

# Ontario students oppose any fee increase for '74

PETERBOROUGH (CUP) — The Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) will organize opposition to any tuition fee increase the Ontario government may have planned for the near future.

Delegates to the OFS conference here, Jan. 26-27, agreed to inform the government they will oppose the increases and to hold an

emergency plenary as soon as any increase is announced.

The decision came as a result of the rumor the provincial government is considering a fee increase, but Jack McNie, Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities hedged confirming the rumor when he met with the OFS executive January 23rd.

McNie tried to put the blame for fee increases onto the Treasury Board. He said the increases come as a result of decisions made in that board when they set the annual budget.

The report of the government's commission on post-secondary education recommend sharply increased tuition fees along with

easier access to loan money.

OFS delegates feared the announcement of a fees increase would come during the summer at a time when students are out of school and organization against the increase would be difficult.

For this reason OFS delegates felt it was imperative that the conference inform the government that regardless of when the increase is announced opposition moves would be taken.

Tuition fees increased by \$100 for the academic year 1972-73 in Ontario.

Last March when the fee increase was announced OFS tried to organize a fee strike but because of the lack of support, it proved ineffective.

Despite the argument over a fee strike, delegates were unanimous in their opposition to any fee increase.

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to do here, and too few people employed to do it, consequently both staff and residents are suffering.

We feel that if the maids and janitors get their increase but get no more staff, that we will be no further ahead, as there will be no improvement in the service. Hopefully the university and Modern Cleaners will realize this too.

Sincerely,

Lady Dunn Hall  
House Committee

**Non-smoker  
wants help**

Dear Sir:

This may not seem like much of a problem to you, but to a few of us it is serious. I don't smoke and I don't like the smell of smoke. It bothers me that at the end of each day of classes my hair and clothes reek so badly of tobacco that my head aches. I find it hard to concentrate in class because my eyes water. I would gladly move to another part of the room if I could see a place where no one is smoking, but usually I can't, and I don't like to tell people to stop if they enjoy it. I'm sure there are other non-smokers and people with respiratory difficulties that are aggravated by smoke. We would appreciate it immensely if you smokers would leave us a corner (perhaps on the upper right-hand side?) of the classrooms free of smoke.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,  
A Non-smoker

**Quatro here Tuesday**

Dear Sir:

Last Tuesday evening I attended the Mike Quatro Group's 9:30 performance at the Playhouse.

Because Chad Allen was snowed in in Halifax and could not appear, two folk singers took the stage in an attempt to warm-up the audience. The music in my opinion was very good. The reception was nothing short of an insult. When one of them announced that they would do one more song, there were cheers in the audience... Fine crowd here in Fredericton.

Quatro came on like a poor man's Alice Cooper in a blaze of artistic inertia. He's got a synthesizer, but what exactly does he do with it?

The display was interesting. The Fredericton crowd loved it; they even managed a prearranged encore.

A couple of weeks ago I was told that Muddy Waters once performed in Fredericton to a half empty house. I didn't believe it. Now I do.

Sincerely,

Lee McCormack

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Last week in our story on the SDC meeting we should have written that the defendant was found guilty of "direct interference with a campus policeman while carrying out his duty". For this charge a fine of \$25 was levied. The defendant was found not guilty on the other charges.



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