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### PLATO computer, from page 1

according to Bent.

"The U of A intends to make PLATO facilities available at cost to other Alberta educational institutions," he said. The Alberta Vocational Institute already uses a simple telephone link to the PLATO computer at the University of Quebec.

Bent says PLATO will only

be used to assist instructors, but he agrees there may be "long run savings in temporary staff cost as a result of installation of the

PLATO will have an initial operating budget of \$150,000.

## FAS conference, from page 1

Federation budget recommended a series of referenda to increase FAS fees. This recommendation was endorsed by the plenary.

FAS also passed a motion urging the government to reconsider its decision to move Athabasca University to Athabasca, stating that the action interferes with the university autonomy.

The recent Supreme Court of Alberta ruling that differential fees are legal will not be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. Members accepted counsel's advice that this would be futile at the present time.

FAS also passed motions supporting the establishment of remedial literacy programs at Alberta post-secondary institutions and the use of literacy tests in the admissions process and as a diagnostic tool.

Finally, next year's FAS executive was elected. Alan Murray from the University of Lethbridge will be president, and the U of A's Berni Conrad will act as treasurer.

U of A vp external Kris Farkas will also serve as an externalexecutive member.

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## **National Notes**

## Injunction against class boycott

MONTREAL (CUP) — Striking L'Universite de Montreal psychology and sociology students may be forced to end their four-week old class boycott by a court injunction.

The university administration is seeking an injunction to force the 1,000 students back to classes. The students are protesting quotas placed on the masters programs and are demanding that changes be made to the undergraduate programs.

The injunction is very serious and we will use it at the convenient time," said the university principal at an assembly

March 24.

A demonstration was held on campus Mar. 27 to further publicize their dissatisfaction with the current programs. A campus-wide solidarity day is planned for April 2 by the student

#### Male atmosphere traditional

HAMILTON (CUP) — They like women but they don't want

That's the message from men living in a McMaster University residence who disagree with the university's decision to make the residence co-educational next fall.

Banners hanging from the windows of the five story residence, often referred to as Animal House, this week read: "Urinals for sale. Apply within" and "Would you want your daughter to live here? We don't."

At a rally outside the building a predominantly male crowd cheered as student union president Ann Blackwood vowed to fight the university's decision to make the residence co-educational next

Blackwood called the move the final straw in a series of incidents in which she said the administration had failed to consult with students.

"They're treating us like children and we're not. It's going to affect more than 200 male students. We can't understand it and we're not going to put up with it.'

She urged students to sign a petition and voice their protest at a student union meeting next Wednesday.

Doug Richardson, residence president, said "We like women.

Don't get me wrong."

"But we prefer the male atmosphere. It has a very strong tradition at Whidden Hall."

## Tories "idiotic and irresponsible"

TORONTO (CUP) — The Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) may take legal action against the Ontario Progressive Conservative Campus Association (OPCCA) for an "idiotic and irresponsible" article in a Tory publication.
In a story in the OPCCA publication Youth Matters, which is

distributed throughout the province, editor Alister Campbell termed the March 27 rally at the Ontario legislature against tuition fee increases as "the violent and possibly illegal activities of the

"These statements are typical of the irrational smear campaign these people seem to enjoy," said OFS chairperson Chris McKillop. "They are entitled to their opinion but these

statements appear to us to be libellous."

OFS activities "have always been peaceful and legal,"
McKillop said. "We have never indulged in violent or illegal actions and we aren't starting now."

OFS has demanded that the OPCCA issue a retraction and apology for the story and has also asked Conservative minister Bette Stephenson to dissociate herself from the Young Tories' comments.



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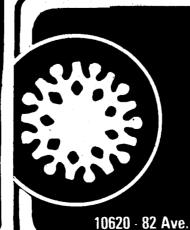
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