

# NEWS

## EDUCATION: PUBLIC FAVORS MORE BUCKS FOR UNIVERSITIES

TORONTO (CUP) --Eighty-two per cent of Ontario residents interviewed in a September Gallup poll favour increased government funding to the province's universities.

The poll was drafted by the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), an organization of universities presidents, and conducted by the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Forty-two per cent of those surveyed thought the government should increase funding for universities at the expense of other programs, and 11 per cent favoured higher taxes.

But if current funding cutbacks continue, more than 80 per cent favour reducing enrolment, while less than 10 per cent favour maintaining enrolment at the expense

of quality. The government and many administrators have already indicated lower enrolment is the route they are leaning towards.

NDP colleges and universities critic Richard Allen expressed surprise at the magnitude of support for more funding, "although it's been common knowledge for a few years that the public generally supported increased funding to higher education."

And Will Sayers of the COU obviously got the results he hoped for. "The findings make it clearly evident that support for universities remains high among the citizens of Ontario, despite the low status the government claims the university enjoys in the public eye."

up at counselling centres with all kinds of stress-related problems, including high blood pressure and stomach ailments. Also on the increase; campus violence, drug and alcohol abuse and suicides.

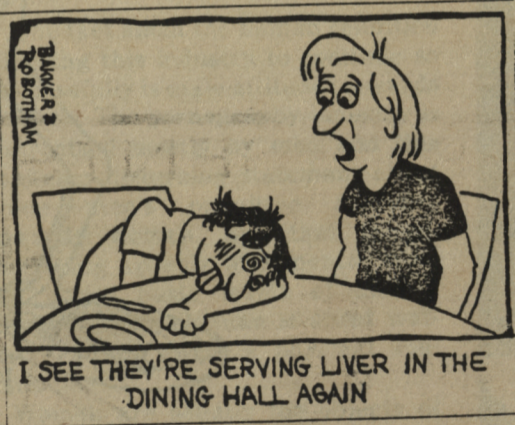
According to Susan Bowling, president of the American Personnel and Guidance Association's College Counselling Division, "Students are seeing their friends, neighbors and even their parents out of work. They see more and more that it can happen to them."

## TAKE MY LIVER..PLEASE

(RNR/CUP)--Students may be learning many new things, but they still haven't learned to like liver.

According to more than 100 American college food service directors, liver--with or without onions--is the least liked menu item at college dining halls.

Ham and potatoes au gratin, beef stew, baked fish and meat loaf are also on the "thanks ,but no thanks" list, while roast beef, chicken and steak are the top three favorites.



become seriously addicted to drugs during their careers. Talbott says doctors often become depressed because of their limitations in helping the sick.

The availability of drugs is another factor: "The pharmaceutical companies send samples," says Talbott. "Other doctors read their mail, I used to lock my door and eat mine"

## SONS OF THE WICKED WEST

(RNR/CUP)--Lest the youth of China succumb to Western temptations, the editors of People's Music Press in Peking have published a booklet entitled "How to Distinguish Decadent Songs."

The guide to foreign music warns against its "quivering rhythms" and the "unclear, loose, drunker pronunciation" of the lyrics. The booklet advises that dancing to jazz music "is like having nervous spasms," and declares that 1960's rock music pours out "a kind of passion for the bewildering, the vague, the numb and the impetuous."

It concludes that popular music has no artistic value whatsoever, adding that 'it meets the needs of people's negative spiritual life in capitalist society."

## MYTH OF STUDENT ALCOHOLISM PUNCTURED

EDMONTON (CUP) --Another great myth bites the dust: university students don't drink as much as most people believe.

The rate of alcohol abuse among students is much lower than the rate among the general population, and alcoholism at a campus the size of the UofA is lower than in similar-sized areas such as Red Deer.

Pat Jamieson, a U of A health clinic representative, says there are many reasons why the stereotype of the hard-drinking student is inaccurate.

"An alcoholic is unlikely to remain a student for long," said Jamieson, adding that the university system weeds out problem students.

Alcohol binges are more of a problem for students than day-to-day alcoholism, according to Jamieson.



## STUDENT LIFE: STRESSED TO THE MAX

(RNR/CUP) --The biggest disease among American college students this year may be...stress.

College counsellors report more and more students worrying about the sluggish economy and grim job outlook. Students are turning

## DRUGS: U.S. DOCS HOOKED ON OWN MEDICINE

(RNR/CUP)--Drug and alcohol addiction appear to be occupational hazards of the medical trade.

Dr. Douglas Talbott, himself a former addict, says approximately 13 per cent of the U.S.'s 480,000 physicians will

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