

news from CUASA

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CUASA DUES UP TO 7 MILS

By a unanimous vote (the only dissenter had to leave before it was taken) the special general membership meeting on October 23 approved CUASA's first dues increase since 1975.

Treasurer, Sue Jackson, who was applauded for her long service in a difficult job, explained that several years of tight budgeting had led to a deficit at a time when the association must be at peak strength. The increase which will appear on the November paycheques will cost the average member (though none of you fit that definition) just over \$6 per month.

TABLE TALK

We're gearing up for our return to the bargaining table early next year. On instructions from your CUASA Council reps, we're preparing briefing notes as food for thought at a series of pre-negotiations departmental meetings. Your negotiators will come to your department to discuss bargaining priorities and get your input. Following those meetings, we'll prepare final proposals for Council approval.

If you can't make the departmental meetings you will still have a chance to share your agenda by completing the questionnaire to be distributed in late November.

CAUT REPORT

At the same general membership meeting, CUASA past president David Cray and Canadian Association of University Teachers executive secretary Don Savage outlined operational changes at the national federation.

Cray said recent reforms at CAUT had alleviated many of the concerns which led to a recommendation last year (turned down by CUASA members) to withhold our dues to CAUT until certain efficiencies were attained. He provided details of CUASA representatives growing frustration with CAUT and said CUASA is keeping a watching brief on CAUT's new collective bargaining cooperative before deciding if we will join. CUASA's continued membership and participation in CAUT is no longer in question, Cray reported. Savage reported on the collective bargaining cooperative and other CAUT developments over the past year, including the withdrawal of the University of Alberta Faculty Association and the cutbacks necessitated by this economic setback.

REAL ESTATE

Informed that a member had complained about CUASA's placement of free real estate sales and rental ads for members in the newsletter, the membership voted to continue the practice.



ACADEMIC REPRESSION IN CHILE

CUASA has sent the following letter protesting the closing of the University of Chile and concurrent academic repression on behalf of its members. We urge you to write protesting these measures along the same lines as the Association.

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October 27, 1987.

Sr. Jose Luis Federici
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Dear Sr. Federici:

It has recently come to our attention that you have taken extremely oppressive measures against the University community in Santiago, measures which are in contradiction with your function as Rector of an Institution of Higher Learning.

On behalf of the 675 members of the Carleton University Academic Staff Association (Ottawa, Canada), I am writing to protest the closing of the University of Chile and the dismissal of students, professors and Deans.

These repressive measures which are totally unacceptable to world wide traditions of universities only serve to discredit you as an individual and exacerbate negative perceptions of the government of Chile held by many Canadians. We urge you to take corrective measures to normalize the situation in the University of Chile.

Sincerely,

Alvina Ruprecht
President.

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