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## PROVINCE BREAKS ITS PROMISE ON 2% FUNDING INCREASE

### UNIVERSITIES TAKE IT ON CHIN AGAIN

The Provincial Government has reneged on its promise of a 2% increase in funding for universities. At the same time it has raised tuition fees by 7% and terminated the grant portion of OSAP. These decisions cannot but aggravate an already difficult financial picture for all those involved in higher education in Ontario.

Ontario university professors have reacted with disappointment to the funding announcements. But although Ontario Treasurer Floyd Laughren announced that base funding for universities for next year will not be increased by the 2% promised last January, he did reveal a 2% Transition Assistance Fund.

"We urged the government to maintain their commitment to base funding, to provide some stability for the institutions", says Emily Carasco, vice-president of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA).

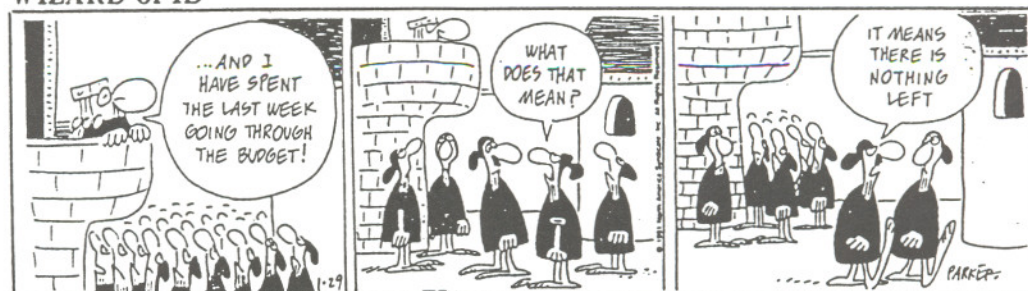
"Although we are disappointed the new monies did not go to base, we are pleased by the 2% fund", she adds. "This is a welcome contrast to the federal government's consistent education funding cutbacks."

OCUFA will co-operate fully with the transition fund's collaboration strategy for determining funding priorities. Carasco says "our experience with last year's transition fund process taught us that some university administrators are very reluctant to share decision making power", she explains. "This will be another opportunity to involve all stakeholders of the university community in the process".

OCUFA is appalled by the government's 7% increase in tuition fees and reduction in student grant assistance. "This is the worst possible time -with high student unemployment and more people needing postsecondary education than ever before -to erect new barriers to access", Carasco says.

OCUFA has opposed any shift from grant assistance to loans because high student-debt expectations deter students from entering postsecondary institutions.

## WIZARD of ID





## **OUT-OF-PROVINCE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE**

This new benefit comes into effect December 1, 1992 and paycheques will reflect this at the end of December. You will be receiving details from Personnel on the optional parts of the death and dismemberment insurance. This benefit is not available for retired academic staff and does not apply to those employees on Long Term Disability (LTDI) or who go on LTDI in future. While the coverage is of unlimited duration for holidays and sabbaticals there is a twelve month limit for employees who go on leave of absence at 0% of salary. Please direct any questions about the coverage of this plan to the Personnel Department.

## **NEW BENEFITS BOOKLET**

CUASA and the Personnel Department are working on a new booklet describing the various benefits available to academic staff in the CUASA bargaining unit. We hope to have this document ready early in the new year. Individuals should share this information with their spouses and take it with them when discussing with their practitioner whether or not a procedure is covered.

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## **SOMALIA: CARLETON PROFESSOR URGES HELP FOR STARVING CHILDREN**

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November 26, 1992

Dear Editor,

Civil war and a devastating drought have combined in Somalia to produce what has been described as "the worst disaster in the world".

According to UNICEF, 95 percent of Somalis under the age of 10 suffer from malnutrition. It is believed that one-quarter of all children under five in Somalia have already died. Each day, in the capital city of Mogadishu alone, 200 children die of malnutrition.

Somali Aid and Development (SOMAID), a registered charity (No. 0884239-02) is currently administering food centres for orphaned and displaced children in Hargeisa. SOMAID's immediate goal is to save the children. It must raise \$95,000 to establish five food centres in Northern Somalia within six to eight months. Carleton University, with its long standing commitment to community involvement, has been approached by SOMAID for assistance. I support SOMAID and its objectives and urge my colleagues at Carleton to do the same. Make your cheque out to SOMAID and send it to me at **Room 112, Social Sciences Research Building**. SOMAID assures me that tax receipts will be sent out promptly.

*Prof. Gertrud Neuwirth*