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## Ont. students occupy office

PETERBOROUGH (CUP)—Thirteen students are occupying the executive offices of Trent University to protest the imposition of differential fees and a raise in tuition, athletics, and residence fees.

The students began their occupation at about 10:30 am. March 9, and say they will not leave until a 'significant number' of their demands are met.

"What we are protesting is not the actual decision to impose differential fees... and tuition fee hikes," said Paul Knight, student representative to the Trent Board of Governors.

"What we are protesting is the way in which the decision was made," he said.

At a meeting March 7, the Board raised tuition fees to the maximum level allowed by the province, and imposed differential fees on international students for the first time.

Prior to this meeting more than 600 students, about one-third of Trent's

student population, attended a five-hour meeting with board members to discuss the hikes. The Board then went into closed session and made the decision.

"The decision was made with no consideration of the discussion with the students," said Knight. "We consider this to be a gross miscarriage of the hitherto accepted democratic procedures of this university."

A group composed of elected representatives and other students, calling themselves SOS (Save Our School) Trent, organized the occupation and have issued a list of demands to the board.

These demands include the resignation of the Board Chairperson, Erica Cherny, the establishment of a part-time students representative on the Board, the addition of a student on the Board's executive committee, and the removal of differential fees until the university community and Senate can comment on the matter.

The students are also asking the university to cancel classes March 12 to allow students to attend a demonstration against tuition increases at Queen's Park, the provincial legislature.

Classes at the U of A were similarly cancelled on March 15, 1978, when 5000 students and faculty marched on the provincial legislature protesting inadequate government funding.

Then-university president Harry Gunning participated in the march, defying a Board of Governors directive advising him not to.

Premier Peter Lougheed assured the demonstrators he would "look into the student loan program," but it took him two and a half years to do so; the first revisions to the Alberta Students' Finance Act came out last summer but were incomplete and unacceptable to students.

## SU Music may close

by Pat Just

The Students' Union Music Store in HUB Mall may be closed next week, even though its sales volume has been increasing over the last year.

The university, owner of HUB Mall, wants to increase the store's rent by about 40%; this may drive it out of business.

In addition, the computer company that was sharing the music store's space moved out, placing extra tension on the SU to close the store, which was already losing money.

The music store staff met with the SU in mid-February to discuss the matter, and were given a tentative go-ahead to continue business that has since been cancelled.

Selling music texts might correct the problem of volume sales, but the university-owned Bookstore in SUB has a 24-year old "mandate" on textbook sales on campus. Bookstore manager J.C. Malone says, however, that this is not the problem.

"Inclusion of texts would not make it a moneymaker," he says. He says the music store caters to a need for less commercial sheet music. Whether or not the Bookstore will carry any of the music store's stock, if it closed, has not been decided.

Music students and faculty are the store's main customers. Both the Music Students' Association and the Faculty of Music have pledged continued support. However, SU vp finance Pat Haws says its fate will be in the hands of Students' Council Tuesday.

## Ed. faculty, students opposed King rejected by his court

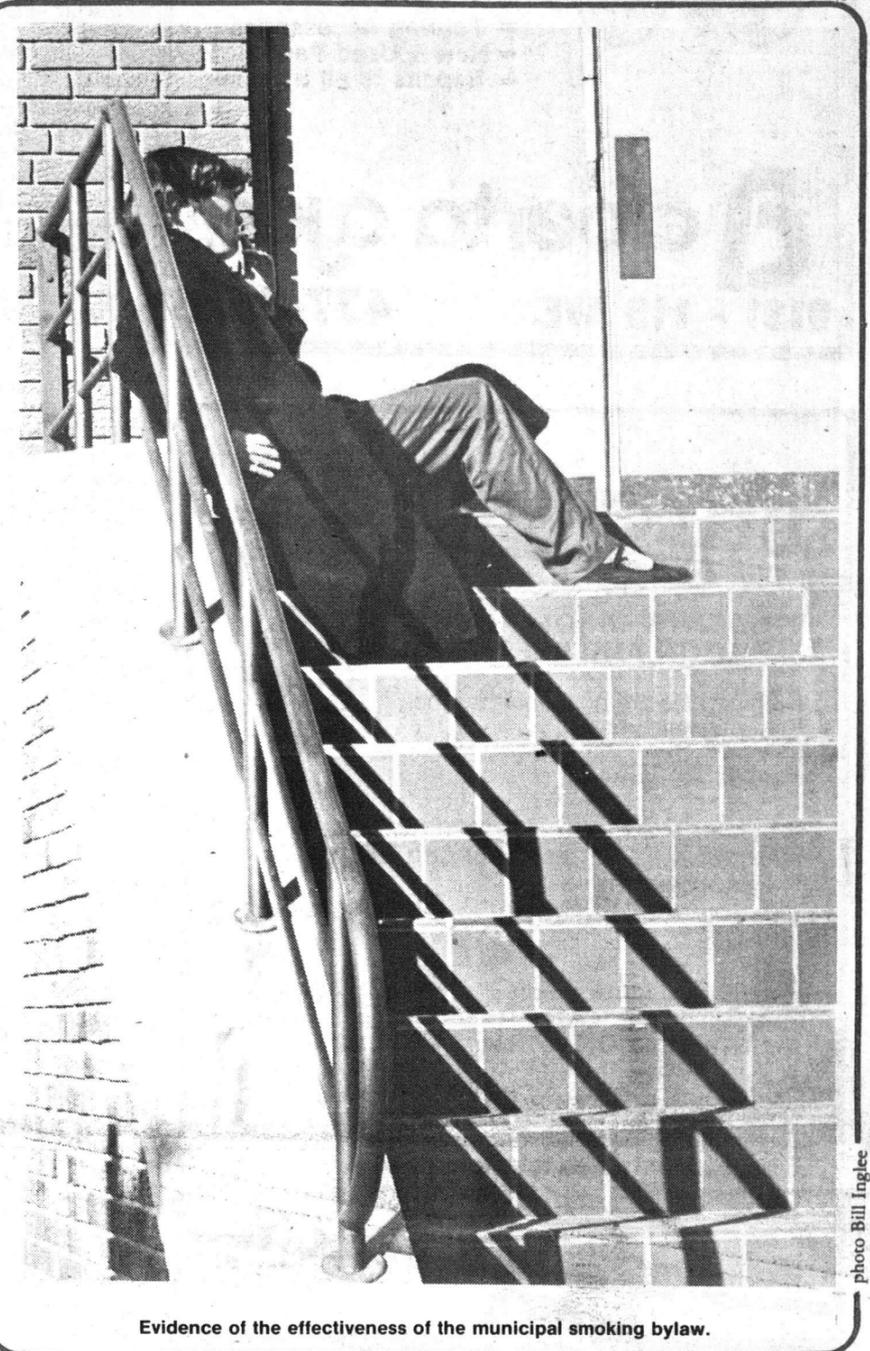
by Mike Walker

The Education faculty and education students are lining up against Education Minister Dave King's proposal for a new teacher certification program.

King's program would change the requirement for teacher certification from a four-year Bachelor of Education degree to three years in a B. Ed. program and one year of internship teaching in the schools.

Dean of Education Walter Worth labels this "a very unwise, if not foolish, move."

"Its impact would be to lessen the academic content of education programs. We think teachers ought to be educated persons," he says.



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The Education Students' Association agrees. The ESA council last week passed a motion officially opposing the plan.

"It's crazy to think of going to a three year degree," says ESA president Danny Schild.

But regardless of whether or not King's plan is adopted, the education faculty will not adopt a three year B. Ed., Worth says.

"We'd be under considerable pressure from students to revise our programs," he says. "We might not do it."

In other words, if students opt for internship after three years, they might have neither a degree nor all the education courses they want.

Last week the Ed. Council reaffirmed

its commitment to the four year B.Ed. as a prerequisite to entering the teaching profession and to a "broadly based liberal education" as "an essential component of a B. Ed. degree."

Both the faculty and the ESA agree the idea of an internship has promise. But Worth says the faculty is just now adjusting to the province's five-year-old practicum requirement.

Any Education graduate must complete a 13-week practicum classroom experience before certification.

"It seems rather strange that before we can get the new program in place, ... he wants to change the rules of the game," Worth says.

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## Quebec int'l students to pay \$4,000

MONTREAL (CUP)—Foreign students in Quebec will be paying a whopping \$4128 in tuition fees next year.

This will raise the foreign students' fees to 60 percent of the cost of education, the highest percentage in Canada. Last year, university officials were told to expect an increase in fees to cover up to half the cost.

"I think it is an excessively large increase," said Concordia University rector John O'Brien. "For students presently here it is a very big increase and an unexpected one."

The announcement, made by the Quebec government last week, included a

\$1,000 fee increase for international students already studying in Quebec.

"It's not that we're against foreign students, we just want foreign students to take a greater part of the cost," said Michel Brunet, director of services at the ministry of education.

Brunet also said not all international students will be affected by the increase, because students coming from countries that have agreements with the Quebec government are exempt.

O'Brien said he did not think this policy was compensation for the increase.

The exempted students are largely from francophone countries and for the

most part attend Quebec's seven francophone universities. Quebec has a total of 6,000 foreign students, out of a total student population of 180,000.

"I wouldn't say the government has deliberately set their policies in this way (to discriminate against anglophone universities), but it is the end result," said O'Brien.

Beth Morey, international student advisor at Concordia, says that international students cannot voice their opposition because they do not have a vote.

"It may be an election ploy to get

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