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Quebec students spared tuition hike for a year

MONTREAL (CUP) -- Canadian students attending Quebec universities will be spared an increase in tuition fees for at least one more year.

Now paying the lowest fees in the country, students in Quebec have paid roughly the same amount in tuition over the last 15 years. However, international students registering for the first time in the province's universities pay \$4,100 for tuition, about seven times the price for Canadians.

Education minister Camille Laurin told a March 12 meeting of the conference of Quebec university rectors and principals (CREPUQ) that it would not be feasible to raise tuition fees for Canadian students before 1983-84.

Laurin outlined new funding plans last November at a workshop attended by university administrators, faculty and students. Under current government policy, the total subsidy package of \$700 million will be cut by 3.3 per cent in 1982-83, and 2.1 per cent in each of the following two years. The universities must cut 3 per cent from their budgets in each of the next three years.

At the workshop, Laurin said he proposes to cut additional government funding to universi-

ties, and increase tuition fees. The government said a restructuring of the loans and bursary system would compensate for these changes. Ministry officials admitted recently that too many questions remain unanswered

to raise fees for next year.

"The extent to which we would aid and even define needy students still needs to be worked out," said Laurin aide Micheline Paradis.



Dal Photo exhibition for Dal students

Bomb threats disrupt mid-terms at Windsor

WINDSOR (CUP) -- Bomb threats halted mid-term examinations at the University of Windsor March 6 and 7, leaving students shivering outdoors while security officials searched academic buildings.

An evening accounting class on March 6 found that its planned mid-term exam was rescheduled to a week later, when an anonymous bomb threat received that afternoon resulted in an evacuation.

One student reported arriving for the exam to find students and professors waiting outside the university's business building while police and campus security searched for a bomb. No explosives were found.

The next day, another accounting class mid-term was delayed when professors were informed just before it started that a threat had been received. Another building was found and within half an hour the 300 students were writing the exam, but on small tablet arms in lecture room chairs.

Grant McIver, the U of W director of campus security, said building evacuations are required in bomb threat cases, according to university policy.

"On rare occasions in the past similar threats have been received," he said. "Such calls are treated with the thought in mind that there could be an occurrence. Therefore, every precaution is taken."

Jim Towle, an accounting student, felt the bomb threat was "poorly handled". He said another room should have been found for the victims of the first threat, instead of cancelling the exam. Towle said he now has "two exams back to back" on the newly-scheduled day for the accounting mid-term.

ATTENTION ALL DAL STUDENTS

You are voting members of the Dalhousie Gazette Publishing Society if you have paid your Dal fees. There will be a special general meeting of the Society on Monday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 319 of the SUB. Business at the meeting will include amending the constitution of the Gazette and electing a student representative to the Gazette Publishing Board. A quorum of 25 students is needed.