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## Windsor students against differential fee hike

WINDSOR (CUP) -- Increasing visa student tuition fees could sour Ontario's international relations, according to Bill Wrye, provincial Liberal education critic.

Wrye addressed a rally of 300 students at the University of Windsor October 22. The students had gathered to protest an expected fee hike for international students.

"Many students will go back to their home countries after receiving their education," said Wrye. "When we come calling with exports, they say 'Welcome Ontario'. If the Minister (of Education, Bette Stephenson) imposes this fee increase, you won't hear 'Welcome Ontario' any longer.

An announcement that differential tuition fees for international students could as much as double next year has been expected from the Ontario government, but as yet nothing official has been said.

"Windsor foreign students already pay double what a Canadian student pays," said Windsor student council vice-president John Mill. "To double their tuition again would be unfair. Why give foreign aid when you can train people here? If you give a man a fish, he eats for today; if you teach him to fish, he eats forever."

## Brandon students protest poor library service

BRANDON (CUP) -- Students at Brandon University are refusing to accept inferior library facilities any longer.

Two hundred of them jammed the Board of Governors meeting October 15 to urge the Board to send a letter to the Manitoba government outlining the poor state of the libraries and asking that something be done.

The Board agreed. This is the second letter it has written to the provincial government on the issue of the library.

Board student Representative Roger Kellner said Brandon's library system is the worst of any university in Manitoba and probably the worst in Canada.

The basic problem is a lack of space, says Kellner. This has forced the library to split its collection into eight different locations, including classrooms and the rented basement of an off-campus apartment building.

Books are often difficult to locate, and some are stored in cardboard boxes.

#### MacEachen denies cuts

EDMONTON (CUP) -- Federal Finance Minister Allan MacEachen stood before 300 Liberal faithfuls in Edmonton, October 30, and said "Canadians need and deserve a strong educational system."

Earlier in the evening about 40 marching and placard-waving students called for MacEachen to come out in front of the Four Seasons Hotel, but he declined.

Inside, MacEachen told guests at the \$150-a-plate-dinner, "It will not be my intention to dismantle or undermine the achievements of post-secondary education that were fought for by Liberal governments of the past."

Yet he admitted his November 12 budget will include "a slowing of the increase in support" for post-secondary education, medicare and social welfare programs.

He predicted cuts of \$500 million to \$1 billion in the budget for Established Programs Financing (EPF) confirming earlier statements that EPF will be cut by \$1.5 billion over the next two years.

# VISA students Windsor economy

WINDSOR (CUP) -- Visa students contribute at least \$15 million to the local economy, according to the calculations of University of Windsor Economics professor Dr. Reuben Green.

Dr. Green estimates each foreign student spends \$5,000 annually in Windsor, not including the tuition paid to the university. Green feels this is a conservative estimate as it allows visa students only \$100 a week for living expenses.

With an approximate enrollment of 2000 visa students this means they contribute 10 million dollars directly to the local economy.

Consequently more jobs are available in Windsor, thus multiplying the effect of the visa students' contribution. Green believes this multiplier is at least 1.5, therefore their social contribution is actually at least \$15 million.