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## Grad award increased

By PAULA ZARNETT
The value of this year's Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) will be increased by approximately 20 perent, but the majority of graduate students can expect little benefit from the Liberal government's latest offering, according to Bill Mantin, president of the Graduate Students Association (GSA).
The award will increase from $\$ 2,435$ to $\$ 2,920$ per four month term of study, but with about only one out of seven applicants receiving he scholarship, "the students who o receive the awards will have more financial support, but those who are ot chosen are really left out "Manin said "Rather than focusing on the amount (value) of the awards, hey (the government) should have hey (the gove number of awards so bat a number of students hat a larger number of sudent out ", Mantin added port," Mantin added

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Mantin believes that because full time graduate students are allowed to work no more than 270 hours dur ing the acadore year, the award is an important budgetary supplement. difficult for a graduate student to be able to afford the costly expenses of being a student " Mantin said
The GGS program is open The ors program is open to all Braduate sta ", but those who usually win the award have an A for A+ average ", explained Bill Clarkson, Director of Student Affairs for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.
"There are a lot of highly qualified applicants," Clarkson said ""and it's rewarding to be able to have th rewalue of the scholarship recognize value of the scholarship recognize winners."
Mantin
not fair, however, disagrees. "It not fair for those students who
(have) the minimum requirements (in grades), but are not chosen due to the small number of awards," Mantin said. "The scholarship award does not correct the situation brought about by continuous underfunding of the scholarship programme."

## Students delight

 Peter Lougheedcont'd from p. 1
Lougheed's view on the Heritage fund issue is most similar to his phiosophy about how a country should be strengthened: providing Alberta with a loan will not only strengthen Alherta but it will strengthen the entire country.
Former premier Lougheed was delighted by the variety of questions asked by the students. "I'm quite mpressed by how knowledgeable these students are about current and past political issues, it's very refreshng, and it's about time" he concluded.


PETER LOUGHEED: The former premier of Alberta spoke to political science and business students during his two-day visit earlier this week to York University


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