

Toronto

Ontario students also dissatisfied with student aid

TORONTO (CUP) — More than 2500 students marched on the Ontario Legislature demanding that the government put a stop to its policy of cut-backs in education. Students from 15 universities and community colleges travelled to an OFS Rally January 21 to oppose the government's announcement that the loan ceiling would go up to 1000

dollars next year from its present 800 dollar level. They demanded the government reject a report which calls for a tuition increase of 65 percent and eventual replacing of grants in favour of loans. The students booed loudly as Harry Parrott, Minister of Colleges and Universities, rationaliz-

ed the government's policy by telling them "students should pay a component of the educational cost". He told them they "had witnessed a drop from 24 to 15 percent in the portion of total educational costs students had to pay."

He continued through the increasing jeers which interrupted him at almost every sentence "because of the economic situation all people of Ontario should be ready to make sacrifices" and that his government was committed to not increasing tuition fees for 1976-77 but could not give the same guarantee for the academic year 1977-78.

The opposition parties' representatives attacked the government for mismanagement of the

economy and both pledged they would be against any increase in tuition for the next few years.

Refusing to be specific; the NDP's James Renwick said "until there is a serious study of education there should be no increase," while the Liberal education critic James Sweeney said that he too was opposed to an increase and "that education in Ontario unlike in the Soviet Union was for the individual as well as the state."

The Ontario Federation of Students' spokesperson Dale Ritch, president of York Students Council, denounced the Liberals "who in the recent electoral campaign promised that if elected they would cut back education even further" and the Conservatives, whom he accused of wanting

to "deny all but the rick access to post-secondary education".

Ritch called on all people affected by cut-back, especially those in the social services sector, to unite in their opposition.

John Shortall, OFS chairperson reminded the students that the NDP had not taken a clear stand in favour of students and he hoped they would be more positive in the future.

Preceding the march, students had gathered in Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto to hear what these cutbacks meant.

Although student union representatives have not decided on any action to follow the demonstration, OFS spokespersons say a province-wide "strike" on March 1 might be forthcoming.

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Waterloo

Radio Waterloo ended by CRTC

WATERLOO (CUP) — Radio Waterloo, the University of Waterloo student radio station which has existed in one form or another since 1965, was forced off the air January 13 by a ruling of the Canadian Radio-Television Commission (CRTC).

The ruling came as a surprise to Radio Waterloo, which has been seeking clarification of its status from the CRTC since 1970. The Commission at that time informed them that they could transmit via cable until a definite policy was formulated.

An application by Grand River Cable to continue carrying Radio Waterloo was placed before the commission in 1972. Grand River was notified January 9, 1976 that

the application has been rejected, and that they must stop carrying the station.

This ruling stems from the fact that Radio Waterloo was not "on the air" as a licensed station, but broadcast only via cable.

The new cable policy statement released by the CRTC on December 16 allows only licensed stations to have their programs carried on cable.

Udo Salwsky, general manager for Grand River Cable, reported January 13 that he had been informed by Michel Arpim of the CRTC that "we must discontinue immediately" with transmissions of Radio Waterloo.

He said that the appeal for a period of grace to allow for

application for a license had also been rejected by Arpim.

Radio Waterloo went off the air January 13 and will not resume broadcasting until a license is obtained.

A request for money to finance application has been made to the University of Waterloo Student Federation, but Federation President John Shortall said the request could only be accommodated in next year's budget.

And, Shortall pointed out, decisions regarding next year's budget cannot be made until the new council is installed at a general meeting in March. He feels that Radio Waterloo may become an election issue before that time.

Radio Waterloo, in the meantime, hopes to set up production teams to train staff and to produce programs that will "still be relevant" when Radio Waterloo returns to the air.

Regina

Tuition increased?

REGINA (CUP) — The University of Regina students union is stepping up its campaign to fight anticipated increases in tuition fees.

At a mass meeting January 13 approximately 40 students organized work committees to plan and publicize further student meetings on the issue.

Student Union President Jim Grey predicted a 10 percent fee increase for next term, and blamed the Saskatchewan government for cutting back on educational funding. The province wants to tie tuition fees to a set proportion of the university operating budget, Grey said.

Don Kossick, a representative of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, attended the meeting and offered "to make an alliance with the students against the government on this issue."

Kossick drew parallels between the wage controls and education cutbacks.

"In effect," he said, "the government is saying: let the workers pay, let the students pay."

Withdrawal from courses or the University -

Undergraduate students are reminded that, with the approval of the Dean of the Faculty, or his designate, a student may withdraw, without academic penalty, up to

15th February, 1976 — for first term courses the deadline was 31st October, 1975).

Any withdrawal after the deadline date, except for substantial medical or compassionate reasons, will be treated as a failure.

Please see page 13 of the 1975/76 calendar for the precise regulation.

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Saskatoon

Sheaf

SASKATOON (CUP) — A student newspaper of the University of Saskatchewan squashed a student attempt to take over "the Sheaf".

Recent policy proposals of S Students' Union editor, Doug Sheaf, called a serious editorial autonomy newspaper.

Talks between the student union and the student newspaper "working document" student union intended Doug Sheaf, proposal for a complete control of the Sheaf a Students' Union board.

The media board would be "under the supervision of the Sheaf". This executive affairs which are led by the student union.

The board would have functions. It would pointments to the editor of the paper editorial policy, stated.

The board would be the Sheaf editor and members of the Sheaf (USSU vice-president and internal), one at large, one faculty representative of media, and one from the Saskatoon.

Hamilton

Tuition

HAMILTON (CUP) — Fees for students at the University of Hamilton "Tory philosophy" legs and University Harry Parrott said McMaster University.

As long as he is Minister of Education, he would not finance a secondary education student fee commission. "It's back to the orthodontics for the former Woodbridge promised."

He said the Ontario conservative government there has to be a trade-off "quality and quantity" secondary education that no increased fees be allocated to universities.

For his part, Parrott maxim "better dollar" rather than "more dollars per dollar" predecessor had gesting that acceptance curtailed under improving the quality.

As for the Hamilton which recommended increase in tuition up an all-loan no-system; Parrott's points made in the "outright wrong".

He said the tuition "has not got a snuff and that he would like the report on the head and have he... only wanted attention.

All the Hamilton was really saying Parrott, was to