

Cash for the masses: Student loans or welfare?

MONTREAL (CUP) — The Parti Quebecois government will attempt to correct an overcrowded education system their recent budget cuts helped to create, according to the Quebec Education Minister.

Camille Laurin told Quebec media last week he "will take emergency solutions," including more grants to institutions, ad-

ditional class sections, and money to rent off-campus classroom space.

As classes begin across Quebec, the minister has yet to indicate how much help they will give. The government plans future changes adapting university structures and facilities to "students' needs, - this is a priority for Quebec society," Laurin said.

Budgets have been trimmed over the past few years, with Montreal universities Concordia, McGill, Universite de Montreal, and Universite de Quebec at Montreal chopping at least \$3 million each.

Laurin said the declining numbers in primary and secondary schools and in the 18 to 24 age bracket, led post secondary in-

stitutions to expect decreased enrolment. The recession changed that, with an increase in from 8 to 15 per cent in applications in those universities.

Laurin is happy that more students are recognizing the importance of education. He omitted that it is easier to live off a student loan than a \$147 month welfare cheque.

It remains to be seen whether the Quebec loans and bursaries fund can handle the influx. With a change in the loan application deadline from September 1 to June 30 this year, comparisons on the total requests this year over last year can not be made right now.

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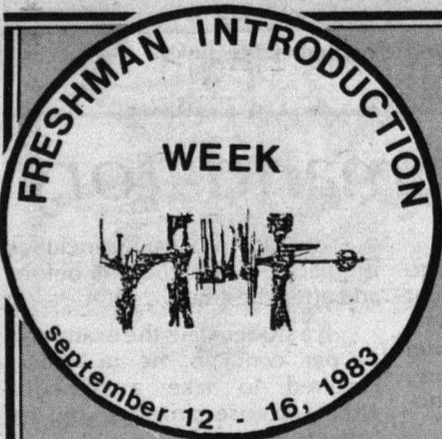
On September 15, between 11:30 and 1:30, the International Association of Students in Economics and Business Management (AIESEC) is sponsoring the first annual Dream Auction in Quad.

Everything from hot air balloon rides and champagne, to theatre tickets and surfing lessons, will be sold to the highest bidder.

Proceeds will be split between AIESEC and the Youth Emergency Shelter Society. "We hope to make about \$1000," said Dorothy Jagusz.

"All summer we've been approaching businesses to donate these items," said Jagusz, "we're expecting a big turnout."

The packages that are to be auctioned off will be on display in CAB Wednesday.



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Run to Red Deer

September 18 is Terry Fox Day so Fiji fraternity is running to Red Deer.

"This is our second annual run," says Bob Aloneissi, "we run down to Red Deer in a relay format, and we have a chapter in Calgary that runs up to Red Deer."

"Last year we raised \$800 from our side...this year we hope to top \$1000."

Proceeds from the event go to the Cross Cancer Institute.

"Last year we had thirteen runners," says Aloneissi, "we ran about eight miles each. We're trying to get a few more runners this year and make it a bit easier."

The run begins at 6:30 in the morning and the last runner should arrive in Red Deer about 7:30.

Anyone interested in sponsoring runners or running themselves should contact Chad Buffel at 432-1162.