

# Federal Funding Continued

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government stressed that the program was primarily intended to give the provinces "flexibility in the use of their own funds". But at the same time, it was made clear that Ottawa expected to have some say in postsecondary policy matters.

At an intergovernmental conference in 1976, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau outlined the principles underlying EPF. One of these called for "provision for continuing federal participation with the provinces in the consideration and development of policies of national significance in the fields of health and postsecondary education".

According to Mr Trudeau, areas of national interest in postsecondary education include accessibility, bilingualism, Canadian studies and the national use of postsecondary education resources.

"Provincial and federal government interests and concerns coincide in many of these areas, and the maintenance of high standards across the country requires the combined and coordinated efforts of both levels of government", he said.

Later in 1976, in the House of Commons, Mr Trudeau noted that any abuse of the EPF arrangement could be "corrected" by the federal government, if necessary.

"I say this not by way of a threat but to indicate that the parliament of Canada will certainly want to look down the road some

distance at whether the federal funds which are given to the provinces are spent in a way that shows good will on the part of the provinces."

### Changes must wait

If the federal government has any unilateral changes in mind for EPF, they will have to wait until April 1, 1982 at the earliest. The Act establishing the program stipulates that any reductions in the cash portion before that date would require provincial consent. The tax portion is virtually untouchable because for the federal government to reclaim the transferred tax points, the provinces must agree to give them back.

Should the federal government wish to completely terminate the EPF program, it must give notice to the provinces of its intent, although just how much notice is not clear. In 1976 Mr Trudeau made a moral commitment to give three years' notice prior to termination. A legalistic interpretation of the 1977 Act, however, gives a minimum of two years and three months.

### Administrators worried

Understandably, university administrators across the country are worried about the

possibility of drastic changes to EPF. Brock University President Alan Earp, who is also president of the AUCC, urges universities to make their concerns known at both the federal and provincial levels.

Otherwise, says Dr Earp, there is a danger of the issue being decided at the finance minister level without any appreciation of the concerns of the educational sector.

### AUCC brief

In a recent brief to the Prime Minister, the AUCC admits that some changes to EPF will have to be considered. But, it says, any "precipitous" changes could have a serious impact on the financial support of universities.

Noting that both levels of government have a shared interest in the university sector, the brief calls for a federal-provincial review of university financing in terms of level and sources of funds. This review would involve consultation with the universities and would be completed no later than the end of 1981.

In the meantime, the brief asks the Prime Minister to respect his 1976 commitment not to pull out of EPF without giving three years' notice. This would give all parties concerned time to examine thoroughly federal and provincial expectations and obligations with regard to Canada's universities. ♣

## Rumour Hath It

- that Parloo was so busy looking at the buffet she spilled the coke.
- that a certain "girl" is boy-watching carrell #65.
- that the Sophmore Selects join Losers column.
- that Mary Driscoll is starting a yoga class and her first students will be the Dancathon members.
- that the exam schedule is out.
- that Dancathon participants will be collecting their pledges.
- that there are only 4 weeks of classes left.
- that if you want a new game invented Brent and Lorne can invent it for you.
- that grim Jim doesn't want to supply waxed paper to certain students.
- that Shawn can't figure out why T-shirts have pockets on the back. Could it be that the shirt was on back to front?
- that Marcel started to play hockey and that he was looking for J.R.
- If one Nancy is good two is great
- Sue Enman had a shower (and now she's clean).
- Rocky Horror will be a cavalcade of utter perversion (incest is best).
- Nancy can drink Terry under the table and "Skunk" him, in crib.
- Dexter T. Gnome is really a 7'2" black basketball player for the Knicks and Fruits on Sundays (with F.M.)
- Specks John (the Elton man) has a birthday the 25th of March.
- you haven't loved until you've seen Jayne Ings room (and other amepocytes).



## Survey, con't from page 3

- H. Ec. - some designed to make you think, others designed for cramming; so so.
- Math - encourage, even demand that students think critically.
- Mod. Lang. - designed to make one think critically; designed to make you think.
- Phil. - more than any other course encourages you to think, it is simply the nature of that faculty; on the whole, the courses do encourage critical thinking, although some do more than others.
- Pol.Sci. - encourage you to think critically very much so, thinking is the prime prerequisite for a degree in Political Science; think critically, evaluate, analyze, yes, very much so.
- Psych. - a large percentage of courses do not encourage thinking; thinking, yes on the whole.
- Soc. - many help you to think critically; courses other than required courses are designed to encourage you to think, required courses are designed to cram as much knowledge as possible in you.

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