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DRUGS: SURE THING TO BRING YOU DOWN WHEN YOU ARE HIGH.

OTTAWA (CUP)— Follow the leader Department.

Canadian Legislators were in the news recently for proposing changes to the criminal code that would allow the police to confiscate items owned by suspects in drug charges. They got the idea from similar program in the United States.

Canadians could be in for some interesting developments if they follow another new American idea in the neverending War on Drugs. Boston police and the city's mayor went on the air earlier this month to ask people to call into an open-line radio show, "Report a Pusher". The show drew 250 calls in four hours and lead to 91 arrests. More charges are pending.

Detectives recorded licence numbers of cars, descriptions, times and locations of narcotic deals, names of buyers and sellers and other "quality information".

"In theory, if the police go on the air and solicit information from people about a crime, that's a perfectly legal and acceptable activity," said John Roemer, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland. He said the group monitored the broadcast.

A Boston police spokesperson who was asked if anyone had objected to the program said "only the people who were arrested."

TUITION FEES: MID-YEAR SURCHARGE IN THE U.S.A.

(RNR/CUP)

American colleges, faced with funding cutbacks and budget deficits, aren't waiting until next year to hike tuition fees. Colleges from California to New York are boosting fees mid-year, and students aren't happy about it.

According to Jamie MacKenzie of the Missouri Students' Association, most students will have a tough time coming up with the cash.

Says MacKenzie: "College is something you plan to pay for months or even years in advance not a spur of the moment decision."

Other student leaders are even more adamant about fighting the hikes. U.S. Students' Association Chair Janice Fine says the mid-year increases show: "a complete and total lack of responsibility on the part of the administrators and governments".

In Pennsylvania, students even went to court to stop a 75-dollar tuition hike.

TUITION FEES: CHARGE STUDENTS 11,000. URGES DAL PROF

Halifax(CUP)--

A Dalhousie University professor of economics has a solution to the problem of underfunding the post secondary institutions-- charge students for the entire cost of their education.

John Graham told an Acadia University audience recently that students are the main beneficiaries of attending University or college so they could pay the full cost. Dalhousie already is among the most expensive universities in Canada, charging about \$1,100 a year for most programs. These fees would increase to \$11,000 if Graham's proposal were adopted.

He said accessibility could still be maintained by greatly increasing government bursary grant and loan schemes but the plan must be adopted nationally. "If fees went up in just one province there would be a stampede away from these universities."

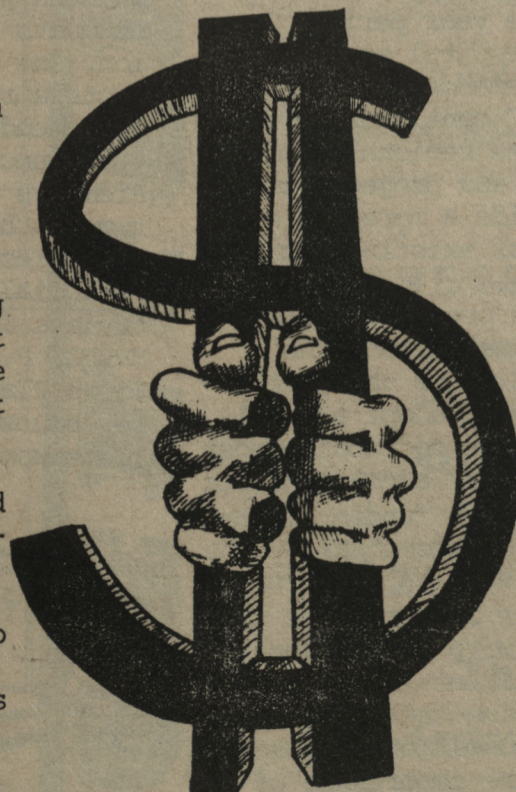
University students currently pay about 8 to 15% of the direct costs of their education across Canada. Graham wants to increase this 100 per

cent. His plan would keep government funding at current levels but that money would go into grants and scholarships to needy students rather than to funding to institutions.

He said his scheme would force those with the ability to pay to take a larger share of tuition fees. "If we have a high proportion of students from the upper income classes, then we should be getting a higher share from those people ... students from low income families should not have to incur a high amount of loans than they can afford."

Student's aid should be weighted towards bursaries rather than loans during the first year of university and student loans should be interest free for the first two years after graduation, said Graham.

Scholarships play a major role in his proposal. The best students should be funded more by society than personal contributions, said Graham, because when "you get to research and theoretical study, then the benefits are mainly to society, instead of just the student."

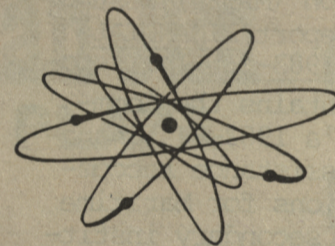


CHIEF HEALTH OFFICIAL REASSURES ISLANDERS-- Jan.14 1983.

Because of the many inquiries received from the public and the media expressing concern over the incidence of meningitis in this province, chief health officer for P.E.I., Dr. W.R. Stewart wishes to reassure citizens of the province that there has been no unusual increase in the number of children affected by this illness.

"A survey of Prince Edward Island hospitals and pediatricians reveals that there were two (2) confirmed cases of Septic Meningitis in children in the fall of 1982. One child was treated in the hospital and recovered uneventfully. The other child expired on arrival in the hospital," Dr. Stewart said.

The doctor also stated that at this time of year respiratory infections are prevalent. Parents of children with high temperatures should consult their family physicians.



NO ROOM AT THE TOP

(RNR/CUP)--

Who's perfect? According to a recent psychological survey, most American think they are.

The study showed every adult male questioned put himself in the top half of the population when it came to getting along with others. Sixty per cent put themselves in the top 10 per cent, and 25 per cent tried to squeeze into the top one per cent.

Even in an area where self-deception should be more difficult, 60 per cent said they were in the top 25 per cent in terms of athletic ability.