Carleton victim of underfunding

OTTAWA (CUP)—Carleton University administrators and student leaders say the Ontario government has dealt Carleton a heavy blow by limiting its operating grant increase to 3.6 per cent next year.

The increase, announced Feb. 27, is the third lowest granted to the province's 19 universities and 2.4 per cent less than what Carleton received last year.

"We've known for some time what the operating grant increase would be for Carleton; the ministry has only confirmed our suspicions," said acting Carleton president James Downey. "We remain deeply concerned about what we think is acute underfunding, particularly for Carleton," he added.

Provincial operating grants are the main source of income for universities. The size of the grant is determined by the

dollar value placed on specific academic programs, according to government formula.

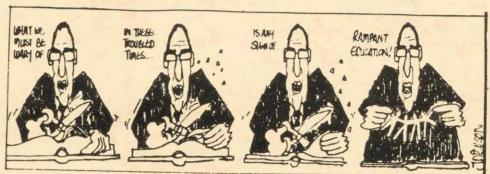
Professional categories such as engineering, science and architecture receive the highest dollar per student grants, which puts predominantly arts institutions, like Carleton, according to students' association president Dan Hara.

"It just shows that Carleton and other universities dominated by arts and social sciences get hit the hardest," said Hara.

The increase represents a total cutback of \$1,383,000, once inflation is taken into consideration, according to Carleton's assistant academic vice-president Dave Brown.

Downey and the university's administration vicepresident will examine ways to reduce the operating budget without further eroding essential services.

President of the faculty association Barry Rutland said the increase will have an adverse affect because the university will not have the funds to hire new staff.



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Sodales debate

Dalhousie Debating Society, Sodales, has been active this term. The society has participated in three tournaments, (was host to one of them) and last week elected a new executive.

Things got off to an auspicious start in January, when Sodales hosted the Dalhousie Invitational Tournament. Nineteen teams participated, including the University of Ottawa, The University of Western Ontario, and McGill. Western's Mike DuBroy and lan Gemmel won the Henry Hicks trophy, and Dal's Joe Wilson and Robert Aterman took home and presumably drank the coveted Joe Howe Trophy.

On the eigth, ninth & tenth of February four teams from Dal went to the McGill tournament. The teams were: John Robinson and Charles Reagh, James Wentzel and Scott Gray, of Dalhousie, Brian Casey and Sheila Rae, Law, and Marilyn Sanford and Barry Craig, Kings College. The win-loss record was: Robinson-Reagh, 2-3, Wentzel-Gray, 1-4; Casey-Rae, 1-4, and Sanford-Craig, Eighty teams participated. and John Robinson came third in Impromtu Públic Speaking.

Sodales also sent the team of Kathy McLeam and Bruce Thomas to the Princeton tournament on February 23-24.

Activities for the year wound down this week with the election of a new executive. John Robinson was elected President, Laurel Bauchman, Vice-President, Micheal Sabada Treasurer, and Charles Rae, Secretary. A new position of Director of Debate was created, and Scott Gray was elected to that position. To Robert Aterman, the outgoing President, the members wish to extend their appreciation. Robert's energy and determination were the key-notes to the society's success in all its endeavours