

Colleges jeopardize OFS

TORONTO(CUP) A motion passed by the Ontario Council of Regents (COR), the board which governs the province's community colleges, could prevent the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) from collecting their fees from community college students.

The motion, passed by the COR in October, ruled that colleges could not collect funds for external organizations. Many college student councils must have all their cheques signed by a representative of their college's administration. If the administration refused to sign a cheque made out to OFS the only way OFS fees could be collected would be through a voluntary registration desk.

OFS Chairperson Barb Taylor accused COR and Dr. Bette Stephenson, Minister of Colleges and Universities, of "trying to destroy OFS."

She said that Stephenson and COR are afraid that with the organizational ability of OFS, college students will become too powerful. She added that college students are treated "like second class citizens."

Stephenson denied the charge made by Taylor. She said that she was only following the advice of COR who felt that colleges were now open to collect fees for external groups such as the Ku Klux Klan.

International students

MONTREAL(CUP) International student enrolment at Concordia dropped this year by almost a quarter, from 1,846 to 1,408 students.

A drop was predicted last spring when the Quebec government raised the international student fee to \$4,128 from \$1,500.

However, according to university officials, this was not the only factor which caused a drop.

Tighter admissions procedures for international students and a requirement that students prove Canadian citizenship also has had some influence on enrolment, said Ken Adams, university registrar.

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