

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

THE RISING COST OF EDUCATION

- It can cost \$10,000 a year to attend university or college.
- From 1989 to 1990 rent increased 5.2%, food 4.2%, and tuition fees 9%.
- In 1991 tuition fee increases ranged from 6% to 25% across the country
- A student who borrows \$3,000 from the Canada Student Loans Program will have to pay a \$90 tax for going into debt.
- Students can expect to spend \$800 on books and supplies - \$856 with the GST.

THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTACK

- The present federal government has sold out university and college students.
In the last 5 years, they've cut back \$3.2 billion from post-secondary education funding.
- Since 1985, they've cut back \$69.3 million from the summer employment program - that's almost 50%.
- The government has imposed a 3% tax on student loans.
- They've introduced Canada's first tax on books.

On one hand the government says they'd like a first-class education system, on the other, they claim the money isn't there.

If you agree that "enough is enough", let the government know. Sign the postcard and get involved with your student association's activities on this campaign.

The Canadian Federation of Students represents 450,000 college and university students across the country.



THE DECREASING STUDENT BUDGET

- In 1990, students made on average \$2,300 under the federal government summer employment program - that means they were \$7,700 short of the \$10,000 education price tag.
- This summer, 150,000 students were without a job - that means they were \$10,000 short.
- Almost 50% of Canada's half a million students (outside Quebec) have a Canada Student Loan. Students borrow on average \$2,700 a year from the federal loan program - in addition to their provincial loan.
- In 1988-89 about 30% of final year students with a federal loan had debt loads of over \$5,000, 14% over \$10,000, and 6% over \$15,000. When combined with provincial loans, many more students have debt loads of over \$15,000.

THE ALTERNATIVES

The federal government decides how to raise and spend funds.

- In 1987, 118,162 profitable corporations did not pay income tax.
- In 1988, the federal government lowered the corporate tax from 34% to 28%.
- A 3% minimum corporate tax would raise \$1.4 billion.
- If the government repealed the Business Entertainment deduction it would raise \$1 billion.
- A progressive tax system for personal income would yield billions of dollars.

Until the federal government makes education a budget priority, a high quality, fully accessible education system will not be attained.

STUDENTS WANT ACTION!

EDUCATION IS A RIGHT