

Students marry Trudeau and Davis



TORONTO (CUP) -- Ontario students staged a mock wedding, October 29, linking Pierre Trudeau and Ontario premier William Davis as partners in reduced funding to their education.

More than 2,000 students from institutions across the province packed a University of Toronto hall to witness the ceremony.

They were taking part in a day of protest, organized by the Ontario Federation of Students, to oppose cutbacks expected when the federal government's November 12 budget is presented.

Students gathered outside Ryerson Polytechnical Institute waving banners that said, "The voice of students must be heard," and "Education is a right, not a privilege." They marched from Ryerson to the University of Toronto, passing the provincial legislature where

extra security guards had been stationed.

At ceremonies after the march, Arthur Kruger, U of T dean of arts and science, said a typical classroom in some universities contained as many people as were packed into the hall. "There simply isn't enough money," he said, to employ enough instructors to keep class sizes down. He said science students were using outdated equipment and couldn't keep pace with research needs.

He said the morale at the university "is at its lowest ebb in 10 years."

OFS estimated that more than 10,000 Ontario students took part in the chain of protest actions, at education centres throughout the province.

At some campuses, all-night "study-ins" were held in libraries, where students prepared for the protest day activities.

At Queen's University in Kingston, a 12-hour study session began at midnight. Students held workshops dealing with the proposed cutbacks and their effects, while producing posters for their demonstration. The 60 students remaining in the library by morning were joined by another 1,500 for a demonstration featuring speakers from the university community.

Library study sessions were also held in Toronto colleges and universities, at Carleton University, and at Trent University in Peterborough.

About 1,900 Guelph students heard speakers at a rally outside their university centre, encouraging other students to actively oppose education cutbacks.

In London, 3,000 students from the University of Western Ontario and Fanshawe College marched through the downtown area protesting the cuts.

Native students organize

WINNIPEG (CUP) For many native students arriving at post-secondary institutions the pressures and bureaucratic tangles are overwhelming.

"They just fade away and disappear. Most don't even withdraw," says Brian Cochran, a native student who is trying to form a Native and Metis Students' Association (NMSA) at the University of Winnipeg.

"It's a zoo," he says, adding that those who arrive from small villages or reserves have an especially hard time adapting.

The number of native students entering and completing post-secondary education is steadily increasing, but is still only a minute fraction of the

total student enrolment. Cochran says there are 20 to 30 native students at the University of Winnipeg out of the total enrolment of over 3,000.

Though none exist at the University of Manitoba or Red River College, Cochran hopes the NMSA can become a link between native students and government bodies, informing them of their rights and opportunities.

"We want to educate them to realize what they want and where to go for it," he says.

In the short term, he hopes the association can provide a study group, discussions, counselling, a referral service and a means to lobby for a more uni-

form system of funding for native students. The association's long-term goals are to increase students' awareness of career opportunities, examine the possibility of entering into communal housing and work to preserve native language and culture.

Much to his disappointment, only four students attended the association's first meeting October 13.

This is a common story on Canadian campuses. Most native students' associations are still in the formative stages - few are more than five years old - and have experienced difficulties getting organized.

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