

CUP Briefs

Non-Quebec med students scalped

MONTREAL (CUP)—McGill's school of medicine has been ordered by the Quebec government to cut the number of out of province graduates by 35 per cent.

The move is part of the Parti Quebecois austerity program, a press officer for social affairs minister Denis Lazure, who ordered the cut, said Jan. 23. The decision was made in conjunction with the education ministry.

It will create an equilibrium between specialists and general practitioners, and provide more opportunities for local students to study at McGill, he added.

But McGill's dean of medicine, Dr. Samuel Friedman said, "It is a measure which is parochial, retrograde, nationalistic and against the Canadian tradition of no barriers to education. The measures go against reciprocal exchanges already going on between Quebec and the other provinces."

Strike at Simon Fraser

BURNABY, B.C. (CUP)—Striking clerical workers at Simon Fraser University went out on a 24-hour general strike Jan. 29 and asked faculty and students not to cross the picket line.

"We have been especially conscious of the students and student problems and have done everything in our power not to inconvenience them, to the extent that we have hurt ourselves. For that reason we are asking that they respect the picket line and maybe put some bodies on them as well," said Gary Harris, vice-president of the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE) Local 2.

Other unions on campus agreed not to cross the lines, approximately 50 faculty members signed a petition of support for AUCE, and the university centre building, student services and student union operations were closed.

Student aid victim of gov't

TORONTO (CUP)—Ontario students eligible for financial assistance will not be getting an increase in living allowances, University Minister Dr. Bette Stephenson said Jan. 24.

Stephenson said in announcing changes in the upcoming year's Ontario Student Aid Plan (OSAP) that the living allowance would be kept at \$65 per week.

According to Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) chairperson Miriam Edleson the allowance should be raised 9.8 per cent to \$73.70 per week to account for "galloping costs". This would give students an extra \$340 a year.

The reason the allowance was not raised this year, Stephenson said, was "to facilitate processing of applications" for student aid.

Ontario budget axe wounds

TORONTO (CUP)—The Ontario government's budget axe has left York University students and faculty with a grim outlook on the future of quality education.

In the face of the province's tentative five per cent tuition hike and grant increase, university officials predict a deficit of anywhere from \$2.5 million to \$6 million in the next academic year. It's the second time in a row the institution, along with others in Ontario, will receive a grant below the inflation rate, currently pegged at 8.8 per cent.

One administration official said the new budget, coupled with inflation, will seriously erode the university's level of operation. Costs for key expenditures such as electricity, gas, heating fuel, library books, plus lab and film equipment are spiralling at almost 15 per cent, he said.

Computer caper

EDMONTON (CUP)—A computer joyride ended in a crash in court Jan. 19 for two University of Alberta students convicted of deliberately "crashing" the campus computer system.

The two 19 year-olds were given one year suspended sentences and a year of probation after being convicted on theft charges. When caught in August of 1977, the pair admitted to cracking a code to alter computer time billing and gaining access to the computer files of other users.

The university was unable to determine how much money was lost in the case because users of the broken code, including the two accused Bruce Christensen and Micheal McLaughlin, reduced their own accounts.

Ontario students organize

BELLEVILLE, ONT. (CUP)—Ontario's community college students are getting together in the face of education funding cuts and the prospects of tuition fee jumps.

College student leaders from across the province met for the first time in Belleville, Jan. 19-21. They agreed to organize themselves as the Ontario College Commission, aid striking support staff on college campuses by asking students not to do their own janitorial work and request a meeting with Education Minister Bette Stephenson to discuss proposed fee hikes.

Tuition not finalized

by Valerie Mansour
Canadian University Press

Tuition increases will not be announced as a certainty until the provincial governments have decided on the increase in operating grants to post-secondary institutions, according to the Atlantic Association of Universities.

At the executive's press conference January 23 Dalhousie president Henry Hicks said even if the government meets the 9.5% recommendation by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC), the universities will be in a difficult situation. However, Hicks said he was "reluctant" to think the present increase would affect the quality of education, partly because professors do not find it as easy today to go elsewhere for large salaries, as they did five years ago.

Owen Carrigan, Saint Mary's president, said the danger exists in pricing students out of university education and out of the residences as the cost of room and board, not perceived by the public, sky-rockets.

"Right now we're just waiting to hear the government's decision and also to see what

students are going to do," he said.

"With enrolments beginning to decline by a significant amount and the effects of insufficient money for the last three years being felt, Maritime universities could face a serious crisis within five years," said Carrigan.

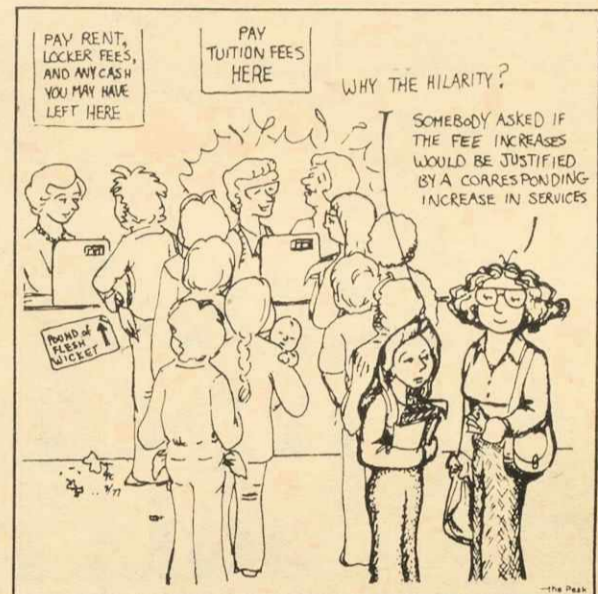
"The AAU has not been able to impress its need for funds on the Council of Maritime Premiers because universities are traditionally unpopular", Hicks said. "The only solution is to convince politicians and society of the value of universities, economically and as far as the value of education is concerned."

Hicks reminded his press audience that universities

can't have a deficit that would exceed more than 2% of their grants. "We at Dalhousie will break even this year since we haven't paid 200 employees for awhile," Hicks added with a chuckle.

The MPHEC in its report said it would be reasonable to expect tuition to rise with the cost of living over the next few years. Hicks agreed saying, "We should have allowed that to happen over the last several years. But, of course, it's hard for just one region of the country to do it."

The Association finished their meetings a day early and as a result most other university presidents had gone home before the press conference began.



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every attempt to find out the reality of an event or situation, basing their report on what they believed was happening. Every person's perspective concerning life and its issues is shaped by past experiences and impressions. It would be unreasonable that a person could dismiss this experience and knowledge when reporting. Thus "objectivity" is not within the human scope and is best substituted by fairness and accuracy.

We recognize that many students decided not to come to class, not because they were in favour or wished to participate in the Day of Protest, but because for various other reasons [school work, non-union support, the wish to avoid a confrontation] and thus found it easier not to come on to the campus. This was discussed and included in another part of an article that, due to a production oversight, did not make it in.

The role of a newspaper is not to represent its readership but to present issues and events in a fair, accurate, and articulate manner so they can be read. A newspaper should not expect every article it prints to be accepted by the majority as representative of their beliefs or viewpoint.

apparent harm in this. When I read the article it read that "Council approves hiring and firing, entertainment and cleaning." This was listed as a direct quote. During our discussion I stated that we appoint people and I made no mention of any types of cleaning. First of all council does not do cleaning and secondly I do not appreciate words being added to direct quotes.

I see no harm in working

with the **Gazette** but hopefully the practice of adding words to direct quotes for whatever purpose will not be continued.
Yours truly
Jim Wentzell
Student Council
Arts Rep

Editor's note: The author of the story apologized for any misunderstandings and clarified the matter with Mr. Wentzell.

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No cleaning

To the Gazette,

In the January 18 issue there was an article titled "Grab a buddy and run". Two days prior to this I agreed to talk to Miss Gauvin, seeing no