

# Death by Degrees

A blow by blow account of education's demise —  
to be a regular column

OTTAWA (CUP) — Topped by a federal government to chop \$380 million post secondary education January was an especially month for Canadian colleges and universities. The Liberals introduced proposed amendment to Established Programs Financing to the six-and-five program Jan. 27. The proposal is now before House of Commons Finance committee, and will

spend some time in a bureaucratic jungle before it actually becomes law.

Ottawa wasn't the only source of post secondary destruction.

In Ontario, education minister Bette Stephenson declared all-out war on the education system by striking a three-member commission to radically restructure the entire post secondary system. Stephenson wants institutions to become more specialized

and provide students with more marketable job skills.

She also wants the commission to reconsider Ontario's long-standing policy of broad access to university education.

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations has since demanded Stephenson's resignation. And at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, faculty association president Brian Segal was forced to resign after he wrote a letter to the Globe and Mail supporting Stephenson's moves.

In B.C., a six per cent reduction for next year's university budgets is leaving a distinct mark. The University of B.C. just announced a 33 per cent tuition fee increase for next year, plus plans to introduce higher tuition fees for international students in two years. UBC will also limit first year enrolment next year. B.C.'s other two universities are expected to follow suit in upcoming months.

In B.C.'s interior, the entire Nelson-based David Thompson University Centre will be closed at the end of this term due to government restraint.

Massive tuition fee increases can be expected in the Maritimes, where the higher education commission

just recommended only a 7.5 per cent increase in funding for post secondary education, although administrations said they needed 11.9 per cent increases.

The news is even worse in Nova Scotia, where education minister Terry Donahoe said the increase would be limited between four and six

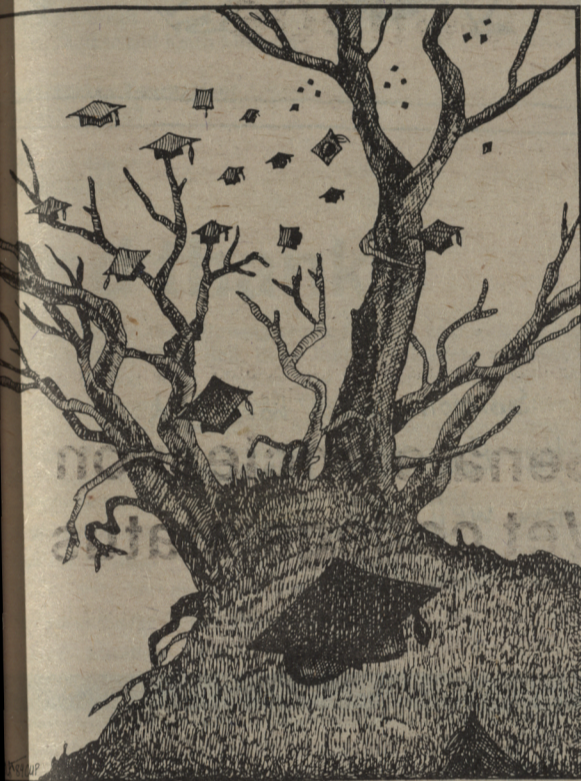
per cent.

At Dalhousie University in Halifax, the arts and science program was told to accept an \$800,000 funding cut.

In Winnipeg, where the NDP government has announced a three per cent ceiling on funding to post secondary education, students expect massive tuition

fee increases. In Saskatchewan, a government report recommends 15 to 20 per cent tuition fee increases.

At the University of Alberta it's likely new programs will only be introduced at the expense of existing programs.



## Love's proposal studied

By Ruth Edgett

The UPEI Student Union has established a committee to examine a proposal for improvements to the Panther Lounge and the hiring of a full-time bar tender-social director.

At its bimonthly meeting Sunday, council selected two members of the committee, which will have Business Manager Heather Love as its third member. The students on the committee are Stephen Bishop and Paul Peacock.

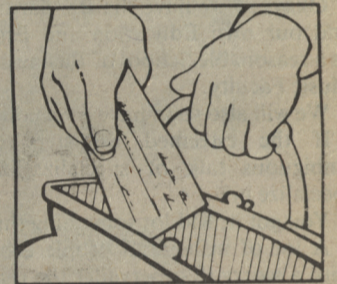
Love brought the proposal to council at the previous meeting. She suggested the appropriation of \$9,000 from the remains of the 1983-84 budget for physical improvements to the lounge. She also

recommends the hiring of a full-time staff person to manage the lounge and look after organizing main events.

Love said the intent of her proposal was to increase sales at the Lounge and revenues for the Student Union. The staff person would also leave council members free to devote more time to matters other than the running of the lounge and booking entertainment.

A motion at the previous meeting to make the \$9,000 available was defeated because councillors said they wanted more time to study the proposal. That study will be carried out by the three-member committee established Sunday.

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## Model UN gets \$600 from SU for trip

By Ruth Edgett

The Student Union has allocated \$600 to the UPEI Model United Nations Association to assist its members to participate in a Model UN assembly in New York later this year.

The grant is \$150 less than requested by the group, but Treasurer Stephen Bishop said he feels \$600 is all

council can afford to spend without taking away from other areas. The money will go toward the \$8,300 cost of organizing, research, travel and accommodations for the 25-member team.

This year's trip will be the third for a UPEI group. The university has acquired a respected reputation among international participants at

the yearly gathering in New York, said Political Studies Chairman Gary Webster.

He told council members Sunday at the regular SU meeting that the group will be representing Nicaragua this year. In 1982, UPEI students represented two African countries and last year represented Soviet interests.

The trip to New York will

last seven days, five of which will be spent in conferences, committee meetings and a simulated general assembly. Webster said the students have been working since last fall to gather information and to plan their presentations.

Nicaragua will be represented on 13 committees, including the UN Security

council, of which it is an elected member, the first Committee on Disarmament, the Ad Hoc Committee on Terrorism, the Organization of American States, the Economic Council on Latin America and the Commission on Human Rights.

The group will leave for plenaries and positions, New York April 15 and including the UN Security return April 22.

## Genesis II

**Day One:**

God said (and I quote), "Let there be light", and there was, and he saw that it was good.

**Day Two:**

God created man and animals and the usual sludge (insects, parasites, Artsies, and engineers).

**Day Three:**

God was troubled. The problem was that his light was not reaching all of his creations. To remedy this, he created the Sun (UPEI), and now the light was brighter than ever.

**Day Four:**

God again was troubled. It seemed that not all of his creations (engineers) could see by the light he provided, so he created CIMN as a voice to carry his good word (and the Top Thirty most requested songs) across the airwaves.

**Day Five:**

God, realizing that man does not live on bread alone, created a method whereby man, in exchange for \$640, re-

ceived "Food" (so called because of its suspected nutritional value) which is said to cost \$600 and is actually worth \$8.23.

This was known as "Cafeteria Service". It resulted in praise from the medical society, which was an indirect beneficiary of the service.

**Day Six:**

God for a third time was troubled. There had emerged from the masses an "elite" group of people who excelled in every way.

These "Superhumans" had one very important similarity, the ability to converse through meaningful communications (i.e. reading, writing, and speech).

To reach these geniuses on a level more concurrent with their abilities, he created the *Netted Gem*, a high level informative service which allowed the elite to monitor the actions of the proletariat and other lower life forms.

**Day Seven:**

God, seeing that all was well and good, rested.