

Saskatchewan students plan National Day

REGINA (CUP) - Saskatchewan student unions will focus on housing, student aid and accessibility to decision-making in post-secondary education for their National Student Day (NSD) campaign this fall.

NSD, set for November 9, was proposed at the National Union of Students (NUS) annual meeting in Winnipeg last May and has received support from most provincial and regional student

organizations across the country. Saskatchewan student union representatives decided on the three tiered campaign at an early September meeting.

Governments must be pressured into working on long term solutions for student housing problems, University of Saskatchewan student union representative, Mary Thauberger, said.

"Every year student unions in the province set up housing

registries and try to cope with the problem in a band-aid manner," she said.

The housing effort will include circulation of a provincially produced pamphlet and poster plus workshop discussions and a possible meeting between the province's housing minister and student representatives.

A focus in that issue should be to obtain a low income group classification for students, accord-

ing to University of Regina student union president Doug Tabah.

Part two of the campaign - student aid - will be geared toward familiarizing students with the problems and sparking debate on the larger issue of accessibility said U of R student union representative Bob Buckingham.

Saskatchewan student unions have already prepared a brief for the province's Scholarships, Loans and Bursaries Committee and have made considerable headway in obtaining a better deal for students, he said.

The final phase of the provincial NSD program - access to decision-making to post-secondary

education - will emphasize the necessity for student and community input to the educational system said NUS central committee member Elspeth Guild.

Without this input, she said, "we will never achieve an educational system truly responsive to the needs of society."

On November 9 the Regina student union is planning a series of workshops and an evening plenary open to the community. The University of Saskatchewan student union is also planning workshops and possibly an evening general meeting. Plans at the province's three other institutes range from a noon-hour assembly to still undecided.



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MP calls for more student dollars

OTTAWA (CUP) - A federal member of parliament has called on the government to finance post-secondary education for low-income students with the money saved by the elimination of summer job programs.

John Rodriguez, NDP member for Nickel Belt, said in a press release Sept. 14 that the \$36 million saved when the government cut the Opportunities for Youth (OFY) program this year should be awarded as grants to poor students who could not find work this summer.

Without some form of government aid, many students will not be able to return to classes this term, the MP said in an accompanying statement.

Rodriguez also echoed the demands of student organizations in calling for the elimination of tuition fees as a "long term" solution making post-secondary education accessible to students from low-income backgrounds.

He said his demands are a response to the federal government's "uncaring attitude towards student unemployment and its

inability in creating student summer jobs."

Student unemployment ran 15 to 20 per cent this summer he said, repeating figures from his summer study, subsequently used as background for an Opposition document on summer unemployment.

The exact number of unemployed students is impossible to calculate this year because the department of manpower and immigration refused to fund a special Statistics Canada survey to determine that figure.

Rodriguez said a soon to be published Secretary of State study shows that students from \$15,000 per year income families are three times as likely to attend a post-secondary institution as those from families earning \$6,000 yearly.

A government study last year showed students from the latter income bracket had only a 25 per cent chance of attending university if they were unable to find summer work, and a 47 per cent chance of attending other post-secondary institutions, according to Rodriguez.

Tuition up at Regina

REGINA (CUP) - The Saskatchewan Public Prices and Compensation Board has approved a 14.8 per cent tuition fee hike for first year students at the University of Regina and an 11.4 per cent jump for other students.

Effective July 1, 1976, first year fees for two semesters rose from \$460 to \$528 while other fees climbed from \$475 to \$528. The last increase was in 1973.

The price and compensation board was formed in March. Although the U of R board of governors passed the increase prior to its formation the hike became subject to its approval.

Despite an active student union campaign against the increases, they were sanctioned by the board on the basis of two sections in the board's terms of references. The first, section 27, says, "a public sector body shall not increase a fee

or charge by an amount greater than the increase in costs incurred by it since October 14, 1975 in the provision of the good or service in question."

Exceptions to this rule are provided for in the section 28 which allows an increase "if the excess can be justified on the grounds of program management objective associated with the fee or charge in question, or of fiscal requirements."

Last year revenue from tuition fees made up 11 per cent of university costs. Now they will cover 12.4 per cent of costs.

For students on a full Canada Student Loan and Saskatchewan bursary of \$2,800, tuition for two semesters represents 18.6 per cent of their budget.

The Prices and Compensation Board has also ratified a 10 per cent tuition fee increase for the University of Saskatchewan.

OTTAWA (CUP) - October 14 national day is gaining momentum. Indications are that the campaign will be successfully developed in opposition to federal CLC president J. Morris said it is a campaign to make "predictions" but a country tour during the Congress groups in all provinces is evident that the gathering moment is October 14 Canada's manifestation of seldom seen in the past.

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TORONTO (CUP) - The University of Toronto voted to refuse to participate in the Canadian Labour National Day of Protest on September 9.

Vice-president called the October 14 "large scale disobedience aimed at undermining democracy in this country than any other protest method of gaining economic control would become a crime" if it succeeded because he questioned the Council president's call for supporting the labor and students.

"We are part of the labor in the past and look to them in the future."

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CHARLOTTETOWN - The student union of Prince Edward Island University plans to raise residential fees as high as 26 per cent.

In appealing the provincial supreme court succeeded in bringing residences under the Landlord and Tenant Act and Tenant Act Review Act.

Under the Landlord and Tenant Act students in residential buildings are no longer subject to search and eviction.

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KANSAS CITY - The manager of the President campaign with the U.S. Secret Service last month's Republican Convention.

Nobody's camp Wavy Gravy, was arrested and forth between the site and a local demonstrators were arrested when a Service agent discovered a bulge in his jacket.