

# Ontario students give the boot to CFS

LONDON, Ont. (CUP) — The Ontario Federation of Students has broken its official ties with Canada's national student lobby group, leaving national student leaders worried about their organization's future.

"The hastiness of a decision like this is dangerous," said Beth Olley, Canadian Federation of Students chair, at the Sept. 22 to 23 conference of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario/Ontario Federation of Students.

"A national organization without Ontario will go down the tubes," Olley said.

Although the move means students in Ontario can now focus their efforts solely on provincial concerns, Olley said it will weaken CFS and might prompt other provinces to pull out.

But many conference delegates said the move was necessary to simplify the organization's structure and constitution.

"If we're both strangling each other with by-laws, we'll never reach our full potential," said Monika Turner, CFS-O/OFS chair. The Ontario Federation will simply become OFS when the change occurs — the CFS-O name will be dropped from the title.

Turner said the move is not "anti-CFS" but an attempt by Ontario students to recognize the problems facing their own organization and the national group.

"It's no secret that CFS is undergoing financial difficulties," Turner added. The national federation is currently has a \$65,000 deficit.

"(But) I think what OFS is saying is 'let us do provincial development growth, and that way CFS can benefit'."

The decision to end ties means the provincial organization will likely be more appealing to some institutions, such as the University of Toronto, Brock, Laurier and Windsor universities, Turner said.

Under the old policy, a new member had to join OFS, CFS-O, CFS and CFS-Services, which provides a variety of services to members. This meant a levy of \$7 per student: \$3 for

CFS-O, \$3 for CFS and \$1 for cfs-S.

Other conference delegates however, said the decision represents a clear motion of non-confidence in the national student federation.

"What we did by passing that motion was basically dump CFS," said Robert Butcher, representing graduate students at the University of Western Ontario. "I don't think anyone would suggest that CFS is perfect,

but you won't get the changes that you want by pulling out."

Butcher said these problems include regional splits and the view among Ontario members that the national organization is more radical than the provincial one.

Walter Mykytyshyn, CFS/CFS-S link, said the pull-out will have a ripple effect on other provinces, some of which think the national organization is too conser-

vative and lobby-oriented. "Already at a conference there is a regionalism apparent, and this is really going to bring it to the forefront," he said.

Ontario federation representatives will meet in Ottawa in November to discuss the details for the pull-out and to maintain a working relationship with CFS. Delegates voted to co-operate with the national organization at least until the January 1985 regional conference.

## UNB's student President to be expelled?

By Oliver Koncz

Student Union President John Bosnitch has been threatened with suspension by UNB President James Downey.

Bosnitch was given first and final warning about his so-called recent unacceptable behavior.

Downey, in his hand delivered letter, stated that Bosnitch has been "harassing and threatening employees of the University of the Student Union Building Board, and the tenants of the Student Union Building", and also charges that Bosnitch has been disregarding communications from the university

administration.

Bosnitch responded to the charges by saying, "A student representative has no choice but to serve his constituents, and when a child dies unnecessarily, or when residence students are expelled without explanation, serving one's constituents inevitably results in some conflict."

Roy Brostowski and Helga Stewart, two members of the university housing administration, stated that they were harassed by Bosnitch on July 30 after thirteen month old Maple Li fell to her death from a seventh floor window in Magee House, the UNB married students residence.

The major commercial tenant of the Student Union Building, G.E. Belding's Smoke Shoppe, stated on July 20 that its UNB store, part of a chain including Buyer's Beacons, had been harassed and intimidated, and wanted an apology "for the hassles and embarrassment this intimidation policy has caused us." At the July 23rd Student Union Building Board of Directors meeting, chaired by Bosnitch, SUB Director Darcy Flynn said that he had never received letters of complaint from the Smoke Shoppe about harassment, but he thought that the store was concerned because Bosnitch had once come in to

with a tape to measure the counter.

Downey's threat to expel Bosnitch has been attributed to the student-run Campus Services store in the SUB. This variety operation sells much the same stock at lower prices than at Belding's campus outlet.

Downey is withholding the entire Student Union budget (over \$200,000) in an effort to force Bosnitch to complete his accounting procedure for the student component of the Third Century Fund. This procedure, a task which was refused by the Business Office, is almost complete. Downey has also cancelled the contract of SUB Holdings,

a student operated corporation which handled the campus liquor service and will not turn over the Beaver Foods cafeteria rebates to the Student Union Building (these rebates amounted to \$28,000 last year).

At the center of the UNB controversy, the Student Union Building is run by a Board composed of six UNB and three STU students, and two administration members appointed by the UNB Board of Governors.

President Downey chose not to discuss something that was in a private communication between himself and Bosnitch until Bosnitch decided to go public with it.

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