.

"Dr. Hron has many connections in other countries with people who are interested in the same type of research," Cummings said.

The \$10,000, to be rewarded in 1985 and 1986, is to be used for travel expenses of leading scientists to the university for research projects. The money will also be used to support research in seismic modeling.

At the same time of the award, Amoco promised to donate \$88,000 worth of seismic cable to the department.

This is not the first time Amoco has supported the U of A physics department. The company has contributed over the past several years.

## White paper debated

by Neal Watson

The U of A Senate meets Friday to consider the provincial government's White Paper on the economy.

"The meeting is to give senate members an idea of how the government's White Paper affects universities and this university in particular," says Mary Totman, the Executive Director of the Senate.

Speaking on behalf of the students' union will be VP External Paul Alpern. Representing the university will be VP Academic J.P. Meekison and the director of Research Services on campus, R.E.

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Also on the agenda will be a report from the senate-loy observers on quota programs and a presentation from the faculty of science.

"The senate is the bridge between the community and the university and the meeting is open to the public," said Totman. "Two-thirds of senate members come from off-campus," she emphasized.

The meeting will be in the council chambers in University Hall Friday at 9:30 and all students are welcome to attend.



SU President Floyd Hodgins (right) gives hell (well, not really) and biscuits to an unsuspecting facilitator of healthy dialogue between the government, the university and the students.

## Political jabber jive

by Ross Gordon and Neal Watson

The success of last Thursday's University Night has prompted the Students' Union to consider a repeat performance this spring.

"I think it was a super success," said VP External Paul Alpern. "I have had nothing but positive feedback."

About 15 MLAs, including many cabinet ministers, attended the function. Last year, only four attended.

Sponsored by the Students' Council in hopes of facilitating a "healthy exchange of ideas and views on University/Student/Youth issues," it also drew good attendance from the student body and university administration and MLAs.

The interested parties moved from the large buffet tables to displays of prize-winning designs from the Faculty of Industrial Design and

excellent representations of student art.

Coffee and punch replaced last year's free bar as a demonstration of conservative restraint on council's part.

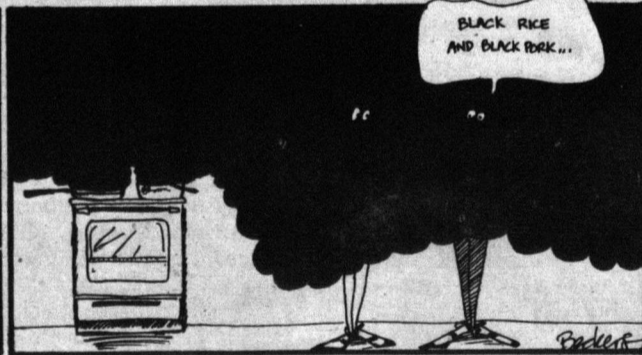
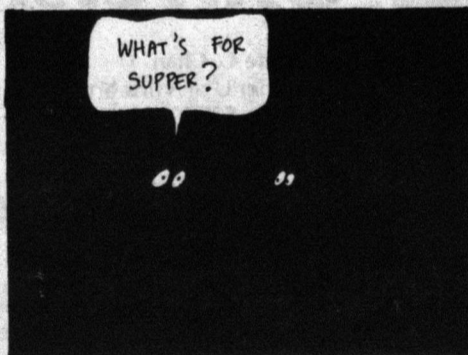
Student representative from the University of Calgary and U of Lethbridge were in attendance and kept to the casual convention-like atmosphere of the evening.

According to SU President Floyd Hodgins, it was the best response ever, the result of more people in the community noticing the University of Alberta, realizing its importance in the community and concerning themselves with its well being.

As a lobbying effort on the part of the U of A towards the MLA it was well orchestrated, presenting the creative, cultural and utilitarian aspects of the university.

by Hans Beckers

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