

The banks have not released conclusive data to show what the current default rate is like.

Student leaders, meanwhile, say they are pleased the government will begin administering the loan program rather than the banks.

But they quickly add, however, that the lack of concrete numbers on the program is problematic.

"From our standpoint the lack of information on this only shows the lack of transparency in the student loan program," said Michael Conlon, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students.

He said neither the banks nor the government have provided concrete figures on the cost of administering the student loan program or how much is being put up annually to finance the loans.

All of these figures were public information until 1995 when the student loan program was given to the banks to administer.

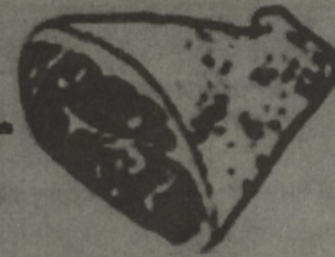
Now it isn't known if these figures are even kept.

"The primary reason the numbers aren't there is because it went to the banks. [The government] got rid of the people who administered the program," said Conlon.

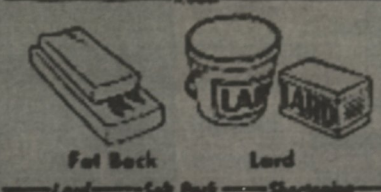
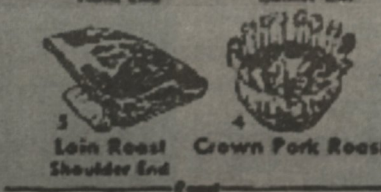
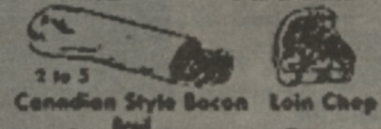
The CFS leader, however, did tell CUP that HRDC officials had told him at meetings this school year that the loan system cost \$1-billion to administer.

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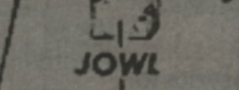
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