



The financial enrichment, as well as the aesthetic ones, are being reconsidered as the University tries to develop a campus liquor policy.

photo Bill Ingles

Boycott called for in Ontario

ONTARIO (CUP) — The Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) has designated March 11 as a "Provincial Day of Action" and is calling for a province-wide boycott of classes that day to fight provincial underfunding of post-secondary education.

OFS members endorsed the move at their winter conference, held January 23 to 24 at Humber College in Rexdale.

The planned boycott is part of the "Week of Action" organized by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) March 8 to 12, when students across the country will protest increasing tuition fee costs and the deterioration of the quality of post-secondary education.

Organizers hope the protest will influence the current federal-provincial negotiations affecting post-secondary funding.

Ontario treasurer Frank Miller has called the proposed federal funding cuts to Ontario "equivalent to the operating budgets of the Universities of Ottawa, Carleton, Queen's and Western Ontario."

The OFS campaign will focus on the issues of accessibility and fiscal restraint.

According to OFS, government policies of fiscal restraint are responsible for underfunding, planned major alterations in post-secondary education, program and course cuts and local tuition fee increases.

The CFS "Week of Action", which includes a campaign organized around the theme "Open the Doors to Education," is intended as a "strong unified statement that post-secondary students and their alliances are angry, determined and willing to back down," said CFS researcher Bruce Tate. CFS is trying to funnel provincial protest into a federal lobbying effort.

Tate said that in several provinces students have formed alliances with public service workers, also affected by government funding cuts. He said such alliances should add strength to the student protest.

Support for the class boycott was not unanimous at the conference.

"I don't have the right to commit my Council or students to this boycott," said Greg Petrie of the University of Western Ontario's Undergraduate Association.

"I don't agree with this tactic (the boycott), I don't think it's one students will support," said Steve May, of Carleton University's Student Association.

But 20 of the 23 council delegations present at the conference did support the boycott.

Nasty geers get rough

WINNIPEG (CUP) — A photographer from the University of Manitoba Students' newspaper, *The Manitoban*, was threatened and assaulted Friday by an engineering students' representative.

Danielle Comeau was about to take pictures of some engineering students drinking beer illegally in the Engineering Lounge following a strip show staged for Engineering Week.

Engineering Senior Stick Erik Tatarchuk, who was being interviewed by *Manitoban* News Editor Sue Matheson, said, "No photos." He grabbed Comeau and her camera bag and pushed her toward the door, insisting that no photos be taken.

Tatarchuk released Comeau only after Matheson warned him, "leave her alone, Erik."

He told Comeau that if she took any photos, "that film will be taken out of your camera."

"I was scared, so I backed down," Comeau said later. "There were a number of male engineering students in the room and the idea of damage to myself and to my personal property didn't appeal to me."

Comeau is considering launching personal legal action to charge Tatarchuk with assault, "mostly because I don't like him trying to push me around and intimidate me. I don't like being threatened."

Prohibitive policy revoked?

Liquor policy going flat

by John Roggeveen

Campus student groups may not suffer from the prohibition of profits at their liquor functions after all.

The University may choose not to change its liquor policy on campus as it had previously planned.

"We're simply reconsidering the proposals that we've made (concerning liquor policy on campus)," says Dave Norwood, assistant to the U of A's vp finance and administration.

"We certainly haven't made any decisions yet," he says.

The university appears to be supportive of a system similar to the present one of obtaining liquor permits for on-campus functions.

"We're basically looking at the status quo, with some changes," says Norwood.

According to Norwood, the changes would "follow along the lines" that Brian Bechtel, SU vp internal, proposes.

Bechtel advocates retaining the present system under which student groups obtain liquor permits directly from the ALCB (Alberta Liquor Control Board). Bechtel is also pushing for a change in the ALCB's liquor policy that prevents liquor functions from being held on campus before

5:00 p.m.

The university was considering changing the liquor policy on campus, forcing students to operate their liquor functions under extensions of the University's licence rather than going through the ALCB.

The proposed changes were opposed by Bechtel because the new scheme would deny student groups the opportunity to make a profit at their liquor functions.

The Office of Student Affairs has sent out surveys to student groups on campus to determine the groups' reactions to the proposed changes.

"Our purpose in sending out the survey was only to get some direct feedback from students (concerning liquor policy on campus)," says Ruth Groberman, director of Student Affairs.

Of the approximately 60 surveys sent to student groups, about 20 student groups have responded.

"We would like to get more feedback," says Groberman.

Bechtel supports the survey. "I would encourage clubs to answer the survey," he says.

Groberman adds, "It would be better for (the student groups) to respond before (the university's officials) decide the policy."

Groberman says that student

groups who have not received the survey can pick one up at the Office of Student Affairs, Rm. 225 Athabasca Hall. She feels it is important that student groups respond to the survey because it will be considered when the final University liquor policy is decided.

When a policy is established by the University, it must also be approved by the ALCB.

"We're working with (the ALCB) as much as with students on this," says Norwood.

Bechtel foresees no difficulty with the ALCB changing its policy.

"I am pleased with the University's support and I am confident that we will be successful," he says.

Norma Wintringham, administrative officer for the ALCB, refuses to comment on whether the ALCB would support any University backed proposal to maintain a scheme similar to the present system or would try to push the licence extension scheme instead.

"It's very difficult for me to answer hypothetical questions," says Wintringham.

"Licensees apply for what they want and what they apply for would be considered," she adds.

The university will reach a decision by the end of March, according to Norwood.

BAB by SKEET and Nelsen

Olivia Butti's Diary

February 1

Dear diary:

Some tropical paradise this is! First thing when I get home I'm going to punch that little Pepi Guasp right in his travel-agent mouth. Then I'm going to have city council write a letter of protest.

At least we finally got our luggage back. Petey was still angry with me for giving it to that creep who was dressed up like a bellhop but how was I to know? Actually, now that I've seen what goes on here I figure he was one of those rasters but more about them later.

Anyway, after going the last two days without a change of clothes (to make it worse we'd been wearing heavy sweaters and long underwear for the trip to the airport back in Edmonton) or any money, the police finally found our suitcases in an alley behind the hotel. Most of our clothes were still there but our traveller's cheques were gone and so was my makeup kit.

Don't believe that bull-tweet about same day refunds on traveller's cheques. We've had to borrow money from other people on the charter for meals. We haven't been able to go shopping or see a show; we've spent most of our evenings alone

in the hotel room watching *I Love Lucy* reruns.

During the days we've spent most of our time on the beach which is horribly overcrowded and two miles from the hotel. We had enough money to buy bathing suits but we couldn't afford suntan lotion so the first day Petey and I burned beet red.

And all the time those dirty rasters were laughing at us. I think they must be an uncivilized tribe of natives that run around loose in Jamaica. They wear their hair in corn rows like Bo Derek but dirty and sticking out all over the place. They're always listening to loud music and smoking cheap, sweet-smelling tobacco rolled up in newspaper. And they're always laughing.

I got so angry that I went up to one and told him he looked like a filthy hippie and asked him why couldn't he go out and get a job. He said something to me but I don't understand this Jamaican dialect. It sounded like, "Jah wheel provide. Jah ease dee lat an salvation. Wanna Toot." Then he laughed at me some more.

Well, I've had it with this place. Petey says he'll have our money tomorrow but I'll be darned if I'm going to spend any in a place like this. Anyways, Lucy is going to tell Ricky she's pregnant and I don't want to miss it.