

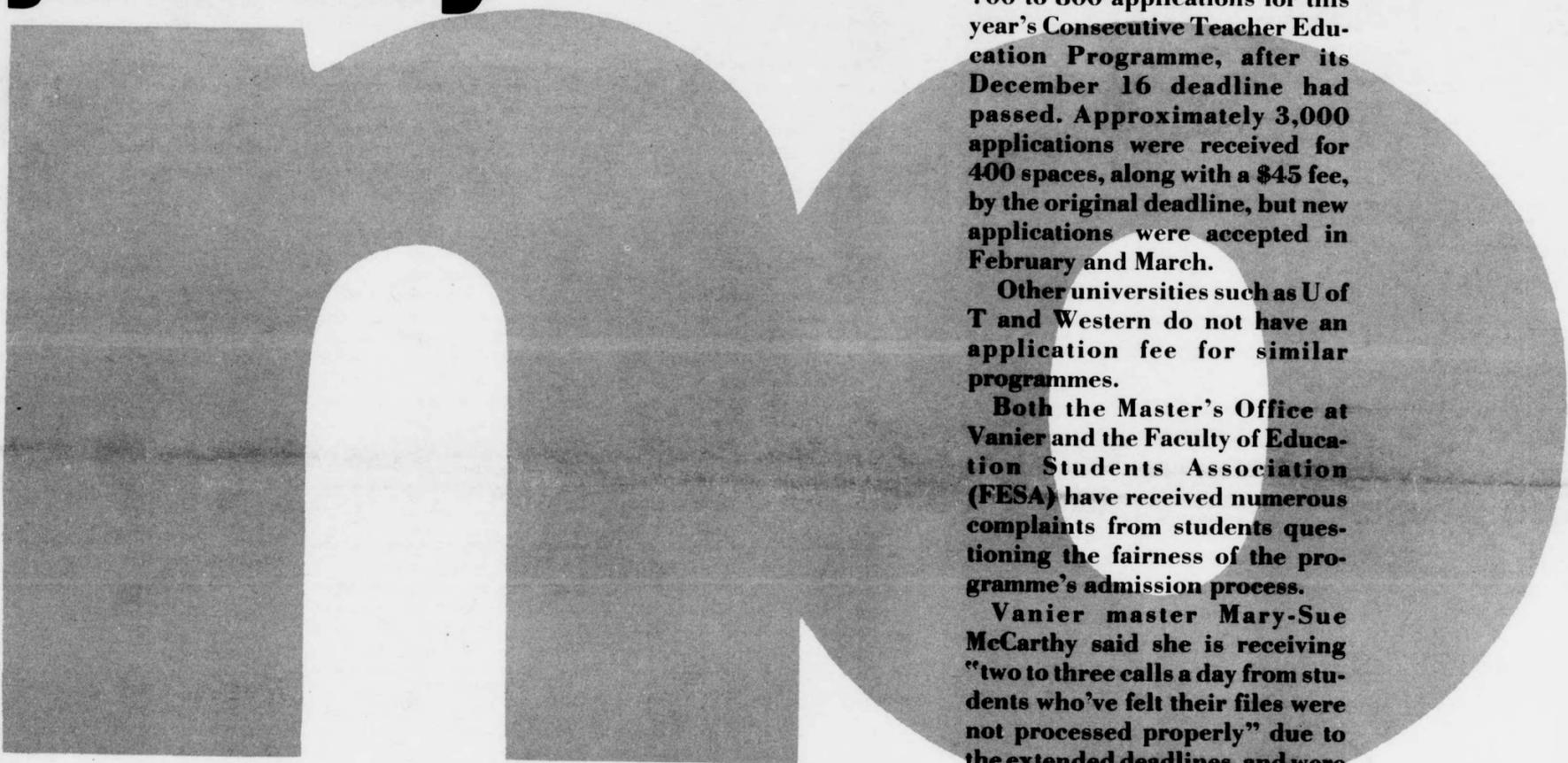
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ANGRY STUDENTS QUESTION ADMISSION PROCESS

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Students are angry that the Faculty of Education accepted 700 to 800 applications for this year's Consecutive Teacher Education Programme, after its December 16 deadline had passed. Approximately 3,000 applications were received for 400 spaces, along with a \$45 fee, by the original deadline, but new applications were accepted in February and March.

Other universities such as U of T and Western do not have an application fee for similar programmes.

Both the Master's Office at Vanier and the Faculty of Education Students Association (FESA) have received numerous complaints from students questioning the fairness of the programme's admission process.

Vanier master Mary-Sue McCarthy said she is receiving "two to three calls a day from students who've felt their files were not processed properly" due to the extended deadlines, and were angered over the application fee.

Jerard Wykes, at FESA, received similar complaints.

"We've felt a great dissatisfaction from students," said Wykes, "who are concerned that the criteria was not standardized regarding the selection process and many students questioned the high application fee. You lay down \$45 and you're not told anything. Students felt that the acceptance of surplus applications after the deadline was free money for the administration.

"I know the competition is high because of the number of applicants this year," said Lorenzo Salvalaggio, a BA honours student who applied before the original deadline. "But for \$45 I should have at least gotten an interview."

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