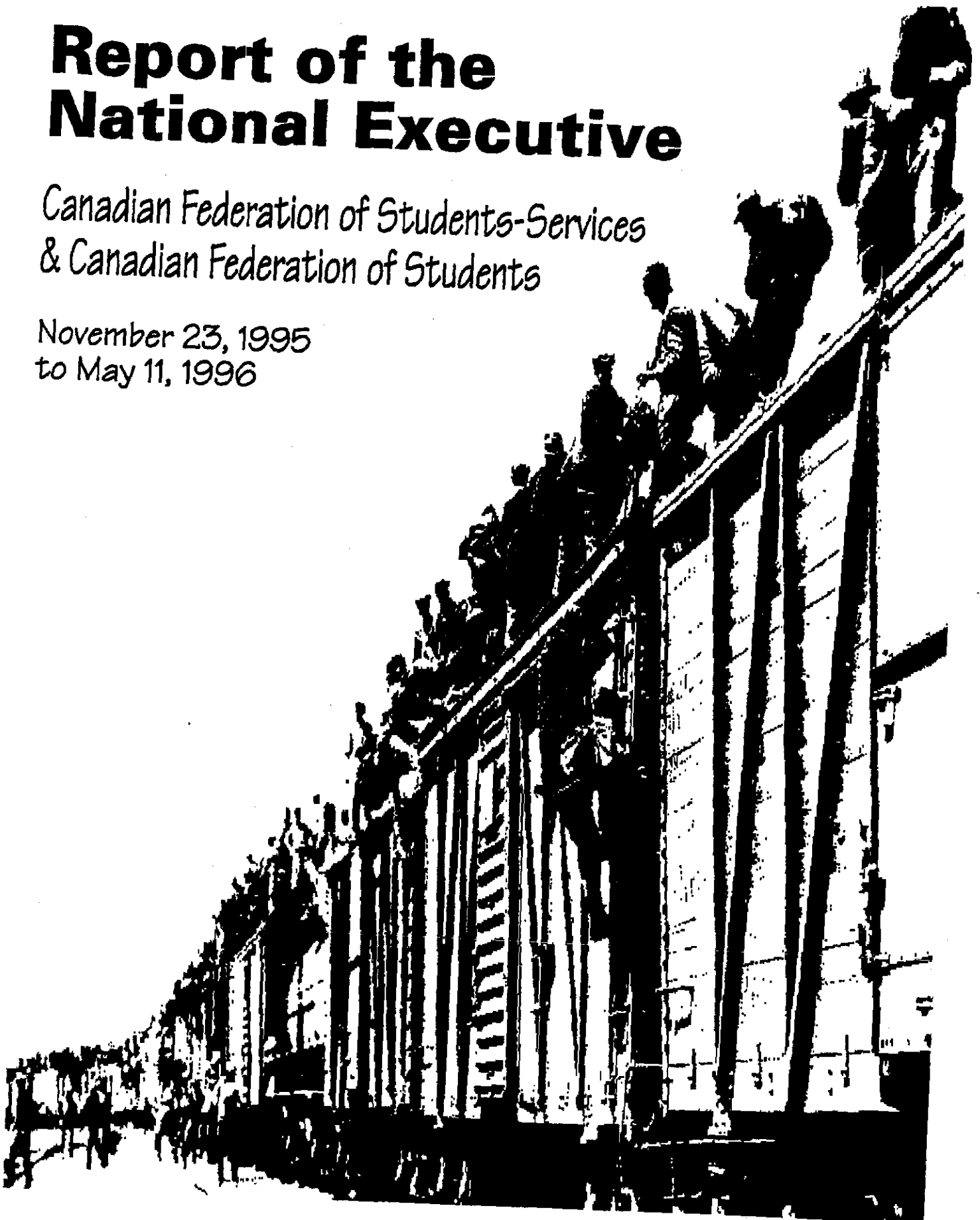


Report of the National Executive

*Canadian Federation of Students-Services
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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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for presentation at the Semi-Annual National General Meeting

Canadian Federation of Students-Services and Canadian Federation of Students

May 12th to May 16th, 1996 – Renfrew, Ontario

Composition of the National Executive

As of the November 1995 National General Meeting, the following was the composition of the National Executive:

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| National Chairperson | Guy Caron |
| National Deputy Chairperson | Michael Mancinelli |
| National Treasurer | Cassandra Koenen |
| Aboriginal Students' Representative | Renée Shilling |
| Francophone Students' Representative | Vacant |
| Graduate Caucus Representative | Michael Temelini |
| Students of Colour Representative | Lancefield Morgan |
| Women Students' Representative | Karen Eryou |
| Alberta Representative | Zahra Habib |
| British Columbia Representative | Joey Hansen |
| Manitoba Representative | Réal Déquier |
| New Brunswick Representative | Dominique Rioux |
| Newfoundland and Labrador Representative | Keith Clarke |
| Nova Scotia Representative | Tasha Bollerup |
| Ontario Representative | Jennifer Story |
| Prince Edward Island Representative | Amber Allin |
| Québec Representative | Brad Lavigne |
| Saskatchewan Representative | Pam Kapoor |

Only one change took place since the general meeting. Tasha Bollerup resigned in January due to other commitments. The component elected Karen McGillivray as the Nova Scotia representative, who commenced her term in March.

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Review of Campaign to Stop the Federal Cutbacks and Other Campaigns

Over the last two years, the Federation has seen continuing success in its ability to mobilise across the country. From January 25th, 1995, to this year's Day of Action on February 7th, to the On to Ottawa Trek, the Federation's calls for action have resulted in thousands of students and others visibly showing their opposition to the cuts to post-secondary education and social programmes. The following is a review of the campaign efforts since the previous national general meeting.

a. Review of Alberta Health Care Coalition Congratulations

95/11:271 MOTION

Be it resolved that a letter to the Alberta Health Care Coalition and their supporters be written, congratulating them on their very important and exciting victory over the Klein government; and

Be it further resolved that the hard work and dedication of those people involved in this fight for the protection of health care in Alberta be recognised.

In organising for the Federation February 7th Pan-Canadian Day of Action, members of the Alberta health care sector were contacted and through this contact were congratulated for their mobilising efforts and success.

b. Review of Condemnation of Mike Harris' Government Agenda

95/11:316 MOTION

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students condemn the agenda of de-regulation and massive cuts to the educational sector and to social services in Ontario; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive be directed by the plenary to write a letter of protest to Ontario Premier Mike Harris informing his administration of the Federation's position.

The Federation sent a letter in early December to Mike Harris, Ontario Premier, to denounce the agenda of the provincial Tory government. See Appendix A for a copy of the letter.

In addition, the Federation has had a consistent presence at the provincial Strike Back actions in London, Hamilton and Kitchener-Waterloo. The strike actions are being organised by a provincial coalition of labour and social justice groups from across the province, and are building toward a province-wide general strike against the neo-conservative of the Ontario government. The provincial office is working to increase the Federation's participation in the campaign.

c. Review of the Pan-Canadian Emergency Conference

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95/11:154 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that in conjunction with Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation, the educational component of the January 19-21 Montreal Pan-Canadian Emergency Conference be organised.

Be it further resolved that a working group meet with Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation to formulate the educational component of the conference.

95/11:155 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that an investigation be undertaken into the possibility of scheduling an extra day before or after the Pan-Canadian conference for the purposes of creating an action plan.

95/11:156 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the "National Symposium on Post-Secondary Education" be postponed for twelve months.

The Federation participated in the Pan-Canadian Emergency Conference on the Preservation of Social Programmes, held January 19-21, 1996 in Montréal, Québec. The conference was co-sponsored by the Montréal-based **Comité des sans-emploi** and the Toronto-based **Ontario Coalition Against Poverty**.

The goal of the Conference was to bring together groups in the social sector and create a common proposal to fight against the cuts in social program spending. The conference combined speakers from around the world and work sessions. The conference adopted a manifesto that outlines a plan of action as well as formalising relations among the participating groups by forming a coalition called **Front Commun**. Copies of the manifesto are available from your representative on the National Executive. In addition, the participants of the conference unanimously adopted a motion to support the Federation's February 7 Pan-Canadian Day of Action and the On to Ottawa Trek.

A co-ordinating committee was established to organise future events for the Front Commun, including a follow-up conference to be held in Toronto in the fall. The committee is comprised of representatives from the participating sectors including community groups, anti-poverty groups and labour. The student representative on the committee is Geneviève Leclerc of the Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation.

An extra day was organised after the Conference to specifically discuss education issues. Much of the discussion during the extra day was consumed with preparations for the Federation's February 7 Pan-Canadian Day of Action.

As the event was Pan-Canadian in scope, the Federation sought representatives from across the country. Representatives including members from Newfoundland and Labrador, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario and Québec were in attendance.

The Federation's participation in the conference complies with directive 95/11:154 and 95/11:155.

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d. Assessment of the February 7th Day of Action

95/11:157 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a coalition organising manual be produced for distribution to member locals for assistance in organising broad based coalitions for February 7th campaign, the On to Ottawa Trek and other future actions.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to form local coalitions which would include, but not be limited to, the following types of organisations and constituencies:

- Campus Groups,
- Campus Trade Union Locals,
- Off-Campus Trade Union Locals,
- Labour Councils,
- Women's Groups,
- Housing Advocacy Groups,
- Aboriginal Groups,
- High-School Students,
- Senior Citizens Groups
- Anti-Poverty Groups
- Cultural Communities:

95/11:159 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that materials be produced for the February 7th campaign such as: buttons, combination flyer/poster, stickers, coasters, table tents, and "non-taxable corporate dollars" which will be used to "pay-off" the governments' debts.

95/11:160 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that endorsements, monetary or in-kind support be sought from coalition partners at the local, provincial, and federal levels for the February 7th and On to Ottawa campaigns.

95/11:172 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to organise actions on February 7th, 1996.

Be it further resolved that the campaign be organised to specifically denounce the Corporate Agenda, and its influence on the establishment of government policies and budgetary priorities.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to organise actions around the theme, such as a "treasure hunt", where member locals and their coalition partners expose and/or visit the corporations in the community that receive substantial tax breaks and/or record profits.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to use the alternative federal budget as the basis of fiscal alternatives presented by them.

Québec

The Day of Action was a success in Québec, with both member locals playing an active role in the Québec event. It is estimated that between 5,000 and 7,000 participated in the Montréal-wide demonstration, which began at Concordia University, passed McGill University and concluded with a rally at the Université de Québec à Montréal.

The march was planned and promoted as a "Treasure Hunt." The route of the march was originally designed to pass the Montréal offices of companies which take advantage of the federal government's tax deferral policy, including Alcan Aluminum and Bell Canada. As well, the route was to pass some of the country's most profitable banks, including the Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank, and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

In conjunction with the Federation, the city-wide demonstration was organised by a coalition comprised of individual university and CÉGEP students' associations of which the Federation locals were a part. However, once the coalition had been assembled, its work was soon overtaken by members of the Fédération des étudiantes et étudiants universitaires du Québec and the Fédération étudiante collégiale du Québec. However, this was not enough to alter the clear and well-received message upon which the Federation's Day of Action was based.

The day's events marked the second time in two years where the Federation's call for mobilisation saw thousands of francophone and anglophone students marching together against the cuts to post-secondary education.

Québec media coverage

The media coverage in the Montréal area was very favourable to the Federation and indicates a growing Federation presence in the city of Montréal. The Federation was cited in Hour magazine, the Mirror, La Presse, and received constant coverage leading up to the demonstration from campus newspapers at McGill University and Concordia University. A very strong relationship with many news outlets has been developed in Québec as a result of the February 7th Day of Action.

Manitoba

Students from Manitoba held a "March for Billions" in the streets of Winnipeg. About 200 people participated in this event where students marched on and pointed out to the government the corporations that owed billions in unpaid taxes. The marchers also pointed out who was in dire need of these funds; i.e.- Revenue Canada, Child and Family Services, the National Film Board, etc. It was also an awareness campaign to let people know about the myths of deficit hysteria.

Ontario

As most know, four students were arrested as a result of their participation in the February 7th demonstration at Queen's Park in Toronto. The Federation launched a campaign to get the charges, which included the archaic charge of "intimidating the legislature", dropped. The Ontario office established a Legal Defence Fund to assist with the students' legal costs. Petitions were also circulated calling on the Ontario Attorney General to drop the charges. "I

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Intimidate the Legislature" buttons were produced to raise funds and awareness, and thousands were sold. At its March meeting, the National Executive voted to donate \$4,000.00 to the defence fund.

The charge of "intimidating the legislature" (which carried a maximum sentence of fourteen years in prison) was eventually dropped, but the other substantial charges still remain.

British Columbia

Events of the Day

The Day of Action was a major success in BC, with several members locals holding events such as information pickets, speak-outs, and teach-ins on campus on February 6, and participating in major demonstrations in Vancouver and Victoria on February 7. Over 7,000 people attended the Vancouver rally, and over 5,000 people attended the Victoria rally.

Events also took place in Prince George, Quesnel, Kamloops, Kelowna, Castlegar, Nelson, Cranbrook, Nanaimo, and Comox.

Present at the Vancouver rally was Glen Clark, then a candidate for the leadership of New Democratic Party in BC, and now BC Premier. It seems likely that the large number of students at the rally had a major impact with the government, and weighed heavily in the government's decision to implement a tuition fee freeze for the 1996-1997 academic year.

BC media coverage

Local media coverage of the Day of Action was quite favourable. The national media coverage, which of course focused almost exclusively on the Ontario Legislature being intimidated, certainly helped with the local media in BC, as the media saw the events in BC as being calm and moderate in comparison.

Prince Edward Island

The Day of Action was a great success in PEI. It marked the first provincial demonstration held by students in three years. The rally attendance was estimated to be in the range of 180 to 220 students at the Province House. The real highlight of the day was not the event itself but the communication networks that have since developed between the local student unions, local 1870 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, and the Action Canada Network. Local 31, the University of PEI student Union, held a number of information sessions, residence discussion groups, information pickets, and contacted local high schools in the Charlottetown area.

PEI Media coverage

Local PEI coverage was excellent, and awareness raised by the Day of Action in part helped to persuade the Ministry of Higher Education to hold a second round-table in March.

e. Status of *Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation* strike action

95/11:171 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the two day strike organised by *Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation* for spring 1996 be endorsed.

Be it further resolved that member locals and provincial components be encouraged to coordinate strikes in solidarity with those organised by *Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation*.

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to convene general assemblies to adopt strike votes in solidarity with *Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation*.

As a result of the January 25, 1995 National Day of Action, a complimentary student organisation was formed in Québec, called **le Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation (MDE)**. The MDE and the Federation have a very strong working relationship and have worked closely on issues of common concern, such as presentations to the Québec government's États Généraux. Representatives from both organisations attend each other's meetings and event planning sessions.

Since the Federation's last national general meeting, the Federation and MDE have collaborated on the Pan-Canadian Emergency Conference on the Preservation of Social Programmes, and the Federation's Pan-Canadian Day of Action on February 7, 1996. As well, the Federation supported the MDE in its series of occupations of government offices in Montréal and a rally in Québec City on Monday, March 28, 1996.

f. Review of the Alternative Federal Budget and Federal Finances

95/11:267 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that submissions be made on behalf of the Women's Constituency Group to the Women's Issues sub-committee for the 1996 Alternative Budget.

The Federation extensive involvement in the Alternative Federal Budget process this year included representation on the Women's sub-committee.

g. Status of research directives pertaining to the campaign against Federal Cuts

95/11:158 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that research be undertaken to produce a list of ten to twenty corporations who have an exceptional record of tax breaks and/or exceptional profits.

Be it further resolved that Research be undertaken on "tax expenditures" as a cause of the federal debt.

Be it further resolved that research be undertaken to produce a list of relevant politicians with the post-secondary institutions they attended and the total tuition fees they paid while in post-secondary education, the corporations they are involved with, and the profits of those corporations.

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Be it further resolved that materials be produced presenting counter-arguments to the following claims:

- cutting social programmes will reduce the debt
- tax breaks are necessary to promote business investment
- tax increases create a disincentive to business investment

Since the previous national general meeting, a number of research initiatives were undertaken to comply with the above directive.

Two lists related to this directive have been compiled. The first one lists corporations that have made a pre-tax profit of \$10 million or more, and have paid no income tax. The second shows companies with the same levels of profit, but have paid very little taxes.

Research on tax expenditures as a cause of the debt has also been undertaken, and is now available. Also available is a list of federal politicians and the amount they paid in tuition fees for their post-secondary education. Unfortunately, it was not possible to produce a complete list of corporations that these individuals are involved with.

Material on arguments around the issues of cutting social programmes, tax breaks, and tax increases has also been produced, in compliance with the above directives.

h. Review of Participation in Standing Committee on Finance Pre-Budget Consultation

The Federation was one of the twelve organisations present at this roundtable on post-secondary education and research, organised by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance. The presentation took place the night Paul Martin made its submission to the committee.

Other organisations invited included:

Association of Community College of Canada (Terry Anne Boyles)
Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (Sally Brown)
Canadian Association of University Teachers (Don Savage)
Council of Research Managers of Canada (Henri Rothschild)
Canadian Teachers' Federation (Harvey Weiner)
Corporate Higher Education Forum
Canadian School Boards Federation (Marie Pierce)

Interestingly enough, neither the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations (CASA) nor the Canadian Graduate Council (CGC) were present at the roundtable.

The members of the committee present were:

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| Jim Peterson, Chair | Willowdale | Ontario | Liberal |
| Brent St. Denis | Algoma | Ontario | Liberal |
| Gary Politari | Niagara Falls | Ontario | Liberal |

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| Dianne Brushett | Cumberland-Colchester | Nova Scotia | Liberal |
| Pierre Brien | Temiscamingue | Québec | Bloc Québécois |
| Monte Solberg | Medicine Hat | Alberta | Reform |
| Leon Benoit | Vegreville | Alberta | Reform |
| Herb Grubel | Capilano-Howe Sound | BC | Reform |

The Federation was surely the focal point of the roundtable as four members of the committee directed their questions to the Fédération, and Federation representatives replied to most of the questions directed to other organisations as well.

i. Review of the On-to-Ottawa Trek mobilisation

95/11:161 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a list of demands be negotiated with coalitions participating in the On to Ottawa Trek which would include, but not be limited to the following:

- the scrapping of Bill C-76 and the restoration of funding to social programmes;
- the adoption of a federal "post-secondary education act" which would include: a commitment to a fully accessible high quality publicly funded education system, the abolition of tuition/user fees and the implementation of a national grants system;
- the adoption of a progressive taxation system that targets wealthy Canadians, financial transactions and corporations.

The demands agreed upon at the previous national general meeting were incorporated into many of the materials produced for the Trek. Media, member locals and coalition partners were also informed of the demands.

The process of developing and finalising the Alternative Federal Budget (AFB) involved extensive work by many of the Federation's coalition partners. After considering the length of time and effort put into the Alternative Budget, it was felt that instead of drafting up a new list of demands, the principles and objectives listed in the AFB would be used as the basis of our demands.

95/11:162 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a record of names of supporters who cannot attend the On to Ottawa Trek be organised.

Trekkers and member locals were encouraged to gather resumes, member local banners, Trek petitions and postcards and signed banners from individuals unable to attend the Trek.

95/11:163 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that member locals and provincial components be encouraged to organise demonstrations and other events in support of the On to Ottawa Trek.

Be it further resolved that in those cities that are provincial capitals, member locals and provincial components be encouraged to organise events at the Provincial Legislatures.

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The following activities were held:

- British Columbia held a send-off rally May 4 for trekkers.
- Alberta planned a rally at the train station for May 5. Unfortunately it did not occur due to problems with the B.C. bus.
- Saskatchewan held a press conference and barbecue/pub May 6 to greet trekkers. B.C. was unable to attend; however, Alberta trekkers were present.
- Manitoba hosted a community event May 7 for trekkers from B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan.
- Local 82, Algoma University Students' Association, in conjunction with local community and labour groups, organised a rally for May 8. Due to vehicle problems with the B.C. bus, the trekkers were delayed and the event was cancelled. A press release was issued, welcoming the trekkers passing through Sault Ste. Marie, and thanking coalition partners for their support.
- Local 30, Laurentian Students' General Association, organised a barbecue and pub May 8. Unfortunately, the delay prevented the trekkers from participating in this event as well.

95/11:164 DIRECTIVE

~~Be it resolved that member locals and provincial components be encouraged to set up On to Ottawa Organising Committees that include non-member locals and other coalition groups to organise the On to Ottawa Trek.~~

Be it further resolved that in those cities that are provincial capitals, member locals and provincial components be encouraged to organise events at the Provincial Legislatures.

National Executive Representatives, member locals and provincial components were encouraged to establish committees in a memo sent out with organising tips for the Trek. Contact names from various coalition groups were also sent to National Executive Representatives for call-arounds.

95/11:165 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that member locals and provincial components be encouraged to provide food and shelter to participants in the On to Ottawa Trek.

During a number of stops en route to Ottawa accommodation and food arrangements were made by the components. Saskatchewan and Ontario provided both food and accommodation to trekkers.

95/11:166 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that member locals and provincial components be encouraged to provide peace-keepers to promote and maintain non-violent action.

The Ottawa Trek organising committee and National Executive Representatives gathered names of people interested in being peacekeepers. Marshalling training was provided by Stop the Cuts Coalition in Ottawa on May 9.

95/11:167 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that safety packages be made available to member locals participating in the On to Ottawa Trek to include information on activist rights and responsibilities, civil disobedience tips and protocol and organisational strategies for various forms of non-violent protest.

95/11:168 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that only forms of non-violent protest be supported and encouraged.

National Executive members took the responsibility of ensuring that members and other trekkers knew of this directive and encouraged only non-violent forms of protest.

95/11:169 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that negotiations be undertaken with the Canadian Union of Public Employees sub-local 1281 to hire a campaigns coordinator for the purpose of national coordination of the On to Ottawa Trek.

Be it further resolved that negotiations be undertaken with the national offices of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Canadian Autoworkers, the Canadian Labour Congress and other Labour Organisations to request assistance in organising the On to Ottawa Trek.

Upon successful negotiations with the Union, the position of National Co-ordinator was created, and Lucy Watson, former Ontario Representative on the National Executive and long time student activist, was hired for the position.

95/11:173 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the On To Ottawa Trek be launched on May 1, 1996 culminating in a series of organised events to take place upon arrival of participants in Ottawa.

Ontario, Saskatchewan, Newfoundland, and Manitoba released press releases on May 1 to announce the launch of the Trek.

The National office issued a press advisory the evening of Monday, April 29, advising the national media of the national press conference to launch the Trek. The conference was held Wednesday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the national headquarters of the Public Service Alliance of Canada. This was also the same day and time that Sheila Copps resigned, so unfortunately, only two journalists attended—one from *Youth Today*, a local newspaper aimed at high school students and one from Canadian University Press. Coalition partner representatives participating in the press conference were: Francois Dumaine, National Anti-Poverty

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Organisation; Mike McBane, Canadian Health Coalition; Sue Genge, National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Events scheduled for the arrival of the trekkers included a panel forum May 9th with representatives from sectors affected by the cuts, a presentation by Linda McQuaig and a panel discussion with Aboriginal representatives on May 10th. During the daytime of the 9th and 10th the trekkers promoted the May 11th event around the city of Ottawa.

95/11:181 DIRECTIVE (as amended)

Be it resolved that an investigation be undertaken to secure free passage to Ottawa on various collective modes of transportation with priority on train travel; and

Be it further resolved that options for accessible travel be made available to persons with limited mobility at a cost no greater than that made available to able-bodied persons.

The Federation's representatives on the Travel Cuts board initiated an investigation into free transportation. Unfortunately, it was not found to be possible. Provincial components made arrangements to ensure that transportation was accessible.

Preliminary inquiries into the possibility of flight points being donated to trekkers (a request from the graduate caucus) were also unsuccessful.

95/11:182 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the On to Ottawa timeline be set according to train/bus schedules of St. John's, Vancouver, and University of Windsor Students' Administrative Council to Ottawa and other aspects of timing be coordinated with these departure and arrival times.

The train schedule was a major factor in establishing the timelines of the Trek. However the change to vans and buses altered the dates and times of provincial activities.

95/11:185 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the organised events in Ottawa include coordinated occupations of government offices, a demonstration on Parliament Hill, entertainment, and other forms of peaceful, non-violent protest.

The demonstration on Parliament Hill was held May 11 at 2:30 p.m. A native drum group opened the event and the speakers included Brad Lavigne, incoming National Chairperson, Ovide Mercredi and Jim Sinclair, Sunera Thobani, President of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, Kathleen Connors, President of the National Federation of Nurses Unions. Entertainment was provided a Cuban music group, Sabo Tabby, a local band from Ottawa, and the Dope Poets' Society, a local rap band from Toronto.

95/11:189 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that provincial components and member locals be encouraged to organise occupation teams;

Be it further resolved that information be provided to team members for the organising of safety awareness/civil disobedience workshops.

Due to the amount of detailed information and training required for successful civil disobedience action, the National Trek Co-ordinator gathered information and contact names for provinces who wished to arrange training. Member locals and National Executive Representatives were informed of this.

General Report

Introduction

The On to Ottawa Trek was a success for a number of reasons. The Trek proved to be both an educational and promotional campaign. It raised issues in a public forum for an extended period of time and it increased the profile of the Federation dramatically in the general public's eye, by addressing issues that have a major impact upon people's lives. The Federation's event has once again proven that the actions and campaigns the Federation initiates appeal to a broad sector of groups and individuals.

Coalition work

Coalition partners responded with enthusiasm to the Trek. Support was provided in a variety of ways (ie. financial donations, endorsements, mailings membership, in kind support, assistance with accommodation and food for trekkers etc.) Mandy Rocks and Marcella Munro, staff members at Action Canada Network, were invaluable in providing links with coalition partners, helping develop new relations between the Federation and social justice groups, and offering organisational assistance. The extensive endorsement list (See Appendix B) reflects the ongoing work done to contact coalition partners and introduce the Trek and the Federation's ongoing campaign against the cuts to social programs to others.

Although there was confusion initially regarding the Trek and the Women's March Against Poverty, the problems were quickly resolved. The Federation, the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, and the Canadian Labour Congress issued a joint letter of support and expressed support for the events through mailings, interviews etc. As the months progressed it became apparent that the Trek was the event which « kicked off » a number of demonstrations and similar actions across Canada.

Coalition partners were also excited at the prospect of developing and maintaining links with the Federation, at not only the national level, but provincially and locally as well. As the cuts continue, social justice groups are recognising the need for support from all sectors.

Communication

The majority of the materials for the Trek were produced in the national office, and very well-received by member locals, non- members, coalition partners and local communities. The following is a break down of the materials produced:

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- 50,000 stickers
- 10,000 English/2 000 French posters
- 50,000 bilingual flyers (inserted into ticket jackets at Travel Cuts offices)
- 10,500 English/1,500 French postcards
- bilingual pamphlets (a series of 4, detailing the demands of the Trek and 1 bookmark listing the general demands)
- bilingual bookmarks for highschool students
- bilingual posters for local and national distribution advertising the event and listing endorsements
- 1 000 bilingual « Stop the Cuts » balloons
- bilingual « Trekkers Guide »
- bilingual press kits

Advertisements for the May 11 demonstration were placed in four alternative newspapers--*Voir* (Montreal), *Mirror* (Montreal), *Now* (Toronto), *Ottawa Xpress*. The Trek ad also appeared in the May 7 edition of *Youth Today*, a local newspaper aimed at high school students. These papers were chosen after considering reasonable travelling distances to Ottawa for May 11.

Trek information was distributed widely in Ontario and Quebec in an attempt to attract people to the May 11 demonstration. The following is a sample of places information was distributed:

- the Hamilton and Kitchener-Waterloo Days of Action (February and April)
- the National Convention of the Canadian Union of Public Employees
- the Ontario Federation of Labour fightback workshops
- national and local mailings to coalition members
- PIRG listserver
- Ontario Fax-Left
- media outlets in the Ottawa region received press kits

j. Review of Chilly Climate Campaign

95/11:196 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a poster campaign on the Chilly Climate in Universities, to be paid for from the caucus (National Graduate Caucus) budget, be developed for caucus members, for January, 1996.

95/11:264 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Women's Constituency group develop and implement a campaign targeted at exposing the Chilly Climate at post-secondary institutions for the winter semester of 1996;

Be it further resolved that this campaign be funded through the Women's Constituency budget for 1995-96.

95/11:266 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive Women's Representative be directed to send letters of support to those campuses dealing with publicised Chilly Climate issues; and

Be it further resolved that member-locals be encouraged to send letters of support to the Women's Centres on those campuses.

Poster on Chilly Climate were produced on behalf of both the National Graduate Council and the Women's Constituency Group. They were distributed to all members locals in February and March.

k. Review of Systemic Discrimination Campaign

95/05:TBA Directive

Be it resolved that an educational campaign, to address systemic oppression with Canadian universities and colleges and institutions be undertaken; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign deal with overcoming systemic oppression; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign material address the issue of backlash; and

Be it further resolved that the campaign recognise and respects all inherent aboriginal rights and freedoms.

95/11:170 Directive

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to forward issues on the systemic oppression campaign to the Ottawa office.

Because of the scope of these directives, it is recommended that they go back to the campaign committee for more clarification and direction.

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Constituency Group Issues

A. REVIEW OF ABORIGINAL STUDENTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP ISSUES

95/11:218 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Aboriginal Students National Executive Representative be directed to develop a draft constitution for the Canadian Federation of Aboriginal Students;

Be it further resolved that this constitution be ready for discussion before the May 1996 National General meeting.

a. Review of Aboriginal Students' "Get Involved" Campaign

b. Review of Issues Pertaining to the Mathias Colomb Band

95/11:220 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students allocate \$1000.00 to purchase winter clothing and blankets for the children of the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation at Pukatawagan and cover the cost of delivery.

Be it further resolved that the Aboriginal Students National Executive Representative be directed to purchase such items and ensure delivery.

B. REVIEW OF WOMEN'S CONSTITUENCY GROUP ISSUES

a. Review of Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign

95/11:265 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a sample poster condemning sexual assault be produced and sent to member-locals for duplication and distribution for the winter semester of 1996.

The work to fulfil this directive has yet to be undertaken.

b. Review of Liaising with the Centre For Campus Organising

95/11:268 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Women's Commissioner be directed to send a written response on behalf of the Federation to the Centre For Campus Organising indicating an interest in working together in the future.

A letter from the National Women's Commissioner was sent by-email, and other ongoing communication with the Centre indicating an interest in working together was made.

c. Review of Choice Issues

95/11:269 DIRECTIVE

... be it resolved that the shooting of Dr. Hugh Short be condemned in the strongest possible terms; and

Be it further resolved that letters be sent urging federal and provincial governments to investigate the shootings as abortion related hate motivated crimes and to commit to maintaining and promoting full access to reproductive services for women; and

Be it further resolved all member locals be actively encouraged to take similar action.

C. REVIEW OF STUDENTS OF COLOUR CONSTITUENCY GROUP ISSUES

a. Review of Opposition to Federal Government Head Tax on Immigrants

95/05/TBA Directive

Be it resolved that the imposition of the federal government's head tax on immigrants be opposed.

In regards this directive, the Federation supported a campaign run by the Toronto Coalition Against Racism and the National Action Committee on the Status of Women opposing the head tax. The campaign was run in late fall of 1995.

b. Review of Opposition to Racism of the Reform Party and of Mainstream Media

95/05/TBA Directive

Be it resolved that the Reform Party and its politics of fear mongering within the Canadian society be condemned;

Be it further resolved that the racist agenda of Canadian mainstream media, which perpetuates the myths that are put forward by the propaganda machine of the Reform Party be condemned.

95/05/TBA Directive

Be it resolved that the concentration of media ownership in the hands of a few large media corporations be opposed.

c. Review of Opposition to Federal Government Creating Business Opportunities with Countries having Poor Record on Human Rights

95/05/TBA Directive

Be it resolved that the fight for freedom, democracy and social justice in countries with a poor human rights record be supported; and

Be it further resolved that new federal initiatives for creating more business opportunities between Canada and such countries be opposed.

The National Executive recommends that the above four motions be re-served as notices to amend policy at this national general meeting.

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d. Review of Campaign to get Students of Colour Involved with the Federation through their Students' Unions

95/11:200 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the following motion be presented to the provincial components to be voted on at their next respective component meeting;

Be it resolved that member locals create and/or support groups on campus for students of colour;

Be it further resolved that Provincial Chairpersons and/or Provincial representatives on the National Executive work with member locals on this development;

Be it further resolved that Provincial components be encouraged to ensure that, where possible, at least 15% of the representation from their respective provinces at national general meetings be comprised of students of colour. In situations where 15% is numerically unfeasible, it is suggested that the minimum number of delegates should be two; and

Be it further resolved that a progress report be submitted to the membership at the May General Meeting in 1996.

To date 95/11:126 has been discussed and passed in Ontario, but has yet to be dealt with by the other provinces. While this proposal is not feasible in every province it is hoped that the idea can at least be discussed.

95/05:TBA Directive

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to facilitate increased participation by Students of Colour in student politics through but not limited to the following measures:

- a) creating a seat on the boards, councils and executive committee;
- b) facilitating the formation of Student of Colour Collective
- c) facilitating a speaker series that would address the issues of Students of Colour
- d) facilitating coalition building between Students of Colour on member local campus and Student of Colour groups on other campuses; and
- e) facilitating contact between Students of Colour groups on member locals and Students of Colour groups on other campuses.

Be it further resolved that the provincial components be encouraged to amend their by-laws and constitutions to include a Student of Colour on their component's executive body; and,

Be it resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to bring Students of colour as part of their delegation to general meetings of the Federation, both provincial and nationally.

95/05:TBA Directive

Be it resolved that member locals be strongly encouraged to support and facilitate the development of organisations and collectives dealing with issues of Women of Colour through but not limited to the following measures:

- a) creating a seat on the boards, councils and executive committee for Women of Colour;
- b) facilitating the formation of Student of Colour Collectives
- c) facilitating a speaker series that would address the issues of Women of Colour
- d) facilitating coalition building between Women of Colour on member local campus and other such groups in the community.
- e) facilitating contact between Students of Colour groups on member locals and Students of Colour groups on other campuses.

Be it further resolved that the Federation encourage provincial components to amend their by-laws and constitutions to include a Women of Colour on their component's executive committee; and,

Be it resolved that the Federation encourage member locals to bring Women of Colour as part of their delegation to general meetings of the Federation, both provincial and nationally.

Both directives are suggestions to member locals. In addition, the vague wording has made it unclear as to how to proceed with the them. It is recommended that the first two recommendations of each directive be directed to member locals to fulfil. Member locals should investigate the feasibility of accomplishing this at their local level, and report back on the results. Provincial components should also examine the issue, as per the directive.

The facilitation of the speaker's series could be done through what ever form the revised the Federation' speaker's bureau takes in the up-coming years.

The facilitation of contact can be done by expanding the section of Student of Colour organisations in the Federation's Student Association Directory.

The final part of the directive is regularly done prior to national general meetings through letters encouraging delegations to include students of colour.

e. Review of Academic Freedom Issues

95/11:199 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Canadian Federation of Students denounce Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship and it members for its reactionary and oppressive views;

Be it further resolved that the Federation under take research which can be used to develop a concise and definitive definition of academic freedom.

The first part of motion should be resubmitted for consideration as policy statement. The wording should read:

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Be it resolved that the Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship and its members be opposed because of its reactionary and oppressive views.

D. REVIEW OF STUDENT ARTISTS CONSTITUENCY GROUP ISSUES

a. Review of Condemnation of Nigerian Human Rights Activist Execution

A letter was sent in early May to the Minister of External Affairs, Lloyd Axworthy, condemning the execution and calling on the federal government to take action against Human Rights violations in Nigeria and other countries.

b. Review of Student Artist Information Survey

95/11:132 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a file of materials of interest to Student Artists and a schedule of activities of Student Artist groups be compiled;

Be it further resolved that an information survey be distributed to all member locals in order to compile this information; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to submit such information upon request.

This directive was not carried out.

E. REVIEW OF LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL STUDENTS' CONSTITUENCY GROUP ISSUES

a. Review of "Day without Hate" Campaign

95/11:141 DIRECTIVE

Local 08/Local 71

Be it resolved that following campaign be undertaken as part of the anti-systemic oppression campaign:

- "Day without Hate" for March 13.

95/11:139 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that member locals be actively encouraged to develop and participate in a "Day without Hate" campaign on March 13, 1996; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to work in solidarity with, but not limited to, the following groups:

- Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Collectives;
- Women's Groups;
- Aboriginal Groups;
- Students with Disabilities; and
- Multi-Cultural Groups

This campaign, initiated two years ago by the University of Winnipeg's (Local 8) Jewish Students' Association and Local 8 itself, was organised on a national level with moderate success. It received some media coverage and generated student interest in positive confrontation of hate on campuses on and off. A number of universities and colleges participated in the campaign. Day without Hate is a campaign that could easily prove very fruitful if further developed in the future, especially alongside the campaign on systemic oppression.

b. Review of Red Cross Donor Petition Campaign

95/11:140 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a letter be written to the Red Cross Society outlining the Federation's condemnation of the Red Cross Blood Donor Information Questionnaire as per policy 94/05:132; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be actively encouraged to actively circulate and sign the following petition:

We the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group of the Canadian Federation of Students affirm the role played by the Red Cross in Canadian Health.

However, we strongly object to and are angered by the blatantly homophobic assumptions in the Donor Health Assessment Questionnaire, especially question 13 which suggests that HIV is transmitted exclusively through male homosexual practices.

As an alternative we suggest that the wording of your questionnaire be changed to address the reality of HIV transmission as based in sexual practice rather than sexual orientation.

We are as concerned as the Red Cross in ensuring the safety of blood products. We support a Red Cross that is helpful not hateful.

We the undersigned demand that the Canadian Red Cross Society change its donor health assessment questionnaire, specifically question 13, to reflect the fact that HIV transmission is based in sexual practice rather than sexual orientation.

SIGNATURE _____ NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

While this campaign was not organised on a national level, some efforts received attention at Local 8.

c. Review of Watkins International Letter Writing Campaign

95/11:143 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a letter writing campaign be undertaken, targeting Watkins International and in particular "Ms. Wells" a local sales representative, in order to

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educate and inform the company that HIV infection does not necessarily related to non-heterosexual communities.

This campaign was not actively pursued apart from the letters that may have been written at the time of the November National General Meeting.

d. Review Distribution of Organizing Materials for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students

95/11:142 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the following materials be compiled and distributed to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual student organisations:

- information kit for starting and maintaining Queer Collectives
- a directory of existing Queer Collectives, or other Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual student organisations
- a list of companies which have demonstrated homophobic practices.

Be it further resolved that this outreach campaign be coordinated in conjunction with the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students' Co-commissioners.

No substantial work has been done on this project yet.

F. REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ISSUES

95/11:262 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that research be undertaken on the effects of differential tuition fees for International Students in light of the Federation's policy supporting the abolition of tuition fees; and

Be it further resolved that the research be presented to the May 1996 National General Meeting.

A document entitled Tuition fees for home students and foreign students in countries other than Canada has been produced and is now available.

Review of Coalition Work

a. Action Canada Network

General overview

The Action Canada Network is a coalition of national organisations and regional coalitions. Its member organisations represent a wide range of sectors, including students, women, low-income people, labour, and others. In addition to the Federation, member organisations include the Canadian Labour Congress, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the National Anti-Poverty Organisation, the Council of Canadians, the National Action Committee of the Status of Women, the Assembly of First Nations, and several others.

Membership

The membership of the Network remains relatively stable. What varies from time to time is the active involvement of some organisations, depending on respective resources and general commitment to coalition work. No significant issues around membership have arisen since the previous national general meeting.

Campaigns

Once again this year, the Network played a major role in the promotion and media work around the Alternative Federal Budget. The National Office of the Network assisted in the co-ordination the various media events around the Budget, and played the key role in co-ordinating the coalition work around the process.

One of the major campaigns of the Action Canada Network since the Federation's previous national general meeting was the National Programmes, National Standards campaign during the month of March. The campaign was one month long, and had several components to it. These included lobbying sessions with local federal politicians, fax-outs, and local and regional actions. The last week of the campaign consisted of an Ottawa based week long fast by Guy Caron and Jean Swanson, President of the National Anti-Poverty Organisation. One day, and some week-long. Solidarity fasts were held by individuals from across the country. The campaign's main purpose was to denounce the Canada Health and Social Transfer and highlight its effects.

b. Coalition for Post-Secondary Education

The Coalition's work in the last few months has concentrated mainly on the effect of Canada Health and Social Transfer. It also produced material around the federal budget, and for the first time since its inception, had a representative on the Hill on Budget Day.

The Coalition is also embarking on a campaign that will highlight the effects of cutbacks to post-secondary education.

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Review of Communications Work

a. Annual Report

Federation policy states that:

an Annual Report outlining the work and finances of the Federation will be produced following each fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). This report shall be distributed to each of the members of the boards of directors of member local student associations no later than April 1 of each year. A current copy of this report shall also be distributed to each delegate at Federation General Meetings.

Unfortunately, due to the amount of resources put into the organising for the Federation's February 7th Day of Action and for the On to Ottawa Trek, and also due to the leave of the Communications Co-ordinator, the production of the Federation's Annual Report was put on hold. It has been decided to make it a priority for the summer, hopefully coinciding with the Federation's 15th anniversary National General Meeting this fall, and with the presentation of a new logo.

b. Federation's Logo

95/11:306 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that proposals for a new logo be developed and presented at the May 1996 national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that suggestions from member locals for design ideas be sought before outside sources are used.

A membership advisory was sent out at the beginning of April with the first National General Meeting mail-out, soliciting content and design ideas for a new logo. To date, there have been no responses to this call for submissions. Again, it is much more feasible to devote time to soliciting ideas, contacting graphic designers if necessary, and developing a final design in time for the fall national general meeting.

c. Federation's List Serve

95/11:310 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a Federation list serve be developed to facilitate discussion on campaigns and coalition building among member locals.

It will also be possible to run the listservers off the Federation's world-wide-web site, once the national office has established itself with a service provider. Currently, several different service providers are being investigated.

d. Communication with Aboriginal Students

95/11:219 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Aboriginal Students National Executive Representative be directed to report to the provincial aboriginal representatives and the Aboriginal Students Commissioner on a biweekly basis.

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Review of membership recruitment and membership drives

MEMBERSHIP DRIVES

Prospective membership

In March 1995, the Federation and the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Students entered into an agreement that would transform the provincial organisation into the provincial structure of the Federation. The agreement outlined mechanisms by which this organisational vision, established in 1981, would be realised.

As part of that agreement, prospective membership for member associations of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Students would be extended until the local association had held a full membership vote, or until December 31, 1998, whichever came first.

At the May 1995 National General Meeting, the **Westviking College Students' Association** applied for and was extended prospective membership. Its prospective membership lapses at the close of this national general meeting and keeping with the spirit of the agreement, the National Executive is recommending that prospective membership for this local association be extended in accordance with Bylaw I, 2 b ix).

At the November 1995 National General Meeting, the **Eastern College Students' Association** applied for and was extended prospective membership. Work is ongoing to ensure that the remaining local student unions (Cabot College Students' Association, Labrador College Students' Association, and Grace Hospital College Students' Association) hold their votes on application for prospective membership in the near future.

Full membership drives

On March 27 and 28, 1996, the membership of the **College of the Rockies Students' Association** held a vote to apply for full membership in the Federation. The application vote was supported by 97.4 % of those who participated. Of the 306 who cast ballots, 298 voted in favour, while only 8, or 2.6%, were opposed.

The College of the Rockies Students' Association, formally the East Kootenay College Students' Association, satisfies the criteria for full membership and therefore the National Executive recommends that their application be accepted, as per Bylaw I, Section 4 b.

The local association is the 86th to apply for full membership in the Federation, and, upon ratification, shall be designated as "Local 86 Canadian Federation of Students."

Between March 4 and April 4, 1996, the **University of British Columbia Graduate Students' Society** held a referendum on full membership by mail-out ballot. Out of the 703 students who participated, 310, or 44.1% voted in favour of applying for full membership, while 393, or 65.0% voted opposed. In total, 89 ballots were spoiled.

However, both the Society's local executive and the National Executive are concerned that members enrolled in the Department of Education were not delivered ballots and therefore could not vote, a violation of the Society's bylaws. Upon recognition of their exclusion, students in the Department filed a complaint with the Society. The investigation into the matter is being undertaken.

On Wednesday, April 17, 1996, the members of the **Central Newfoundland Regional College Students' Association** voted overwhelmingly in favour of applying for full membership in the Federation. Of 511 who participated in the vote, 502, or 98.2%, voted in favour of applying for full membership, while 9, or 1.8%, were opposed.

Central Newfoundland Regional College Students' Association satisfies the Federation's criteria for full membership, and therefore the National Executive recommends that their application be accepted. Upon ratification, the association will be designated as "Local 87 Canadian Federation of Students".

Votes to reaffirm membership

The membership of **Local 24-Ryerson Students' Administrative Council** (formerly known as the Ryerson Students' Union) held a membership reaffirmation vote on January 31 and February 1, 1996. The membership at Ryerson overwhelmingly voted in favour of maintaining their membership in the Federation.

On March 5 and 6, 1996, the membership of **Local 51-l'Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Centre universitaire de Saint-Louis Maillet** held a membership reaffirmation vote. 320 students voted; 109, or 35% voted to maintain membership, while 199 or 65% voted opposed.

As the rules governing de-federation referenda as laid out in the Federation's bylaws were complied with, the National Executive recommends that the local association's membership be de-ratified.

As a member of the Ontario Federation of Students, the provincial structure that existed in Ontario prior its transformation into the Ontario Component, the **Mohawk College Students' Administrative Council** had not met the deadline by which it was to have held a vote on full membership in the Canadian Federation of Students. By a recommendation of the courts, it was agreed by both the local association and the Federation, that a referendum be held. The dates of the referendum were March 4 and 5, 1996.

Although the results were negative, the National Executive is very suspect of the results. Scrutineers present during voting found significant disparity between the amount of students they witnessed voting and the amount published by the Chief Returning Officer.

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On March 11 and 12, 1996, **Local 80-Mount Royal College Students' Association** held a vote on continued membership. The majority voted in favour of discontinuing membership in the Federation.

As the Federation by-laws governing referenda were complied with, the National Executive is recommending that the Mount Royal College Students' Association' membership be de-ratified.

On March 12 and 13, 1996, the members at **Local 34-Mount St. Vincent Students' Union** voted overwhelmingly in favour of retaining membership in the Federation. 73% of the 471 members who voted, or 279, voted in favour of continued membership, while 27%, or 103 students, voted opposed. 87 votes were cast as abstentions, and 2 were deemed spoiled.

On March 27, 1996, the members of **Local 77-l'Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l'Université de Moncton à Shippagan**, held a vote on continued membership. 55 students voted in total, 9, or 16% in favour, and 46, or 84%, opposed. Two ballots were spoiled.

The rules governing referenda in accordance with Federation bylaws were followed, and therefore the National Executive is recommending that the local association's membership be de-ratified.

General Comments and Observations

The current state of membership is relatively stable, and strong potential exists for continued membership expansion. However, there have been a number of member associations who have voted, both in accordance and in violation of Federation bylaws, to withdraw from the Federation in the past few years.

Particular concern exists with the wholesale withdrawal of student associations in the province of New Brunswick. With the recent de-federation vote of l'Association générale des étudiantes et étudiants du Centre universitaire de Saint-Louis Maillet and l'Association des étudiantes et étudiants de l'Université de Moncton à Shippagan, there are no active members of the Federation in the province. The current situation returns the participation of New Brunswick students in the national student movement to its historic level.

Within the context of the student movement and the Federation, local students' associations in New Brunswick were only active for a short period of time. Prior to the handful of New Brunswick students' associations joining the Federation in the late 1980's, no local association from the province had been active at the national level, nor had any been involved in the Federation's predecessor organisations, the National Union of Students or the Canadian Union of Students prior to that. No local association from the province of New Brunswick was present at the Federation's founding meetings in the late 1970's and the early 1980's.

It is regrettable that the Federation will not benefit from the participation of New Brunswick student unions in the next few years, but on a positive note, the loss of members from the province will be compensated somewhat with the new member locals joining the Federation. The political loss of not having members in a particular province is an issue that the Federation has dealt with throughout its history. Since its inception, the Federation was without members from Newfoundland and Labrador or Prince Edward Island until the mid-1980's, in Québec until 1993, or in the Territories until 1995.

In spite of some locals de-federating, membership appears stable and potential exists for expansion. Since 1990, 33 student unions have either joined as full members, or have voted to reaffirm their membership, while 13 have de-federated. Currently, four student unions hold prospective membership status. Potential for membership expansion is strong in Newfoundland and Labrador, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Québec and in the Territories.

Other

On January 23-26, the membership at **Local 31-University Of Prince Edward Island Student Union** voted on continued membership in the Federation. Out of 352 members who voted, 91, or 26% voted in favour of continued membership, while 261, or 74% voted opposed.

However, due to irregularities in the voting process, the Council of local student union voted to overturn the results. Irregularities included incomplete voter lists, and lists which had been marked from previous votes had been used. Therefore, it is unknown how many members were not permitted to vote, nor if any, voted more than one.

The National Executive therefore does not recognise the results of this referendum.

On February 2, 1995, the members of **Local 64-Acadia Student Union** held to reaffirm membership in the Federation. Over 65% of the participants voted in favour of maintaining membership. In blatant violation of Bylaw I, 6-g, the Union held another referendum on continued membership on February 1, 1996.

The referendum was invalid due to its contravention of the Federation's by-laws, which do not allow more than one membership referenda within a two year period. Union representatives verbally confirmed with Federation representatives that intentionally led the National Executive and other Federation members to believe that the referendum had been cancelled, the latter only learning that it was proceeding a few days before the proposed voting dates.

The National Executive does not recognise this referendum.

On March 26 and 27, 1996, **Local 10-University of Lethbridge Student Union** held a vote on continued membership in the Federation. Substantial evidence has been brought to the attention of the National Executive of blatant violations of Bylaw I, 6-e, and therefore, it does not recognise the results of the referendum.

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MEMBERSHIP, FEE AND COMPONENT AGREEMENTS

Ontario Component Agreement

A draft agreement between the Federation and its Ontario component has been produced. It has been adopted provincially, as well as in principle by the National Executive. After a review from the Federation's legal advisors, it will be signed. One highlight of the Agreement is the clause allowing non-congruent members of the Federation (i.e., those who are provincial members only) until July 15th, 1997 to become full members.

Review of Federation Programmes

a. Canadian Programming Service

95/11:293 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the Canadian Programming Service be discontinued;

Be it further resolved that an investigation be undertaken on how to develop a speakers data base which would include but not be limited to:

- a listing of speakers and topics of expertise,
- costs of speakers,
- an update on the location (local and regional) where they are booked, and
- a list coalition partners from which speakers can be drawn;

Be it further resolved that the listing of speakers that have presently been booked for this year be included in the list;

Be it further resolved that the criteria for the types of speakers be the Federation's Policy Manual, the Declaration of Student Rights, and the preamble to the Federation's bylaws; and

Be it further resolved that the list shall be publicised through the Federation's eventual home page on World Wide Web.

95/11:303 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the possibility of working with the Council of Canadians on creating a speaker's bureau to bring information on alternatives to the current budget cutting measures to high school and post-secondary campuses be investigated.

As was reported at the November 1995 National General Meeting, the Canadian Programming Services had been put on hiatus by the National Executive. The Canadian Programming Service was developed fifteen years ago in attempt to encourage alternative programming on local campuses, meaning anything other than a band, debates, lectures, forums, etc. The Federation felt that it was important to initiate debate and discussion among students on issues that were relevant to their community. In many ways meeting these goals was accomplished.

The problem was as the program grew the accessibility of our speakers to our member locals grew less and less. The National Executive is committed to upholding the principles on which the programming service was based, while learning from the past to ensure that the speakers are financially accessible to our members and relevant to our students on campus.

Regarding the above directives, to date very little has been done in terms of developing this data base. In preparing for February 7, referenda and the On to Ottawa Trek, time simply did not permit much work to be done in this area.

The National Executive is currently in negotiations with Local 1281 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees on reallocating staff resources to take on this portfolio. It is anticipated that

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this summer will be spent setting this plan in motion. Contact has been made with the Council of Canadians about co-ordinating efforts in constructing this new speakers bureau and they have given a favourable initial response. It was also pointed out that there are a number of other groups which could provide insight on this project, through the Action Canada Network for example.

b. Federation's Home Page - World Wide Web

95/11:296 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the establishment of a World Wide Web home page be considered a priority and that the necessary resources be allocated to implement the directive.

Currently, the Federation's permanent address, or domain name, for our world wide web site is in the process of being registered by the company which will be housing our site. The name being registered is « www.cfs-fcee.ca ». This should be usable by the third week of May. This will allow the opportunity to start building a permanent site (to date, the site has not developed as quickly as was hoped because the consultant hired had no more space for the Federation's files on his own server site). The site will include two e-mail addresses (more can be added) -- one for the at-large officers and one generally addressed to the national office.

95/11:297 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that CFS Net be discontinued.

This directive was completed.

c. National Student Health Network

95/11:295 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the negotiations be initiated with Canadian Actuarial and Consulting Group Incorporated to create a health and dental plan with a uniform base of benefits, upon which all individual plans of the National Student Health Network will be based; and

Be it further resolved that a report on the progress of the revisions of the plan be presented to the May 1996 national general meeting.

95/05:TBA DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that negotiations be initiated with the Canadian Actuarial and Consulting group Inc. to create a health and dental plan with a uniform base of benefits, upon which all individual plans of the National Student Network will be based; and

Be it further resolved that a report on the progress of the revisions be presented to the May 1996 National general Meeting.

Plan Design

In December of 1995 a committee met to design the new and improved Health and Dental Plans. See Appendix C for a copy of the revised plan. An attempt was made to include a representative from each of the member locals that were on the plan at the time, Local 79 (McGill Post-Graduate Students' Society), Local 7 (Students' Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design), and Local 44 (University of Victoria Students' Society). Unfortunately no one was able to come from Local 44. The following was the committee composition.

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| Stephen Targett | Local 79 Representative |
| Tasha Bollerup | Local 7 Representative |
| Renée Shilling | Aboriginal Students' National Executive Representative |
| Cass Koenen | National Treasurer |
| Todd Buttenham | Federation Staff (National Student Health Network Administrator) |
| Tim Holock | Canadian Actuarial and Consulting Group Inc. Representative |

The committee met over two days to redesign the health and dental plans offered by the Federation. One of the more interesting aspects of the committee deliberations was the development of a Mission Statement for the plan and a statement of principles. The committee felt that the National Student Health Network should begin to operate more as a co-op. The specifics of the plan, the new innovations and the statement of principles are attached to this document.

Members of the Plan

Current

Local 79-McGill University Post-Graduate Students' Society
Local 7-Student Union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design
Local 44-University of Victoria Students' Society

On line for September 1996

Local 23-Simon Fraser Students' Society
Local 84-York University Graduate Students' Association
Local 8-University of Winnipeg Students' Union

A number of associations have shown interest in joining the National Student Health Network and may be do so by September.

Several health plan referenda are also planned for this coming year. While the growth of the plan was initially slower than anticipated, interest in the Network has increased dramatically over the last semester. We fully anticipate a steady growth over the next couple of years.

Relationship with Canadian Actuarial and Consulting Group (CACGI)

The administration fee that the Federation receives from CACGI will increase from 35% in 1995-96 to 40%, in 1996-97. As the Federation takes on more of the administration of the plan, an increase in the percentage that the Federation receives should be expected

Other Issues

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Proposals for a new logo and promotional material for the Network are being developed. It had been hoped to have that completed by the May National General Meeting, however the new target date will be September 1996.

Planning for the User's Group Meeting is under way and it will probably happen in mid-June. The purpose of the Meeting is to orient new executive members to the plan and to train the local administrators on how to administer the plan locally.

The Federation is also planning a campaign designed to inform international students about their health care needs through both provincial and private health care.

d. Studentsaver

95/05:TBA DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to ensure that the format used in the Student Saver cards include a mail back section.

95/05:TBA DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to develop a distribution system for responding to Student Saver mail back requests.

95/05:TBA DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a tear-out postcard addressed to the Minister of Finance be added to the Student Saver Card documentation, to provide an opportunity for students to express their concerns about the state of post-secondary education in Canada.

Be it further resolved that alternative material be made available for the members who won't have access to the Student Saver Card.

95/05:TBA DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a review of the discount programme be undertaken; and

Be it further resolved that a report on the review be presented to the next national general meeting.

Mail Back Section

The 1995 -96 Student Saver Card, for the second year, included a mail back portion of the card. As in the first year, the response was overwhelming. What the mail sections does for the Federation is it enables allows direct contact with individual members. Members had the option of requesting general information about the Federation, information about cuts to post-secondary education funding or information about Travel CUTS and the Student Work Abroad Program.

In order to reply to these requests efficiently, the National executive also included the addresses of the provincial offices. Where an active component office did not exist, members were directed to the Ottawa National office. National information was forwarded to the

provincial components in order for them to fulfil the requests made. As it was the first time trying this method of distribution, there were a few bumps. However the National Executive anticipates that this will be resolved for the 1996-97 year.

Tear-out Postcard

This directive was passed at the May 1995 National General Meeting, when the production of this year's card was already under way. The tear-out post card will therefore be produced for this year's card enclosure.

Review of the Student Saver Program

History of the Card

Since 1978 the Federation and its predecessor, the Association of Student Councils (AOSC), has been providing students discounts on a wide range of services and products through the International Student Identity Card and through the Student Saver Programme.

In 1981, the founding year of the Federation, members received a International Student Identity Card (ISIC) for free and, as well, it served as the Federation membership card. As a result, the discount programme under the ISIC experienced a growth spurt. Retailers participating in the ISIC program prior to 1981 felt that there was not enough distribution of the card to warrant participation. By distributing the ISIC free to all of the embers it dramatically increased distribution, and in turn retailer interest in the card.

However this new scheme proved to be costly to the Federation so the membership/discount card was redesigned in 1982 as the "Youth Saver Card". While members still received, and continue to receive, the Card at no cost, the new program was specific to members only, that is, there was no option to buy the card (as is the case with the ISIC).

Under the new "Youth Saver" program, the membership became actively involved in soliciting discounts door to door in their respective communities. The new format also allowed for a wider distribution among the membership, as it did not require photo id.

In 1983 the program was renamed the "Student Saver" to respond to membership concerns that the name "Youth Saver" was ageist, as not all post-secondary students are youth. The actual look of the card has undergone many changes over the past 15 years, and has grown to over 6000 discounts across Canada.

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| 1981-82 | ISIC was issued to all members as a discount/membership card |
| 1982-83 | Youth Saver program was introduced as a separate card |
| 1983-84 | Program was renamed Student Saver |
| 1987-88 | Card resembles a plastic credit card, discount books are issued east and west. Winnipeg was the dividing line. |

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| 1988-90 | Card now packaged in an envelope, which includes coupons, the actual card, and regional discount books. |
| 1990-92 | Card packaged in an envelope, which includes coupons, the actual card, and regional discount books. The card was changed to a cardboard card which was laminated. |
| 1992-93 | Responding to concerns in the membership that the envelope was environmental unfriendly the card now came as part of the regional discount book. The card was a tear out at the back of the book. |
| 1993-94 | This was the first year that the discounts local discounts were printed right on the card. It was packaged as a tear out portion of an enclosure, similar to the current one. The printing of regional discount booklets was disbanded due to the expense of printing it. |
| 1994-96 | The card now is separate from the enclosure, however the local discounts are still printed on the card. 1994 was the first year that the enclosure included a mail back portion. Due to the overwhelming success of this, it was repeated in 1995. |

The continued success of the card relies on member locals in a couple of areas.

Promotion

Often the Student Saver card is distributed in September in orientation kits, or with handbooks, then forgotten about. It is important that promotion of the card continues through out the school year. Each member local receives with their cards ideas on how to make individual members aware of the card, and where they can use it.

Solicitation

The value of the card depends on the member local. The Student Saver Card is designed for member locals to use. Ideas for increasing the value and profile of the Card include selling spaces on the card for revenue, or tying it into handbook ads. Another useful way of increasing discounts is to pool resources in larger cities.

The idea that the card can be used nationally is another area that seems to have been lost in the last couple of years. One idea that has been suggested is to input all of the discounts onto the Federation home page. This will enable students who are travelling access to information on discounts, without the cost of producing a National discount book.

e. Student Work Abroad Programme

Background

The Student Work Abroad Programme (SWAP) was established with a programme to New Zealand in 1975 and has evolved into Canada's largest international exchange programme. Over the years, arrangements were made with various countries to expand options available to Canadian students. In the mid-80's, arrangements were established to operate programmes with Australia and Japan. The early 90's gave birth to our successful programmes in France and the USA. In 1995, just over 2000 Canadians participated in SWAP and registrations to date suggest another strong year for the programme.

A similar number of foreign students participate on SWAP in Canada and year round hosting services are available to these folks at the Travel CUTS offices in Toronto and Vancouver. In the summer months, these facilities are greatly expanded to deal with the bulk of the participants arriving in Canada and one of the Montreal Voyages Campus offices functions as a part time hosting centre over the summer. As so many of the British participants arrive in Calgary, we have been able to offer a "meet and greet" service and do specific orientations for pre-arranged group arrivals in that city.

Administration

With respect to the outbound SWAP participants, the front line for SWAP is the system of Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus offices across Canada.

Through the SABRE Reservations System, we have been able to develop software programming which allow local staff to access considerable information on all programmes. Within seconds, a CUTS counsellor can zero in on any SWAP destination and provide either verbal or printed information on most aspects of participation.

Programmes

Following please find a few highlights from various SWAP destinations this coming summer:

Britain: Our partner organisation in the UK, BUNAC, is opening a new summer only office in Edinburgh, Scotland. Not geared up to do orientations, (all participants must still arrive in London), this new office is in place to provide one to one counselling for Canadians and those other North Americans who choose to do their working in Scotland. They will also be building up lists of potential Scottish employers and hope to have Glasgow and Edinburgh employers calling in regularly with job offers as is done in London. As so many Canadians are of Scottish heritage, this should be a popular addition to SWAP Britain.

Ireland: Both the SWAP data base in Toronto and the Council data base in New York are reporting a huge surge of registrations on SWAP Ireland on the part of North American students. In Canada, it would appear that we have close to double the registrations for SWAP Ireland from the previous year. And the Irish hosting organisation, Usit, has reported a marked interest in the programme on the part of Dublin employers. The vast majority of those registering for SWAP Ireland are actually on the Britain/Ireland Combo programme and will work in both countries.

France: Our partners in Paris are currently lobbying their government in attempt to "liberalise" current restrictions on the employment authorisation available to Canadian SWAP students. If

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they concur, those students who find work that relates to their field of study will be able to extend their three month authorisations to six months. There have been a few participants who have done this in the past year, but it has been rather ad hoc and not all requests were granted. If this new policy is approved, co-op students in Canada will be able to go to France on SWAP to meet their practical training requirements. SWAP staff are currently collecting letters of support from the Co-operative Education staff from a number of universities and colleges.

Australia: SWAP Australia certainly has the record this past year for the most bizarre "goings-on" in the wonderful world of SWAPdom. As can well be imagined, Australia has become a very popular tourism destination for young travellers from all over the "western world" and many of them take advantage of the Working Holiday visa. This is exactly the visa that SWAP participants use in that country. In December, the government decided to seriously cut back on the numbers of foreigners to be granted these visas and the Federation was advised that the total number of visas to be issued for their current fiscal year (July 1/95 to June 30/96) would be globally capped at 38,000. SWAP was advised that there would be no further visas issued to Canadians after mid February and that the visa situation would open up again on July 1, 1996.

Given the Application Deadline date of March 15 for our Spring departures to Australia, this news was serious indeed. In concert with the General Manager of NUS in Australia, the SWAP Director wrote to the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs in Canberra seeking a dispensation from this capping as these departures have been advertised on Canadian campuses since September. Shortly after the letter was sent, the Australian government called a national election. NUS had been confident that they could work with the Minister to secure his agreement to our request but of course, once in election mode, all bets were off!

Before election day, a response from the Minister arrived in Toronto noting that there would be no exceptions to this policy. Perhaps some of the readers of this report noticed in February that CUTS offices had put up "make-shift" posters noting that the application deadline for SWAP Oz Spring Departures has been brought forward and to apply now! Somewhere between 40 to 50 students have signed up for this departure and a further 40 or so have decided to wait for the more popular fall departures. The Department of Foreign Affairs was of great help in that they lobbied the Australian High Commission to keep the visas coming until we had all participants covered.

A change of government brought a complete and surprisingly immediate reversal of policies regarding the Working Holiday. Within two weeks, the new Minister announced that a total of 48,000 Working Holiday Visas would be issued and that all Australian Immigration Posts in the countries concerned were immediately back in the business of issuing visas!

New Zealand: Given last years surge of interest in this country, we have asked Foreign Affairs in Ottawa to increase the allocation of inbound New Zealand students from 100 to 150 on the condition that Wellington offers us the same numbers for 1996. Ottawa has agreed and this request is being considered by the New Zealand government.

Netherlands: Unfortunately, the Dutch organisations with whom we have discussed a possible programme are focused entirely on the idea of placing trainees in jobs relating to their studies. Those students who contact SWAP who are interested in working in the Netherlands are referred to a Dutch organisation in Ottawa who can assist them.

Africa: The Government of South Africa, after an extremely long delay, has agreed to the idea of an exchange with Canada. The Department of Foreign Affairs had approved the idea of a programme some months before and had further agreed that there be more South African students than Canadian students participating for the first few years. This decision is an obvious reflection of the economic and social difficulties being faced by that country. We will welcome up to 25 South African students in Toronto and Vancouver in early December of this year and five to ten Canadians will be able to head out to that country in 1997. So SWAP South Africa will appear in the 1997 brochure which after decades of fighting the reprehensible policies of apartheid will indeed be a welcome sight.

As so many local student associations were a part of the long struggle against the policies of apartheid in South Africa, SWAP staff would more than welcome interest in the arriving South African students. Those associations interested in assisting one or more of these students with respect to employment or accommodation should not hesitate to contact SWAP staff in Toronto. One can only assume that few of the initial arrivals from South Africa will be representative of the majority population because of their economic circumstances. Perhaps local student organisations or provincial components might consider establishing a scholarship(s) to assist South African students of colour in participating in this programme. SWAP staff will be more than pleased to work with any organisation considering such support. Try to imagine how much could be raised on member campuses on Registration Day in September. There is still lots of time for interested associations to put such a campaign in place over the summer.

Our British partner organisation, BUNAC, began a programme with Ghana this past year and though a small activity, it has proven to be quite successful. SWAP staff are beginning to discuss such an initiative with both BUNAC's partner organisation in that country and with Foreign Affairs in Ottawa who must approve any new SWAP initiative. If all goes well in these negotiations, SWAP Ghana could be in place in 1997. There have been some discussions with student travel operators in both Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic with respect to possible exchange activities. However, there are a number of concerns with respect to the stability of these organisations. The capacity of a partner organisation to meet their obligations is a key element in establishing an exchange. After all, this is the organisation charged with assisting the Canadian students participating on the programme.

Volunteer Abroad

This will mark the third year that we have been responsible for this programme which had been the International Workcamps Programme of the Canadian Bureau for International Education. Approximately 80 Canadians, largely students, participated on this programme in 1995. Close to 40 foreign volunteers were placed in projects in Canada, exclusively in Ontario. Though all reports from Canadian volunteers in Europe were most positive, there were difficulties on this side of the Atlantic in that two sponsors from last summer have indicated that they do not want to operate projects in 1996.

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In both instances, there were irreconcilable difficulties between a few of the European volunteers and the Canadian sponsors. This is the kind of problem that underlines one of the major challenges in operating this programme, namely the need to establish a network of Canadian volunteers prepared to give of their time in Canada. Our European partners who have operated these programmes for 30 to 40 years have such networks and can supply a volunteer Group Leader with each project in their country. The Group Leader is responsible for liaison between the international volunteers and the local project sponsors. Had such a person been in place, there was some chance these problems could have been resolved. This coming summer Canadian participants will be asked to become more involved with the programme in future years as we begin the task of developing such a network of volunteers in this country.

The greater and even more important challenge in running this programme is the identification of projects and sponsors in Canada. Volunteer Abroad is a two-way street and we cannot expect European organisations to keep placing our Canadians without offering them a Canadian programme as well. In March a Co-ordinator for Volunteer Abroad was hired and once the immediate task of operating this summer's programme is achieved, the Co-ordinator will be concentrating on project development.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel for the coming summer. And the rest of this report can be simply brimming with positive stuff! The Turgeon Youth Hostel in Regina, Sask. is undertaking a major renovation project this coming summer and has committed to a sufficient number of places that we can actually welcome an increased number of "Euro-vols" in Canada this summer. And we will also be placing volunteers in a YMCA camp in Ontario as well as a veteran sponsor, the summer camp of the Rideau Regional Centre in Smith's Falls, Ontario.

Volunteer Abroad holds great promise as a new programme but it does require a great deal of work, mostly unpaid! Thus any member interested in this activity should not hesitate to contact the SWAP staff if they want to help out.

SWAP and Cyberspace: The 1997 SWAP brochure will invite interested students to visit our Travel CUTS site on the World Wide Web. Those who have already "dropped in" have doubtless noticed that the 1996 SWAP Brochure is in place. This coming summer all of the additional programme information currently available to the CUTS Counsellors on the Sabre System will be included on our WWW site. If you haven't yet checked it out, please feel free to do so at www.travelcuts.com.

f. Review of business arising from Travel CUTS

Status of motions arising from the November 1995 General Meeting

95/11:209 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that options for reducing the gap, between the shares which have been purchased in Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus and the actual amount of cash transferred, be investigated by the Federation's representatives on the Travel

CUTS/Voyages Campus Board, in consultation with the other members of the Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus Board.

The Travel CUTS Board has considered the above direction, and the options are still being investigated.

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Review of Federation Finances

a. Audited Statements

95/11:207 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that copies of the 1994-95 audited financial statements of the Canadian Federation of Students and the 1994-95 audited consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services be distributed to all member local associations immediately following the national general meeting.

In late January each member local should have received bound copies of the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services 1994-95 audited financial statements. If this is a practice that the members wish to continue, an operational policy should be passed at this National General Meeting.

b. Status of Consumer Price Index Increase

95/11:014 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

Be it resolved that the final clause in Bylaw I, Section 2-A, subsection iii be amended to read as follows:

Beginning in 1996, the Federation membership fee shall increase on August 1 each year by the rate of increase in the national Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year.

The fee increases are in progress. All efforts are being made to ensure compliance with this by-law.

c. Status of the General Meeting Travel Pool

95/11:210 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that member locals owed funds through the Federation's national general meeting travel pool be reimbursed by the Federation as soon as the Federation's cash-flow permits;

Be it further resolved that collection of funds owed to the national general meeting travel pool by member locals be actively pursued by the National Executive; and

Be it further resolved that member locals still owing funds to the travel pool by the May 1996 national general meeting be informed that they will not be permitted to register for the meeting, as per Bylaw I, Section 3-b-i, unless the outstanding fees are paid.

95/11:211 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that information on member locals' obligation to pay outstanding travel pool funds, in order to register for the May 1996 national general meeting, be included in the general meeting registration package sent to all member locals.

The task of compiling the information on Travel Pool proved to be a more difficult task than anticipated. The historical records of travel pool collection were confusing and incomplete. As a result the National Executive was unable to send out the travel pool information with the registration kits. It would be unreasonable at this time to enforce the directive passed at the last meeting, disallowing members the right to vote if all travel pool accounts are not up to date.

However, all of the travel pool information is now in the hands of the members locals, and has been for several weeks. The National Executive is committed to aggressively pursuing all outstanding moneys owed to travel pool. Now that travel pool is organised, invoices for the current National General Meeting should be out to members within six weeks of the Meeting. The National Executive feels therefore that it would be more appropriate to enforce revoking voting privileges in November, rather than now.

If members have any questions about the travel pool schedule that was distributed, or about the invoice their member local received, please do not hesitate to ask the National Treasurer at some point during the Meeting.

d. Formula for allocating funds for fieldworking and/or subsidies for provincial fieldworking

95/11:137 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a formula, which takes into account the number of current and potential members in a given province or region, be developed for the purpose of allocating funds for fieldworking in general and/or subsidies for provincial fieldworking of member locals and potential member locals; and

Be it further resolved that the formula be presented to the May 1996 National General Meeting.

The National Executive is undertaking an evaluation of Federation fieldwork. The process has not been completed for this National General Meeting, however we anticipate that the report should be available for the November General Meeting. Motion 95/11:137 will be dealt with in the context of that report.

e. General Finances

Attached (Appendix D) you will find a schedule that includes the following:

- budget adopted in November
- June 30, 1995 actual statements
- Year to date figures (as of February 1996)
- Draft budget for 1996-97
- Membership fee schedule
- Various graphical information

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REPORT OF THE AMALGAMATION COMMITTEE

95/05:TBA DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that one of the two legal entities, either the Canadian Federation of Students or the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, be dissolved and its assets be transferred to the remaining legal entity prior to the next general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that all required legal and/or contractual obligations be carried out including but not limited to the Canada Corporations Act; and

Be it further resolved that the name used externally and internally be Canadian Federation of Students.

95/05:TBA DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a report be prepared on the possible effects of amalgamation on Travel CUTS' International Air Travel Association rating; and

Be it further resolved that the report be prepared and distributed to the member locals within one month following the 1994-95 year-end calculation of the rating.

95/11:228 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that all references to "Canadian Federation of Students-Services" in all publications, documents and other materials be changed to "Canadian Federation of Students" upon amalgamation, through a resolution of the National Executive.

95/11:308 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that all references to "Canadian Federation, Students-Services" in all publications, documents and other materials be changed to "Canadian Federation of Students" upon amalgamation, through a resolution of the National Executive.

Amalgamation...so far

At the March meeting of the National Executive, the National Executive passed the following motion:

NOTICE OF BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Be it resolved that the following be adopted:

BY-LAW NO. XX

of the Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants, being a by-law respecting the surrender of the charter of the Corporation,

Be it enacted as a By-law of the Canadian Federation of Students/Fédération

canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants (herein called the "Corporation") that:

- 1. The Corporation be and is hereby authorised to make an application to the Minister of Industry Canada for acceptance of the surrender of the charter of the Corporation and the fixing of a date upon and from which the Corporation shall be dissolved;**
- 2. For the purpose of enabling the Corporation to surrender its charter, all debts, liabilities and obligations of the Corporation be discharged and the property and assets of the Corporation be transferred to the Canadian Federation of Students-Services.**
- 3. The directors and officers are hereby authorised and directed to do, sign, and execute all things, deeds and documents necessary or desirable for the due carrying out of the foregoing.**

In the notice of motions package, members have received a similar motion, asking plenary to endorse what the National Executive has done.

Through deliberation on the Amalgamation Committee it was concluded that the most efficient way to join the two entities, the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services, was to wind up the Canadian Federation of Students.

The committee which began meeting in July 1995 was comprised of the following individuals:

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| Cassandra Koenen | National Treasurer |
| Michael Mancinelli | National Deputy Chairperson |
| Guy Caron | National Chairperson |
| Jennifer Story | Ontario National Executive Representative |
| Brad Lavigne | Québec National Executive Representative |

Resources

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| Carol-Lynn Prebinski | Federation staff |
| Rod Hurd | President, Travel CUTS |
| Al Guarino | Arthur Anderson, Toronto |
| Mauro Fratarcangeli | Arthur Anderson, Toronto |
| Michael Thumm | Arthur Anderson, Ottawa |
| Wayne Warren | Gowling, Strathy and Henderson, Ottawa |
| Todd Burke | Gowling, Strathy and Henderson, Ottawa |
| Robert Stikeman | Stikeman & Associates, Toronto |

A thorough due diligence process, which was reported on at the November meeting, was completed in early November with final recommendations coming later that month.

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Staffing Issues

At the previous National General Meeting, the following was the national staffing composition of the Federation:

Ottawa office

Communications Coordinator
Internal Coordinator
Government Relations Officer
Financial Coordinator
Translator
Translator
Researcher
Graduate Caucus Coordinator
Fieldworker

Simone Saint-Pierre
Pam Frache
Jocelyn Charron
Johanne Laurent
Carol-Lynn Prebinski
Monique Landa
Denise Doherty-Delorme
Derrick Deans
Joe Byrne

Toronto office

Health Plan Administrator
Graphics Designer

Todd Battenham
Dawn Lee

In February, Kemlin Nembhard was hired as half-time fieldworker for Manitoba. Kemlin's background experience included President at Local 8 (University of Winnipeg Students' Association), interim fieldworker for the Federation in 1995, and Harassment Advisor at the May 1995 National General Meeting.

In March, Simone Saint-Pierre commenced her maternity leave, and is scheduled to return this fall. Hired as Interim Communications Coordinator was Karin Jordan, who has experience in social justice work and communications.

The National Executive is currently in the process creating a full-time campaigns coordinator position for the Ottawa office. The position will hopefully be opened this summer. As well, a position to include the duties of the former Student Saver Coordinator, International Student Identity Card Administrator, and Speaker's bureau coordinator, is currently being negotiated with the Union.

95/11:153 DIRECTIVE

Whereas the Manitoba Component is committed to establishing a provincial levy that would contribute to the cost and maintenance of the provincial fieldworker currently gapped; and

Whereas money has been allocated in the budgets of the Federation;

Be it resolved that the hiring procedures for the Saskatchewan-Manitoba Fieldworker position commence immediately.

95/11:212 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a formula, which takes into account the numbers of current and potential members in a given province or region, be developed for the purpose of allocating funds for fieldworking in general and/or subsidies for provincial fieldworking of member locals and potential member locals; and

Be it further resolved that the formula be presented to the May 1996 national general meeting.

At its January meeting, the National Executive discussed at length the position of Manitoba-Saskatchewan fieldworker. In consultation with the applicable provincial component representatives, it was decided to create two half-time positions to replace the full-time one. This would be beneficial in a number of ways.

Firstly, it would allow concentrated fieldworking in each of the two provinces, rather than time having to be shared between the two. Secondly, part of the decision was that if provincial components felt that more than half time work was need in their provinces, they would be required to allocate the necessary funds. This fulfils the trend to increased provincial responsibility and resources toward Federation fieldworking.

In regards to a complete review of fieldworking, it is underway. However, it will not be complete for this national general meeting. It will hopefully be ready for presentation at the fall meeting.

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Other work

A. PREPARATION FOR THE MAY 1996 NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

a. Development of Committee Terms of Reference

DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that terms of reference, to be brought for adoption to the next national general meeting, be developed for the committees under sections b) and c) in the Standing Resolution.

Unfortunately, time constraints did not allow for the completion of this directive. It is recommended that the matter be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that a structure similar to that of the former Bilingualism Committee be set up, including, but not being limited to:

- its membership
- the frequency of meetings
- the manner of voting
- the purposes of the committee

and be presented at the May 1995 National General Meeting, and

Be it further resolved that the May 1996 Forum on bilingualism run on the same lines as the former Bilingualism Committee

A motion regarding this item has been served notice for the May 1996 National General Meeting.

c. Binders for General Meeting Delegates

DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that national general meeting binders be distributed at each national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that the binders include, but not be limited to:

- general meeting information
- Constitution, Bylaws and Policy manuals
- Committee and Executive reports
- Financial information
- Constituency and Caucus materials

- any other information deemed appropriate by the National Executive

The above directive was complied with for the May National General Meeting.

d. Review of General Meeting Harassment Procedures

The National Executive is undertaking a review of the Harassment procedures at national general meetings.

e. Aboriginal Students' Issues

DIRECTIVE

Because it seemed apparent that many delegates and executive are ill informed about aboriginal issues, the following resolution was brought forward;

Be it resolved that the May General Meeting hold a workshop on aboriginal awareness.

A workshop on Aboriginal Issues has been scheduled for this general meeting.

DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the members of the Federation be encouraged to take any concerns and issues regarding First Nations people to the Aboriginal Constituency Group;

Be it further resolved that members of the federation be encouraged not to discuss these issues and concerns at committee meetings or plenary during General meetings without prior consultation of the aboriginal constituency group.

f. "Scent-Free" Environment

DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the National Executive be directed to develop policy on maintaining a "scent-free" environment for national general meetings.

The Renfrew Inn, the location of this year's national general meeting, has been notified of this directive. They have made all efforts to comply with, from changing the type of soaps in the hotel room washrooms, to altering the cleaning solutions used. All delegates will also be reminded of the directive upon registration.

B. REVIEW OF DEMOGRAPHICS OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENTS IN CANADA

95/11:148 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that information on enrolment statistics for post secondary students by age, gender and course of study which is available from the provincial ministries of post secondary education be collected and compiled for the purpose of illustrating the changing demographics of post secondary students in Canada.

This work for this directive has not been completed.

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C. STATUS OF OFFICE SPACE IN OTTAWA

95/11:208 DIRECTIVE

Be it resolved that the option of purchasing office space in Ottawa be investigated; and

Be it further resolved that the results of the investigation and a recommendation be reported to the May 1996 national general meeting.

Upon reviewing the options for purchasing space, the National Executive is recommending against it. Currently, negotiations are under way for a new lease at the present building for larger space.

APPENDIX A

November 28, 1995

The Right Honourable Mike Harris
Ontario Premier
99 Wellesley Street West
Whitney Block, Room 4340
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Mr. Harris,

It has been rumoured for some time that the Ontario government's mini-budget that will be released tomorrow by Finance minister Ernie Eves, will contain cuts of up to \$400 million to the post-secondary education sector, to be subsequently followed by another \$400 million cut in the following three years.

The Canadian Federation of Students, representing 420,000 students in universities and colleges, had its Annual General Meeting last week, in which delegates voted unanimously to condemn these cuts which we consider to be a dangerous first step towards deregulation and privatisation of post-secondary education.

Prior to the mid-1800's, **elementary and secondary education** was seen as the privilege of those who could afford it. Money was the issue until Mr. Ryerson challenged those who opposed the use of tax dollars to fund the **elementary and secondary education** of other people's children. He won the battle with the result that more people were educated and able to enhance and contribute positively to the economic boom that followed.

In the same fashion, prior to the mid-1900's, **post-secondary education** was also seen as the privilege of those who could afford it. Money was the issue until the Federal Government also challenged those who opposed the use of tax dollars to fund the **post-secondary education** of other people's children. The government won the battle with the result that more people were educated and able to enhance and contribute positively to the economic boom that followed.

Increasing access by subsidising post-secondary education is not merely an expense, but an investment. No country (or province) has ever gained anything by reducing access to its citizens to an education. We can easily see that the special-interest groups (mainly advocates of the private sector) who are promoting the deregulation and privatisation of post-secondary education are those who stand to benefit personally from such an agenda by having access to a market (universities and colleges) they were restricted from for very good reasons.

Post-secondary education is not a mere consumer good to be afforded. It is the cornerstone of a civilised and productive society. It is post-secondary education that allows progress, that also allows debate on the condition of our society. To allow our universities and colleges to be primarily training grounds for the private sector and the marketplace is to do a great disservice to Ontario, for those institutions have never been created and structured for such a purpose.

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It is only common sense to recognise the contribution a more accessible post-secondary education did for Ontarians. We urge you to reconsider the decision you are about to make and to avoid a return to the past where money and not human potential was the key to success.

Sincerely Yours,

Guy Caron
National Chairperson

cc: Ernie Eves, Finance Minister
John Snobelen, Education Minister
Heather Bishop, CFS Ontario Chairperson
Jennifer Story, CFS National Executive Ontario Representative

APPENDIX B

On to Ottawa Trek Endorsements

- Action Canada Network
- Algonquin Nation
- Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada
- Brock University Students' Union
- Canadian Labour Congress
- Canadian Union of Public Employees-Local 1281
- Canadian Union of Public Employees-Local 2323
- Canadian Union of Public Employees-National
- Canadian Union of Public Employees-Newfoundland and Labrador
- Canadian Teachers' Federation
- Canadian Auto Workers-Canada
- CHOICES: A Coalition for Social Justice-Winnipeg
- Common Front-Alberta
- Common Front-Edmonton
- Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada
- Congress of Union Retirees of Canada
- Congress of Aboriginal Peoples
- Confederacy of Nations-Assembly of First Nations
- Council of Canadians
- Communist Party of Canada-Youth and Student Commission
- Communist Party of Canada-Ottawa
- Fisheries and Food Allied Workers-Newfoundland
- International Socialists-Ottawa branch
- Inuit Tapirisat of Canada
- Lethbridge East New Democrats
- Mayworks Committee-Winnipeg
- Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association
- National Action Committee on the Status of Women
- National Farmers' Union
- National Pensioners and Senior Citizens Federation
- National Anti-Poverty Organization
- National Union of General and Public Employees
- Newfoundland Federation of Labour
- Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses' Union
- Ontario Public Interest Research Group-Ottawa
- Ontario Public Interest Research Group-Carleton
- Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation-Toronto District
- Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation
- Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organisations
- Ontario Federation of Labour
- Ottawa and District Labour Council
- Public Service Alliance of Canada - Political Action Committee,

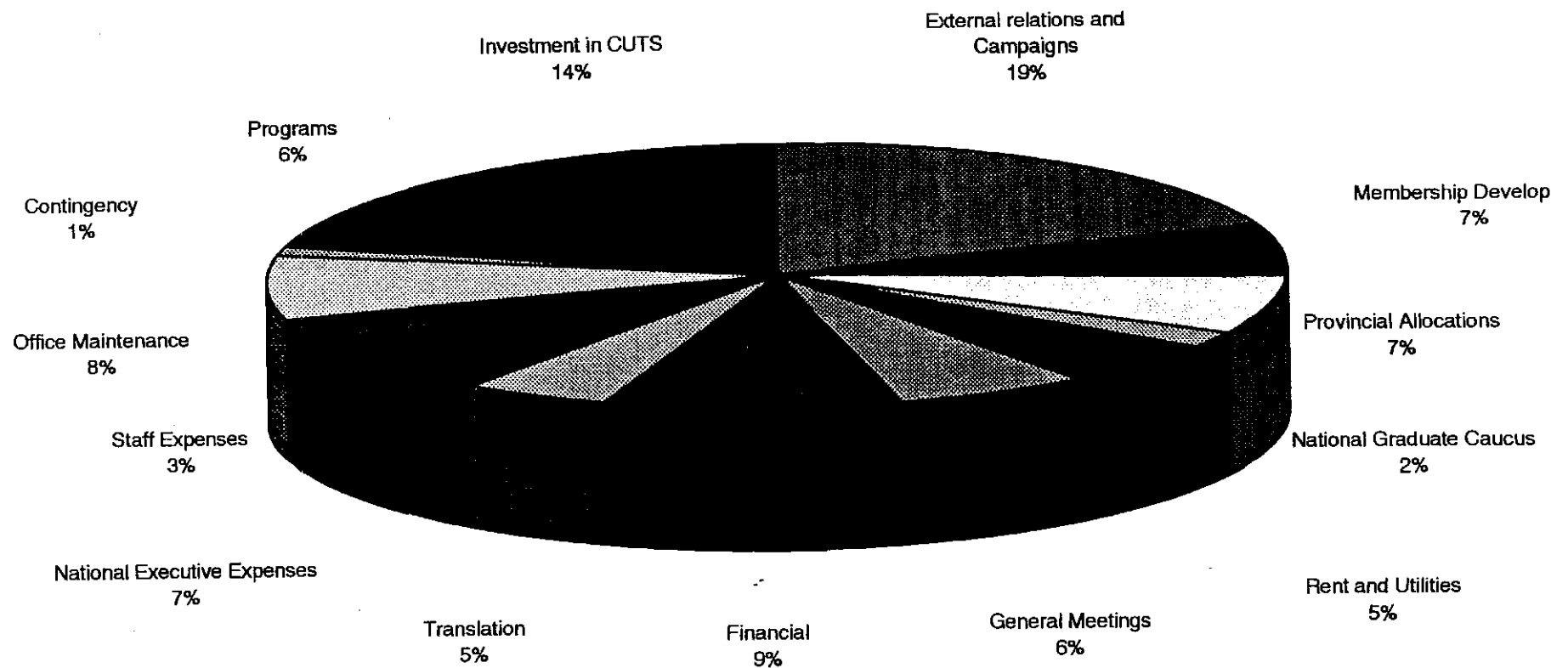
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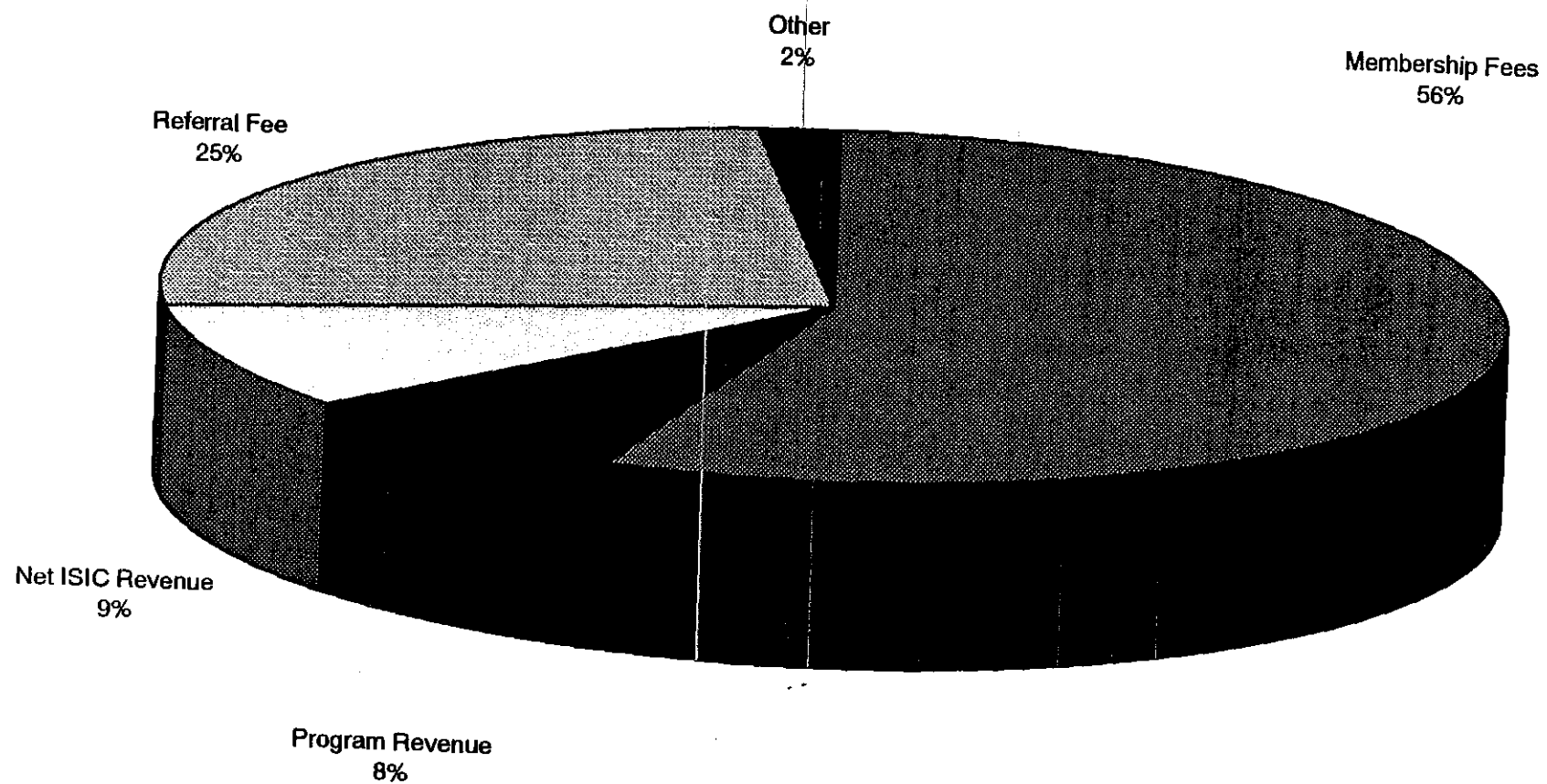
National Capital Region

- Public Service Alliance of Canada-Newfoundland
- Saskatchewan Federation of Labour
- Saskatchewan Joint Board, Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Union
- Stop the Cuts Coalition-Ottawa
- Social Assistance Recipients Council
- Southern Alberta Raging Grannies
- Transportation and Communications Union
- United Steelworkers of America in Canada

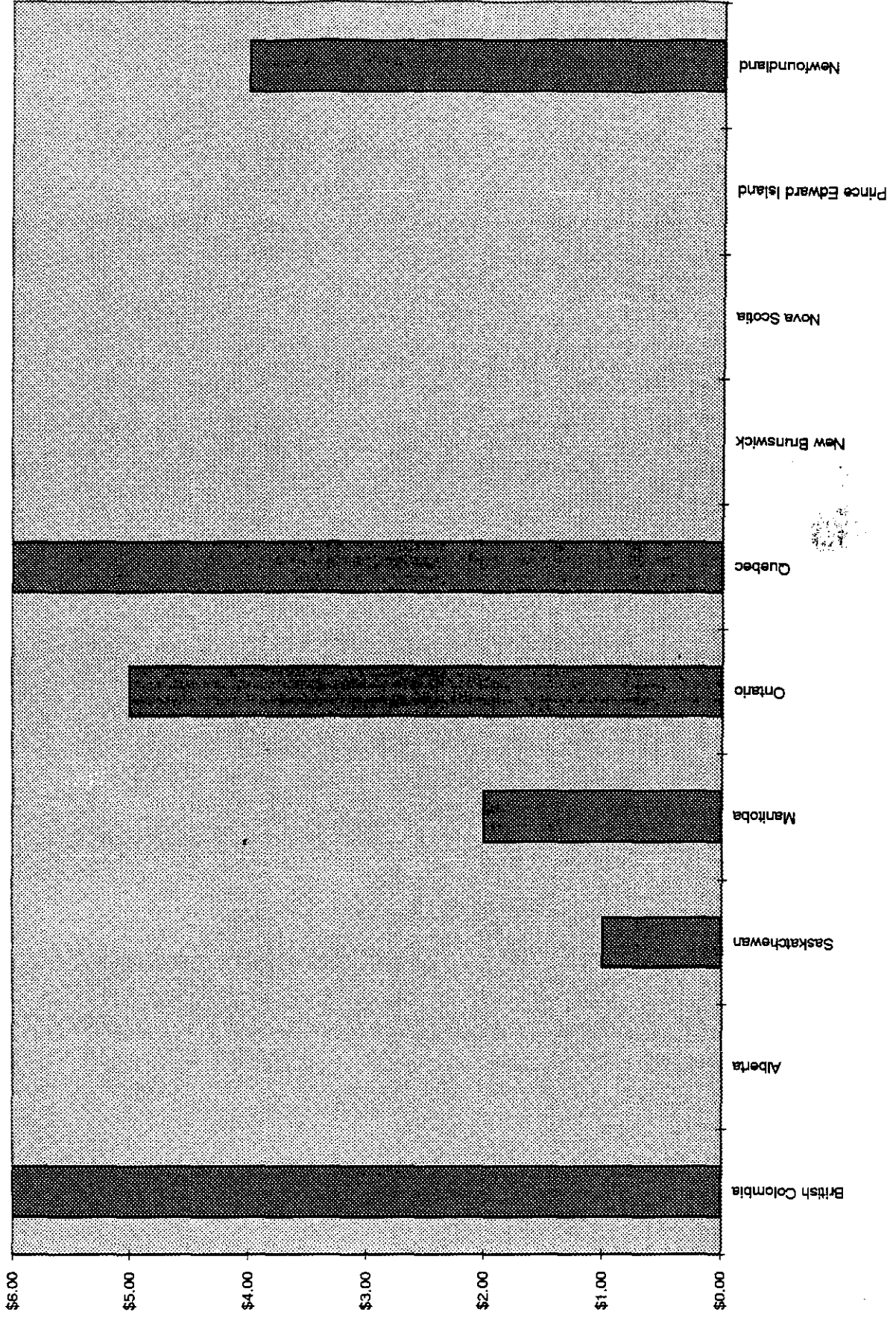
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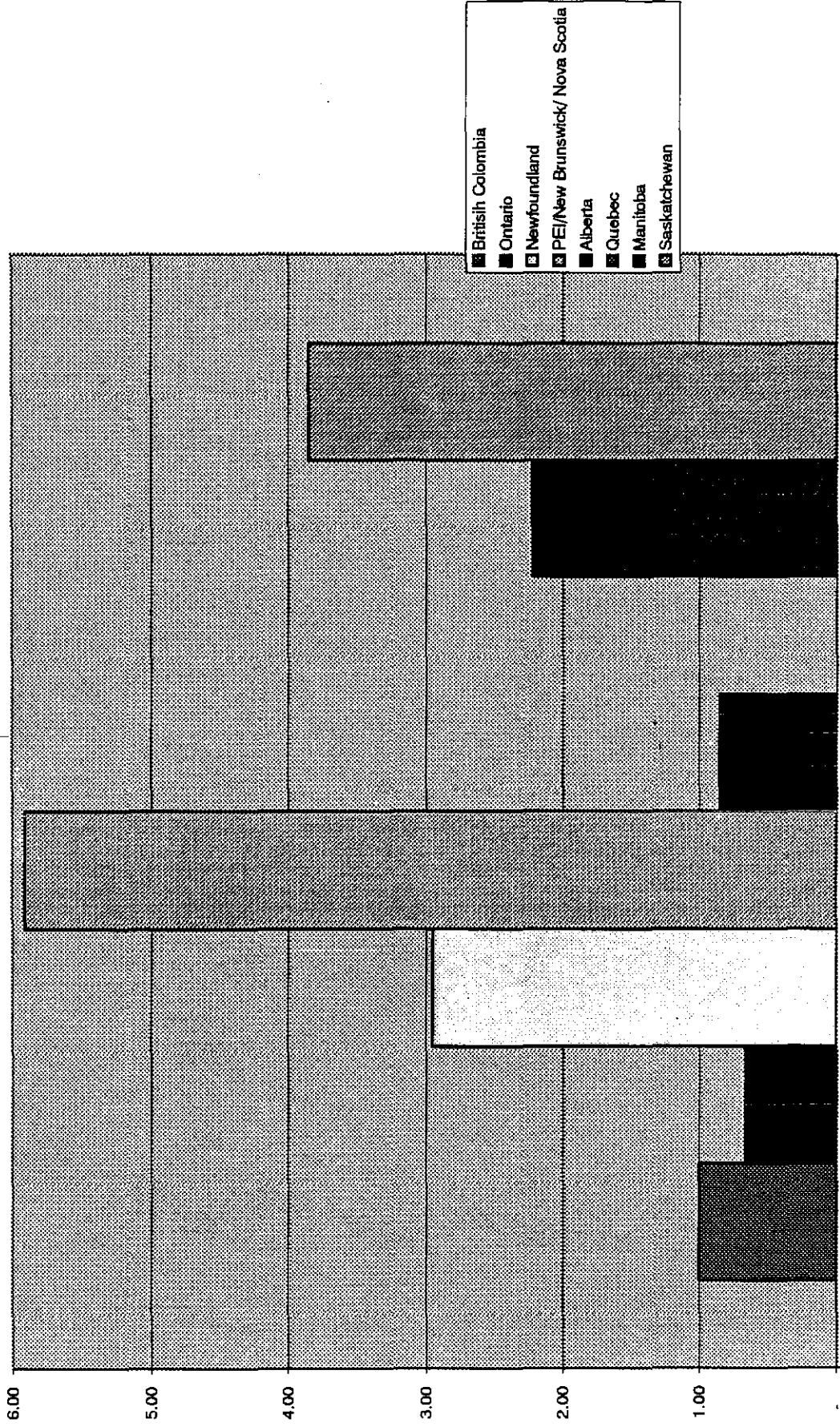
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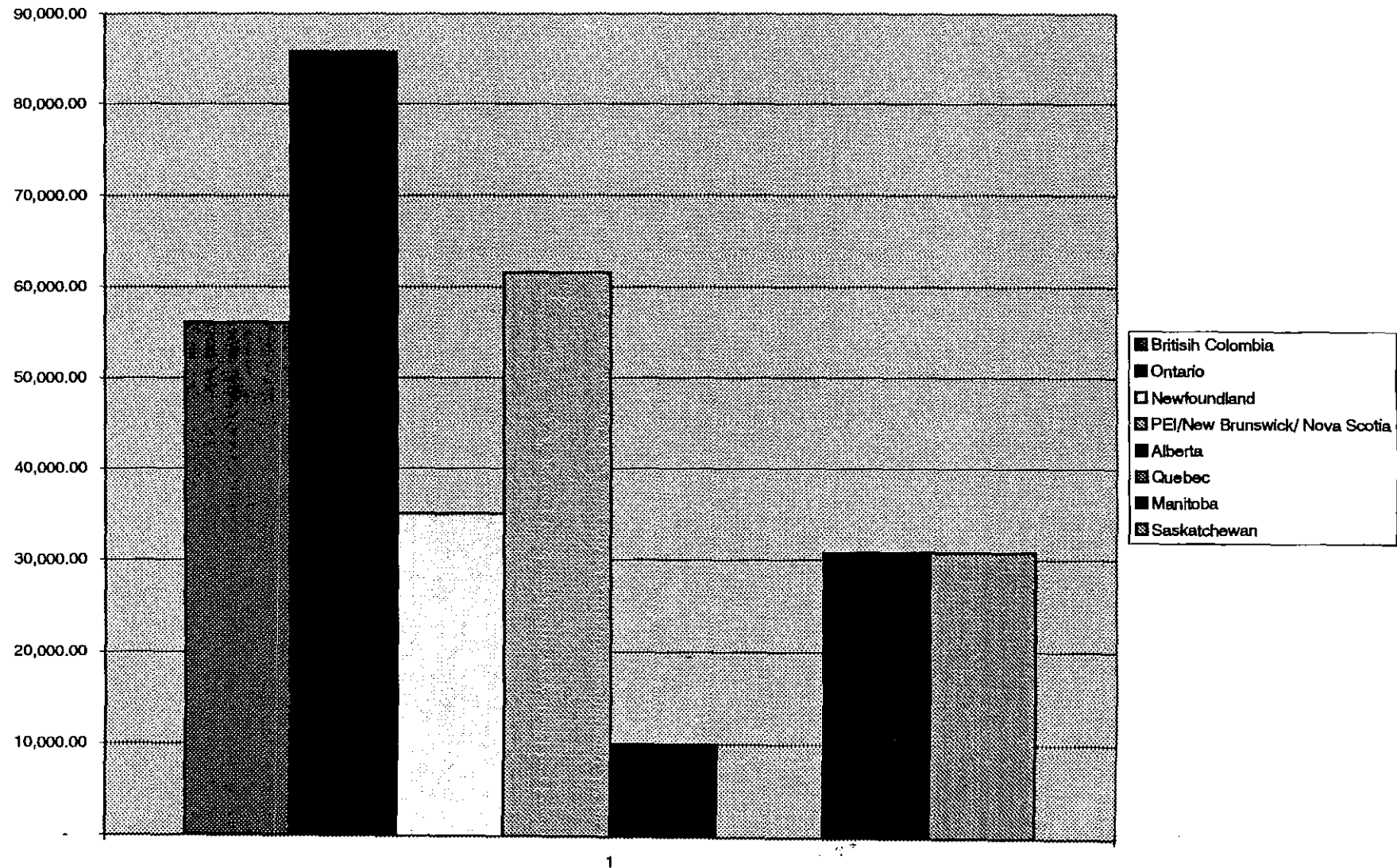
Federation Revenue 1995 - 96



National Transfers to the Province per Member



National Transfers to Provincial Components



| 1995-96 CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS CONSOLIDATED BUDGET | | | | |
|---|----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| May 1996 Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students | | | | |
| | Actual June 30, 1995 | Revised Nov. | Actual Feb. 1996 | Draft 1996-97 |
| | Budget 1994-95 | Budget 1995-96 | | |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Membership Fees (1) | 1,391,974 | 1,118,559 | 772,286 | 1,119,308.68 |
| Program Revenue (2) | 637,309 | 156,305 | 90,126 | 180,000.00 |
| ISIC Sales (3) | 119,955 | 500,000 | 104,546 | 500,000.00 |
| Referral Fee | 489,323 | 514,000 | 302,311 | 500,000.00 |
| Interest | 12,345 | 7,600 | 3,759 | 7,500.00 |
| Directory | (3,471) | 0 | 5,487 | - |
| Advertising | 28,215 | 24,935 | (5,172) | 25,000.00 |
| Other | 18,209 | 10,000 | | 10,000.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | 2,693,859 | 2,331,399 | 1,273,343 | 2,341,808.68 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Accounting | 26,888 | 25,000 | 19,389 | 2,000.00 |
| Advertising | 61,760 | 15,091 | 1,112 | 10,000.00 |
| Audit | 43,107 | 63,700 | 35,865 | 40,000.00 |
| Bad Debts | 76,819 | 15,000 | 0 | 15,000.00 |
| Campaigns (3) | 31,734 | 69,000 | 17,276 | 50,000.00 |
| Capital Expenditures (4) | 28,546 | 22,000 | 11,149 | 32,000.00 |
| Coalition Work | 6,276 | 3,600 | 2,693 | 10,000.00 |
| Communications (5) | 7,584 | 5,950 | 1,079 | 15,500.00 |
| Component Allocations (6) | 169,514 | 166,033 | 104,859 | 177,409.46 |
| Constituency Allocations | 7,556 | 16,778 | 7,856 | 16,667.90 |
| Donations | 1,650 | 1,500 | 500 | 1,500.00 |
| Fieldworking (7) | 52,502 | 67,860 | 28,276 | 44,500.00 |
| General Meetings (8) | 140,297 | 110,304 | 96,919 | 202,600.00 |
| International Affairs (9) | 4,034 | 3,800 | 0 | 1,000.00 |
| Interest and Bank Charges | 6,605 | 7,000 | 11,741 | 9,000.00 |
| ISIC Expenses (10) | | 310,740 | | 310,740.00 |
| Kevin Coleman Fund | 0 | | 0 | 3,000.00 |
| Legal | 14,106 | 30,000 | 26,202 | 20,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 33,192 | 5,600 | 34,964 | 7,000.00 |
| National Exec Expenses (10) | 71,181 | 84,309 | 44,289 | 96,100.00 |
| National Exec Stipends (11) | 75,000 | 105,000 | 58,845 | 103,500.00 |
| Negotiations | 564 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Office Expenses (12) | 88,038 | 97,839 | 61,291 | 78,700.00 |
| Printing (13) | 83,408 | 65,324 | 64,362 | 72,300.00 |
| Professional Development | 106 | 500 | 419 | 1,000.00 |
| Referenda | 69,520 | 30,000 | 31,616 | 30,000.00 |
| Rent and Utilities (14) | 95,105 | 92,827 | 64,591 | 83,000.00 |
| Staff Expenses (15) | 98,511 | 34,440 | 18,503 | 23,000.00 |
| Subscriptions | 3,042 | 2,000 | 1,888 | 2,500.00 |
| Translation | 11,480 | 8,500 | 2,647 | 7,000.00 |
| Wages and Benefits (16) | 971,534 | 590,800 | 358,030 | 642,970.00 |
| Contingency | | 23,314 | | 23,418 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES (net) | 2,279,659 | 2,073,809 | 1,106,361 | 2,131,405.45 |
| SHARE PURCHASE | 343,000 | 257,000 | 151,156 | 250,000.00 |
| SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | 71,200 | 590 | 15,827 | (39,596.77) |

| Schedule 1: Membership Fees | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Tableau 1: Droits d'adhésion | | | | |
| | 30-Jun-95 | Budget 95-96 | Actual May 1996 | Budget 1996-97 |
| Camosun College | 27,885.00 | 28,200.00 | 16,856.23 | 28,717.00 |
| Capilano College | 37,699.20 | 26,200.00 | 14,010.12 | 26,680.00 |
| Cariboo | - | - | - | - |
| City Centre | 23,076.24 | 17,333.33 | 8,739.29 | 17,561.10 |
| College of the Rockies | - | 300.00 | 300.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Douglas | - | - | - | - |
| Emily Carr | 5,240.40 | 5,126.67 | 2,221.88 | 5,220.65 |
| King Edward | 27,411.12 | 28,800.00 | 20,573.53 | 29,328.00 |
| Kwatlen | - | - | - | - |
| Malaspina | 22,814.04 | 32,298.67 | 28,995.35 | 29,580.00 |
| North Island | 7,382.76 | 7,200.00 | 5,791.20 | 7,332.00 |
| Northwest | 7,830.24 | 7,070.67 | - | - |
| Selkirk | - | - | - | - |
| Simon Fraser | 92,458.08 | 124,000.00 | 97,387.75 | 126,273.32 |
| University of Victoria | 40,043.52 | 44,000.00 | 44,803.97 | 45,000.00 |
| Augustana | - | 6,000.00 | - | 6,000.00 |
| University of Calgary Grads | - | - | - | - |
| University of Lethbridge | 33,846.12 | 16,666.67 | 16,664.00 | - |
| Mount Royal College | 38,204.76 | 39,362.67 | 42,528.00 | - |
| Regina | 47,951.64 | 48,000.00 | 33,411.00 | 48,000.00 |
| Brandon University | 15,523.20 | 15,680.00 | - | 15,679.99 |
| Saint-Boniface University | 4,139.52 | 4,265.33 | - | 4,343.52 |
| University of Winnipeg | 41,646.00 | 42,066.67 | 42,906.00 | 42,906.00 |
| Algoma University | - | 4,284.00 | - | 4,284.00 |
| Carleton Undergrads | 67,593.24 | 60,000.00 | 63,423.81 | 63,423.00 |
| Carleton Grads | 4,197.60 | 10,194.67 | - | - |
| Guelph Undergrads | 41,586.60 | 52,152.00 | 38,000.00 | 63,009.99 |
| Guelph Grads | 9,563.40 | 16,746.67 | - | 16,746.66 |
| Lakehead University | 40,142.52 | 41,358.67 | 36,336.00 | 42,116.90 |
| Laurentian University | 22,916.52 | 22,800.00 | 32,525.00 | 32,525.19 |
| McMaster University | 47,329.92 | 47,808.00 | 48,994.01 | 48,994.01 |
| Nippissing University | 3,960.00 | 3,332.00 | - | 3,332.00 |
| Ontario College of Art | - | 5,304.00 | - | 5,304.00 |
| Ottawa | 59,818.44 | - | - | - |
| Queen's Grads | - | - | - | - |
| Ryerson University | 46,044.24 | 43,868.00 | - | 43,868.00 |
| St Paul | - | 2,700.00 | - | 2,700.00 |
| U of Toronto Grads | 48,610.32 | 49,110.67 | 29,460.60 | 49,110.66 |
| Trent University | 12,842.28 | 23,256.00 | 23,028.00 | 23,256.00 |
| University of Western Grads | 8,577.36 | 6,480.00 | - | 6,480.00 |
| Wilfred Laurier Grads | - | 4,172.00 | 1,400.00 | 4,171.99 |
| U of Windsor Grads | - | 1,468.00 | - | 1,468.00 |

| | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| York University Undergrads | 114,000.00 | 82,856.00 | 59,967.59 | 82,856.00 |
| York University Grads | - | 21,000.00 | 11,873.27 | 21,385.00 |
| | | | | |
| Concordia Grads | 831.60 | 13,830.67 | - | 14,084.22 |
| McGill Grads | 29,393.76 | 28,714.67 | - | 28,714.66 |
| | | | | |
| Mount Allison | | | | |
| Saint-Louis Mallet | - | 2,898.67 | - | - |
| Shippagan University | 2,857.80 | 3,162.67 | - | - |
| St Thomas University | - | - | - | - |
| UNB Fredricton | 40,413.12 | - | - | - |
| UNB St. John | - | - | - | - |
| St. Andrews College | 1,574.76 | 1,622.67 | - | - |
| | | | | |
| Acadia University | 14,679.72 | 14,828.00 | - | 14,828.00 |
| Dalhousie | | | | |
| King's College | 2,736.36 | 2,818.67 | 3,088.00 | 4,632.00 |
| Mount Saint Vincent University | 12,806.64 | 5,169.33 | - | 5,169.33 |
| Nova Scotia Art and Design | 1,556.28 | 3,450.67 | - | 3,450.66 |
| Sainte-Anne University | 2,984.52 | 1,472.00 | - | 1,472.00 |
| | | | | |
| Central Nfld Regional College | - | 330.67 | - | 12,000.00 |
| Marine | 3,017.52 | 2,000.00 | 3,108.00 | 3,108.00 |
| Memorial | 21,684.96 | 40,800.00 | 29,537.92 | 61,200.00 |
| Sir Wilfred Grenfeld | 4,561.92 | 4,700.00 | 5,661.00 | 8,491.50 |
| | | | | |
| Holland College | 2,181.96 | 2,133.33 | - | 2,133.00 |
| U PEI Undergrads | 15,094.20 | 13,200.00 | 16,173.33 | 16,173.33 |
| U PEI Grads | - | 60.00 | - | 60.00 |
| | | | | |
| Associate Members | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Manitoba University Grads | - | 1,400.00 | - | 1,400.00 |
| | | | | |
| Prospective Members | | | | |
| Membres éventuels | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Yukon College | - | 600.00 | - | 600.00 |
| UBC Grads | - | 1,800.00 | - | - |
| Westviking College | - | 750.67 | - | 750.67 |
| Eastern College | - | 825.33 | - | 825.33 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1,156,709.40 | 1,138,029.38 | 777,764.85 | 1,132,745.68 |
| LESS RESERVES/MOINS RESERVE | 154,623.00 | | | 13,437.00 |
| FINAL ESTIMATES/ESTIM. FINALE | 1,002,086.40 | 1,138,029.38 | 777,764.85 | 1,119,308.68 |
| | | | | |
| **Bold type indicates members at the \$6.00 fee | | | | |

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| SCHEDULE 2-PROGRAM REVENUE | | | | |
| Canadian Programming Service (CPS) | (24,723) | 26,305 | 20,306 | - |
| CFS-NET | 361 | 0 | | - |
| Discount Program | 55,838 | 0 | | - |
| National Student Health Network | 571,959 | 100,000 | 72,241 | 150,000.00 |
| Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) | 33,874 | 30,000 | (2,421) | 30,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 637,309 | 156,305 | 90,126 | 180,000.00 |
| SCHEDULE 3-CAMPAIGNS | | | | |
| Other Activity | 31,734 | 9,000 | 4,233 | 50,000.00 |
| On to Ottawa | | 50,000 | 3,279 | - |
| 7-Feb-96 | | 10,000 | 9,764 | |
| TOTAL | 31,734 | 69,000 | 17,276 | 50,000.00 |
| SCHEDULE 4-CAPITAL DEPRECIATION | | | | |
| Computer Equipment | | 10,000 | | 10,000.00 |
| Office Furniture | | | | 10,000.00 |
| Capital Expenditures | | 12,000 | 11,149 | 12,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 28,546 | 22,000 | 11,149 | 32,000.00 |
| Capital Items are now depreciated on a three-year straight line basis | | | | |
| SCHEDULE 5-COMMUNICATIONS TO MEMBERS | | | | |
| Annual Report | 0 | 1,250 | | 2,500.00 |
| Federation Update | | | | 5,000.00 |
| Student Advocate | 7,584 | 4,000 | | 8,000.00 |
| Don't Agonise Organise | | 200 | 1,079 | |
| Members Video | | 500 | | |
| TOTAL | 7,584 | 5,950 | 1,079 | 15,500.00 |
| SCHEDULE 6-COMPONENT AND CAUCUS ALLOCATIONS | | | | |
| British Columbia | 64,538 | 50,891 | 39,030 | 56,015.47 |
| Ontario | 82,355 | 63,823 | 43,118 | 85,838.70 |
| Newfoundland | 0 | 10,000 | 8,000 | - |
| National Graduate Council | 22,621 | 36,819 | 14,711 | 35,555.29 |
| Canadian Federation of Ab. Students | | 4,500 | | - |
| TOTAL | 169,514 | 166,033 | 104,859 | 177,409.46 |

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| SCHEDULE 7 FIELDWORKING | | | | |
| TRAVEL | | | | |
| National Executive Members | 16,524 | 4,000 | 185 | 4,000.00 |
| Fieldworkers | 14,359 | 10,000 | 8,443 | 15,000.00 |
| ACCOMODATION | | | | |
| National Executive Members | 0 | 1,000 | 379 | 1,000.00 |
| Fieldworkers | 2,935 | 2,000 | 1,443 | 4,500.00 |
| PER DIEM | | | | |
| National Executive Members | 4,022 | 1,500 | 518 | 1,500.00 |
| Fieldworkers | 4,968 | 3,500 | 1,865 | 6,000.00 |
| FIELDWORKER EXPENSES | | | | |
| Telephone/Fax | 3,837 | 2,670 | 1,868 | 5,000.00 |
| CFS-NET | 2,984 | 500 | | - |
| Meeting Fees | 223 | 270 | | 1,000.00 |
| Supplies | 2,023 | 1,750 | 1,336 | 4,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 627 | 670 | 239 | 2,000.00 |
| Aboriginal Membership Development | | 5,000 | | |
| ALBERTA CONTINGENCY | 10,000 | 10,000 | 2,000 | - |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | | 25,000 | 10,000 | - |
| TOTAL | 52,502 | 67,860 | 28,276 | 44,500.00 |
| SCHEDULE 8 GENERAL MEETING | | | | |
| ANNUAL | | | | |
| DELEGATE FEE REVENUE | | | | |
| Full Budget Members | (60,718) | (77,000) | (20,520) | (22,500.00) |
| Small Budget Members | (2,698) | (10,000) | (4,769) | (4,500.00) |
| Constituency Members | (5,530) | (19,000) | (10,881) | (9,500.00) |
| Observers | (674) | | (475) | (500.00) |
| Total Revenue | (69,620) | (106,000) | (36,645) | (37,000.00) |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Small Budget Travel Subsidy | 1,736 | 5,000 | | 2,500.00 |
| Accommodation | 104,848 | 82,804 | 58,229 | 60,000.00 |
| Meals | 14,272 | 50,000 | 34,975 | 30,000.00 |
| Disability Needs Fund | 1,014 | 600 | | 500.00 |
| Childcare | 5,276 | 4,000 | 2,302 | 2,250.00 |
| Vehicle Leasing | 6,064 | 1,500 | 300 | 1,500.00 |
| Equipment Leasing | 6,702 | 12,000 | 1,771 | 6,000.00 |
| Additional Staff | 19,068 | 8,000 | 8,530 | 6,750.00 |
| Speakers | 3,774 | 1,000 | 1,573 | 1,000.00 |
| Translation | | | | - |
| Simultaneous | 28,376 | 35,200 | 9,189 | 15,000.00 |
| Contract | 5,926 | 3,600 | 7,796 | 2,500.00 |
| Other | 47 | 3,600 | | 1,800.00 |
| Materials | 10,758 | 6,000 | 5,239 | 6,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,056 | 3,000 | 3,660 | 2,500.00 |
| Total Expenses | 209,917 | 216,304 | 133,564 | 138,300.00 |
| TOTAL | 140,297 | 110,304 | 96,919 | 101,300.00 |
| SEMI-ANNUAL | | | | |

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| DELEGATE FEE REVENUE | | | | |
| Full Budget Members | | | | (22,500.00) |
| Small Budget Members | | | | (4,500.00) |
| Constituency Members | | | | (9,500.00) |
| Observers | | | | (500.00) |
| Total Revenue | | | | (37,000.00) |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Small Budget Travel Subsidy | | | | 2,500.00 |
| Accommodation | | | | 60,000.00 |
| Meals | | | | 30,000.00 |
| Disability Needs Fund | | | | 500.00 |
| Childcare | | | | 2,250.00 |
| Vehicle Leasing | | | | 1,500.00 |
| Equipment Leasing | | | | 6,000.00 |
| Additional Staff | | | | 6,750.00 |
| Speakers | | | | 1,000.00 |
| Translation | | | | - |
| Simultaneous | | | | 15,000.00 |
| Contract | | | | 2,500.00 |
| Other | | | | 1,800.00 |
| Materials | | | | 6,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | 2,500.00 |
| Total Expenses | | | | 138,300.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | 101,300.00 |

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| SCHEDULE 9-INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS | | | | |
| IUS Membership Dues | 1,500 | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000.00 |
| IUS Congress | | | 0 | |
| Travel | 2,534 | 2,300 | 0 | - |
| Expenses | | 500 | 0 | - |
| TOTAL | 4,034 | 3,800 | 0 | 1,000.00 |
| SCHEDULE 10-ISIC EXPENSES | | | | |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Commission to Travel CUTS | | 180,000 | | 180,000.00 |
| Administration | | 130,740 | | 130,740.00 |
| TOTAL | | 310,740 | | 310,740.00 |
| SCHEDULE 11-NATIONAL EXECUTIVE EXPENSES | | | | |
| NATIONAL EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL MEETINGS | | | | |
| Travel | 35,852 | 40,000 | 19,997 | 40,000.00 |
| Meeting Rooms | 690 | 1,000 | 214 | - |
| Accommodation | 11,728 | 17,000 | 9,127 | 18,000.00 |
| Per Diems | 8,855 | 14,809 | 9,952 | 22,000.00 |
| Childcare | 818 | 2,500 | 758 | 2,500.00 |
| Subtotal | 57,943 | 75,309 | 40,048 | 82,500.00 |
| OTHER | | | | |
| Meeting Fees | 2,976 | 1,000 | 802 | 3,000.00 |
| Travel Allowance | 0 | 3,000 | | 5,000.00 |
| Telephone | 5,339 | 2,000 | 2,836 | 4,000.00 |
| Internet | 4,923 | 1,000 | 603 | 600.00 |
| Childcare | 0 | 2,000 | | 1,000.00 |
| Subtotal | 13,238 | 9,000 | 4,241 | 13,600.00 |
| TOTAL | 71,181 | 84,309 | 44,289 | 96,100.00 |
| SCHEDULE 12-NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SALARIES | | | | |
| Chairperson | 30,000 | 30,000 | 19,615 | 30,000.00 |
| Deputy Chairperson | 30,000 | 30,000 | 19,615 | 30,000.00 |
| Treasurer | 15,000 | 30,000 | 19,615 | 30,000.00 |
| National Aboriginal Representative | | 15,000 | 6,923 | - |
| BENEFITS | | | | 13,500.00 |
| TOTAL | 75,000 | 105,000 | 58,845 | 103,500.00 |

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| SCHEDULE 13 OFFICE EXPENSES | | | | |
| TORONTO OFFICE | | | | |
| Supplies | 10,682 | 6,440 | 4,255 | - |
| Phone/Fax | 9,093 | 11,000 | 4,595 | - |
| Postage | 6,205 | 4,000 | 2,406 | - |
| Courier | 5,796 | 5,500 | 3,302 | - |
| HEALTH PLAN | | | | |
| Supplies | 3,217 | 1,000 | 450 | 1,500.00 |
| Phone/Fax | 2,965 | 2,500 | 1,176 | 4,000.00 |
| Postage | 1,920 | 500 | 313 | 2,000.00 |
| Courier | 2,942 | 1,000 | 226 | 2,000.00 |
| DISCOUNT PROGRAM | | | | |
| Supplies | 1,130 | 865 | 180 | 1,000.00 |
| Phone/Fax | 1,264 | 1,200 | 492 | 1,200.00 |
| Postage | 864 | 1,200 | 250 | 1,000.00 |
| Courier | 1,000 | 10,634 | 10,634 | 10,000.00 |
| OTTAWA OFFICE | | | | |
| Supplies | 8,789 | 13,000 | 7,433 | 12,000.00 |
| Phone/Fax | 19,993 | 25,000 | 11,571 | 25,000.00 |
| Postage | 4,657 | 14,000 | 6,092 | 14,000.00 |
| Courier | 7,521 | | 7,916 | 5,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 88,038 | 97,839 | 61,291 | 78,700.00 |
| | | | | |
| SCHEDULE 14 PRINTING | | | | |
| Photocopying | 23,218 | 20,000 | 22,303 | 25,000.00 |
| General Printing | 8,256 | 6,300 | 6,850 | 6,300.00 |
| Research Printing | | 1,000 | | 1,000.00 |
| Studentsaver | 38,375 | 28,024 | 28,024 | 30,000.00 |
| Health Plan | 13,559 | 10,000 | 7,185 | 10,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 83,408 | 65,324 | 64,362 | 72,300.00 |
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| SCHEDULE 15 RENT AND UTILITIES | | | | |
| 170 Metcalf Street, Ottawa | 46,875 | 49,000 | 37,058 | 83,000.00 |
| 243 College Street, Toronto | 48,230 | 43,827 | 27,533 | - |
| Health Plan Office | | | | 10,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 95,105 | 92,827 | 64,591 | 83,000.00 |
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| | Actual June 30, 1995 | Revised Nov. | Actual Feb. 1996 | Draft 1996-97 |
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| | Budget 1994-95 | Budget 1995-96 | | |
| SCHEDULE 16-STAFF EXPENSES | | | | |
| EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL MEETINGS | | | | |
| Travel | 17,479 | 13,000 | 1,536 | 6,000.00 |
| Accommodation | 20,611 | 6,000 | 1,570 | 4,000.00 |
| Per Diems | 5,762 | 8,190 | 2,930 | 6,000.00 |
| OTHER | | | | |
| Travel | 52,701 | 5,250 | 11,413 | 5,000.00 |
| Accommodation | 400 | 1,000 | 441 | 1,000.00 |
| Per Diems | 1,558 | 1,000 | 613 | 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 98,511 | 34,440 | 18,503 | 23,000.00 |
| SCHEDULE 17-WAGES AND BENEFITS | | | | |
| Wages | 868,035 | 490,000 | 315,001 | 537,700.00 |
| Benefits | 103,499 | 80,500 | 43,029 | 82,770.00 |
| Overtime Allowance | 35,562 | 17,800 | 16,327 | 20,000.00 |
| Hiring Allowance | 4,269 | 2,500 | 1,250 | 2,500.00 |
| TOTAL | 971,534 | 590,800 | 358,030 | 642,970.00 |

SECTION 1

Day-to-Day Operations

NOVEMBER 30, 1995 - MEETING OF THE COALITION FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Jocelyn Charron (Government Relations Coordinator) and I attended a meeting of the Coalition for Post-Secondary Education (CPSE). The coalition is formed of eight associations, but four are really active and based in Ottawa: The Federation, the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

The meeting was scheduled to discuss the coalition's strategy in regard to the Canada Health and Social Transfer, and also to get a consensus on the person hired as the part-time researcher on this issue. I unfortunately had to leave early, before we reached the core of the discussions, but Jocelyn was present for the whole discussion.

DECEMBER 1, 1995 - MEETING RE: ROUNDTABLE ON THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Jocelyn Charron, Derrick Deans (Graduate Caucus Coordinator) and myself attended a meeting of various organizations invited to take part in the roundtable organized by the Standing Committee on Finance, and scheduled for December 6. This meeting was convened by the Associations of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and included the Association of Community Colleges of Canada (ACCC), the Canadian Research Managers Association (CRMA), the Corporate Higher Education Forum (CHEF), the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) and the SSFC/CCH.

This meeting was convened essentially to agree on a common message for the committee, and to avoid starting to fight amongst ourselves on issues that may divide us (such as ICLRP). The main messages to be conveyed were the following:

1. Industrial research depends on basic research infrastructure and research personnel.
2. It takes a generation to build the intellectual capacity of our society, but only a few budgets to destroy it.
3. We have to look at the success of our « international competitors ». They have not cut into these areas.
4. The Federal role is essential in higher education research: transfers, student aid and research funding.
5. We need to emphasize that industrial and basic research include research in social sciences and humanities.
6. We need to give the Federal Government an historical perspective on federal funding of post-secondary education and research.
7. We also need to remind the Federal government of the consequences of transfer cuts to accessibility, enrollment, student debt and program cuts.
8. We must emphasize the importance of research and higher education in job creation and wealth creation.
9. Arbitrary cuts in education are highly dangerous. A framework is essential for cuts, and we don't see any.

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10. The cost of post-secondary education must be recognize as an investment, like in other countries.
11. learning is a fundamental requirement for all Canadians.

DECEMBER 2-3, 1995 - CONVENTION OF THE MOUVEMENT POUR LE DROIT À L'ÉDUCATION

Michael Temelini (Graduate Rep. on the National Executive) and I attended the 2nd National Convention (their General Meeting) of the *Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation* (MDE) held in the *Cégep de Limoilou*, in Quebec City. The items on the agenda that were relevant to the Federation were on Saturday afternoon, with a workshop on developing an action plan against the cuts, federally and provincially in Quebec.

First, a motion was adopted that the MDE, in cooperation with the Federation, will create a working group which will work on the education component of the Emergency Pan-Canadian Conference scheduled for January 20 and 21. This education component would take place on January 22, and its objective would be to specifically determine the means of implementation of an action plan on the cuts.

The members of the MDE have also, within their action plan, adopted a motion to officially support the February 7 Pan-Canadian Day of Action. This support will come under many forms: Research on taxes paid by corporations; Brief written against the neo-liberal discourse of both government levels; Treasure hunts; Strikes followed by two other days of strike after universities and colleges get their monies from the provincial government.

DECEMBER 4, 1995 - MEETING OF THE CANADIAN HEALTH COALITION

I attended, with Mike Mancinelli (Deputy Chairperson), Derrick Deans and Renée Shilling (Aboriginal Rep. on the National Executive), a meeting of the Canadian Health Coalition. The purpose of this meeting was mainly preparatory for the December 5 lobby day at the federal legislature. Mike will have a more complete report at the coalition work agenda item.

DECEMBER 11, 1995 - TRAVEL CUTS BOARD MEETING

I attended the Travel Cuts Board meeting along with Cass Koenen (National Treasurer), Mike Mancinelli, Patrick Crowley (At-large Rep. on the Board) and Michael Gardiner (At-large Rep. on the Board) in Toronto.

DECEMBER 15, 1995 - MEETING OF THE MOUVEMENT POUR LE DROIT À L'ÉDUCATION

Brad Lavigne (Quebec Rep. on the National Executive) and I were present at the « Board » meeting of *Le mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation* in Montréal. The Pan-Canadian Emergency Conference was discussed and it was concluded that meetings should start very soon for the preparation of the extra strategy day on cuts to post-secondary education. The Montréal coalition for February 7th was also on the agenda, and although there was some hesitations (the idea of recreating Coalition X was considered for a while), it was decided that the Montréal protest would be organized jointly by the Quebec component of the Federation, *Le mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation*, and any student association who would like to get on board.

Finally, a brief report was given by Claude Rioux (Member of the Coordinating Committee of the MDE) regarding a meeting earlier that week between representatives of *Le mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation* and the *Fédération étudiante collégiale du Québec* on the possibilities of working jointly on provincial issues, but it seems that it will be impossible.

DECEMBER 16, 1995 - MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEUQ AND FECQ

François Rebello, president of the *Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (FEUQ)*, wanted to meet with me in my next trip to Montréal. He was accompanied by Pascal Deguise, president of the *Fédération étudiante collégiale du Québec (FECQ)*. As expected the discussion turned mainly around the work that the Federation did and is prepared to do with *Le mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation*, which is seen, by the FEUQ and FECQ, as meddling into the Quebec student movement internal political affairs.

I explained that it was the will of the membership to actually work with the MDE as its policies and principles are very similar to those of the Federation, and it was not in my position to go against the will of the members.

Rebello, who incidentally did most of the talking, said it was not fair, as the FEUQ as always worked with the Federation, helped the Federation in some instances (for example, negotiating with the Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa last year to get the Federation involved in the November 16 protest in Ottawa) and that we should have contacted them to ask them if it was okay. I replied that we knew about the letter of support to CASA, sent to CASA representatives by the FEUQ at the CASA founding meeting, that the FEUQ, in all instances, never asked the Federation when undertaking initiatives at the federal level, and, in any way, communications were at a minimum for the past two years. I also mentioned that Rebello was quick on the gun to accuse the Federation of doing active membership development in Quebec (as he believe we were doing by working with the MDE), without raising one finger when CASA and CGC were doing the same. Rebello denied at first the letter sent to CASA, then admitted sending it, but without having the intention to work with CASA, which policies are very unclear. As for CASA and CGC membership development in Quebec, he didn't know about it.

He also accused us to interfere with the Quebec student movement in « subsidizing » the MDE, to which I replied it was not a subsidy, but a loan. He asked what the conditions of the loan were, to which I replied it was none of its business.

Finally, both made (not so) veiled threats of starting their own services in Quebec to compete with the Federation programs, and to launch a boycott movement in Quebec against Travel CUTS offices and the international Student Identity Card.

Then he asked if they could be invited to this meeting of the National Executive (we decided to wait until next National Executive meeting) and I concluded the meeting by stating that from now on, it might be better that they would follow the « official channels », which is negotiating these arguments with representatives of the provincial component.

JANUARY 11, 1996 - MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF BREAD AND ROSES

Along with Michael Temelini, Zahra Habib (Alberta Rep. on the National Executive), Pam Kapoor (Saskatchewan Rep. on the National Executive), Erin Runions (Local 79) and Mary-Jane McKitterick (Local 83), I met with Diane Matte, from the *Fédération des femmes du Québec (FFQ)*, the group who organized Bread and Roses, the women's march last June in Quebec. The meeting was held at Thompson House (McGill « Grad House ») in Montreal.

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The meeting was related to the On-to-Ottawa Trek, and was aimed at determining what would be the difficulties of organizing the trek from the Bread and Roses experience. The main problems we are facing, according to Diane Matte, are the resources (\$65,000 might not be enough as the FFQ spent at least twice as much), the time (the organization of Bread and Roses took a year and a half) and the distance.

Nonetheless, the exchange was very useful. The tips given to us were valuable and at the end, it will be a question of will and determination.

JANUARY 12, 1996 - DAY OF WORKSHOPS - ALTERNATIVE FEDERAL BUDGET

After the National Executive meeting, some members of the National Executive stayed to take part in a day of workshop marking the release of the framework document of the Alternative Federal Budget. The event attracted over 200 participants and was covered extensively by the national media.

The goal of this day of workshops was to familiarize the interested groups to the technical details of the Alternative Budget as well as to establish a strategy to publicize it at its release.

JANUARY 18, 1996 - PEOPLE'S FORUM ON ONTARIO BILL 26 (OMNIBUS BILL)

OPIRG-Carleton organized a People's Forum on the Ontario Bill 26 at the same day and place the « real » committee hearings were held. I was invited as a panelist for the morning session along with Alex Munter, councillor on the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Board, a councillor of the city of Ottawa and three other panelists.

It was a very instructive session at which we heard representatives of National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE), Marion Dewar (former mayor of Ottawa) and seniors activists on guard for Medicare. The session was also attended by Tony Silipo, who is currently campaigning for the leadership of the Ontario NDP.

JANUARY 19-22, 1996 - PAN-CANADIAN EMERGENCY CONFERENCE

Simone Saint-Pierre (Communications Coordinator) and I travelled to Montreal to take part in the Pan-Canadian Emergency Conference, organized by the *Regroupement des chômeurs et chômeuses du Québec (RCCQ)*. The objective of the conference was to unite individuals fighting for social programs in Canada, the United States and Europe, to know more about our respective fights and to establish a common strategy to defend social programs and access to education.

On the post-secondary education front, one of the guest speakers was Elin Guffin, from the Swedish National Organization for College Students, who are currently fighting against decreases in the allocations of their financial aid system. *Le Mouvement pour droit à l'éducation* was also strongly represented at the conference as was the Federation.

At the conclusion of the conference, a coalition called « Common Front » was created. The members of the steering committee are : Richard St-Pierre (RCCQ) to represent the unemployed, Emmanuelle Proulx (RCCQ) to represent the women, Geneviève Leclerc (MDE) to represent students and Sarah Polley (OCAP) to represent the youth.

The next Conference is scheduled for July, in Toronto.

JANUARY 23, 1996 - MEETING OF THE COALITION FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

This meeting was the first with the newly hired part-time researcher for the Coalition, Michael Isaac. Items discussed were related to the Federal Budget (how are we going to address it as a coalition), sharing information on our respective campaigns (including the February 7th Day of Action) and improving the already established strategy against the Canada Health and Social Transfer.

FEBRUARY 7, 1996 - PAN-CANADIAN DAY OF ACTION

I left the Ottawa office at 2:00 PM and jumped in a plane (paid for by CBC...) to take part in the show Face-Off, at CBC Newsworld (taping was at 5:15 PM), which went very well, and immediately after, I went to Ryerson Polytechnical University to participate in a live radio show on CKLN, the community radio after which I jumped in another plane to come back.

On the media side, the Federation was very well represented on this Pan-Canadian Day of Action. Michael Temelini was interviewed in the morning by CBC Newsworld, and Brad Lavigne took on Alex Usher, from CASA, in a debate on Politics, also on CBC Newsworld. To be objective, Brad easily won the debate and was also invited to debate Owen Lippett, from the Fraser Institute the following Saturday, on a phone-in show, once again at CBC Newsworld (they must be loving us...)

FEBRUARY 13, 1996 - RELEASE OF THE ALTERNATIVE FEDERAL BUDGET

Jocelyn Charron and I attended the press conference held at the offices of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives for the release of the Alternative Federal Budget. All the major mass media were present at the meeting and gave a better coverage of the Alternative Federal Budget than last year, but there is still room for improvement.

To our disappointment, the journalists present decided not to analyse the document and flowed their articles with more praises for the neo-classical view of the economy (read status quo). However, two very positive comments were printed in the Ottawa Citizen and the Edmonton Journal, and Paul Martin was quoted by CBC Radio as considering the Alternative Federal Budget as interesting.

FEBRUARY 22, 1996 - TRAVEL CUTS BOARD MEETING

I attended the Travel CUTS Board Meeting along with Cass Koenen, Mike Mancinelli and Michael Gardiner in Toronto.

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1, 1996 - MOHAWK SUC REFERENDUM

I participated in the Mohawk College Student Union Corporation Referendum on reaffirmation to the provincial component, corresponding with their joining the national Federation. Robin Squires, Deb Duffy (Ontario Fieldworker), Todd Buttenham (Health Plan Coordinator), Pam Kapoor, Jason Stevens (Ontario Treasurer) and Vicki Smallman (Ontario Chairperson-Elect) were also working on the YES committee.

This referendum was not easy, as the council was very hostile and the campus, generally conservative. However, we thought we won over the vote at the Brantford campus, but ultimately, we were wrong and lost the referendum.

MARCH 3, 1996 - PRESENTATION AT MCMASTER SU COUNCIL

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I was invited by Jason Stevens and Geoff Ritchie (President-Elect) to address the council of McMaster Student Union. I mainly talked about the upcoming announcement of the Federal Budget and the possible implication on post-secondary education. I also promoted the On-to-Ottawa Trek, inviting McMaster SU to join students from across the country in this historical event.

I stayed at the meeting where a motion « condemning the process that led to a non-quorate » CFS General Meeting in May » was adopted. I spoke to that motion, but to no avail.

MARCH 6, 1996 - RELEASE OF THE 1996-97 FEDERAL BUDGET

This unique day of the year started with an office meeting between Mike Mancinelli, Renée Shilling, Jocelyn Charron, Denise Doherty-Delorme (Researcher), Simone Saint-Pierre and myself to make sure everybody understood their role. I left for the Pre-Budget lock-up scheduled for 3:45PM and got out at 4:30PM to join Michael and Renée on the Hill to attend the media scrum. We gave about 12 interviews.

In the meantime, Jocelyn picked up a copy of the budget briefs at the conclusion of the embargo at 4:30PM to complete, with Simone and Denise, the press release that was started earlier during the day. The Federation received a lot of exposure in the circumstances, as the focus of the media was on the Pension Plan Reform and the elimination of the tax deduction on child support.

MARCH 15, 1996 - MEETING WITH « COMMON FRONT » RE: ON-TO-OTTAWA

Brad Lavigne and I met with Richard St-Pierre and Emmanuelle Proulx, from the steering committee of « Common Front », the coalition that has been formed after the Pan-Canadian Emergency Conference, to discuss the possibilities for co-operation for their national campaign as well as our On-to-Ottawa Trek.

Our requests for their membership list (for mail-out purposes), written endorsement, local organization in Montreal for On-to-Ottawa as well as for their participation on the Montreal steering Committee were accepted. In exchange, we will help them find office space in Ottawa for the organization of the June march organized by the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, we give a member of Common Front the opportunity to present that event at our May general Meeting, we will send some pictures of the February 7th Day of Action for the coalition newspaper and help them with the translation of the page dedicated to post-secondary education.

They also asked us to sponsor that PSE page in their newspaper (that will include an item on On-to-Ottawa) for \$1,000. This will have to be discussed at the March National Executive Meeting.

MARCH 19, 1996 - MEETING OF THE COALITION FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

I attended the post-budget meeting of the Coalition for Post-secondary Education (CPSE) the Federation is a part of (with the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the National Union of Public and General Employees). The focus on the meeting was to coordinate the different analysis of the federal budget. The Federation is concentration on the impact of the CHST, the First Jobs Program, the tax deductions announcements and the Summer employment while CAUT will analyse the consequences on the Research and Development sector.

A draft paper from NUPGE on the reform of unemployment insurance was presented and CUPE, as well as CAUT, will be working on the consequences of the UI Reform on part-time university and college employees.

The Coalition will also be preparing an Education Campaign Kit to be made available to the provincial components and member locals of our respective organizations. A opinion piece will be written by the coalition, and sent to all media regarding the impact of UI Reform on post-secondary education institutions.

MARCH 20, 1996 - MEETING WITH CARLETON SU

I met with Peter Nogalo and Heidi Van Dyk, from the Carleton University Student Association regarding an activity to be held within the week of fasting. The original idea for Friday, March 29 (the campaign's day on post-secondary education) was to hold the event at a campus food bank, either at Carleton or the University of Ottawa, but neither has this « facility ». It was thus decided to hold the event, not on student poverty, but on the impact of the Canada Health and Social Transfer on universities and the fact it is opening the door for university privatization.

The media event will be held at Minto Building (Minto is a real estate company in Ottawa), and Jean Swanson (Chairperson of the National Anti-Poverty Organization) and I will address a class in the Bell Theater on the meaning of privatization on post-secondary education. Peter Nogalo and Ehab Shanti (CUSA President) confirmed they will be joining us on this fast.

MARCH 21, 1996 - MEETING WITH NEW EXECUTIVE - UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA SF

I met with Alain Gauthier (President-elect) and Nicholas Bruneau (VP External-elect) of the Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa (SFUO). The meeting was set up as an informal information exchange of the goals and objectives of the Federation and of the SFUO.

It appears that prior to this meeting, the SFUO council has voted to hold a membership referendum to the Federation in the upcoming year.

MARCH 25-APRIL 1, 1996 - FAST FOR ACTION CANADA NETWORK CAMPAIGN

Jean Swanson (NAPO) and I fasted for eight days, to mark the official implementation of the cuts under the Canada Health and Social Transfer. Jean stayed in a room in the basement of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in front of the University of Ottawa (which is also a women's centre) while I was sleeping at home.

The fast was reasonably well covered by the local media, especially CBC. The support we gathered was phenomenal, as we received for than 60 letters from across the country to encourage us or to demonstrate their solidarity. The fast ended on April 1st, with a speech on Sparks Street, in Ottawa, in front of the Business Council on National Issues (BCNI), the most influential lobby group to have pushed for cuts to the Canadian social safety net.

APRIL 11, 1996 - MEETING OF THE COALITION FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Susan Attenborough (CUPE), Ursule Critoph (NUPGE), Michael Isaac (Researcher for CPSE) and I attended this meeting of the Coalition to discuss the creation of a Education Campaign Kit for our respective components and member locals.

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We decided to pool all the information we would have on organizing, lobbying and other campaigning tips. The « Don't agonize, Organize » of the Federation will be edited and used for that purpose (with all appropriate credits, of course).

APRIL 22, 1996 - MEETING WITH NEW EXECUTIVE - ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY SA

Christine Bourque (Ontario Fieldworker) and I met with Jim and Dawn, new members of the Executive of the St. Paul University Student Association. It was a first meeting for us with them in their new functions, even if we sporadically met them during the membership referendum last year.

They hop to send a delegation for the first time at a Federation General Meeting at this one (hopefully, they are reading these lines). Most of the information that were sent to them either by the national or the provincial office (posters, campaigns, statistics, backgrounders...) were not used. As Christine is now back from her maternity leave, it will be far easier to give them the support they need to insure a Federation presence on campus.

APRIL 24, 1996 - PROTEST AGAINST MIKE HARRIS' CUTS

This event, organized by the Ottawa District Labour Council, was a protest to greet Mike Harris's and his friends who joined a \$175-a-plate fundraiser for the Ontario Progressive-Conservative Party at the Westin Hotel, in Ottawa.

I was invited to speak (among 13 speakers) on the consequences of the Ontario government's cuts to post-secondary education and also to use the opportunity to promote the On-to-Ottawa Trek.

APRIL 25, 1996 - MEETING WITH NEW EXECUTIVE - UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA SF

Christine Bourque and I met with Alain Gauthier and Nicholas Bruneau (SFUO). It was an opportunity for Christine to meet with them and for me, it was a matter of keeping in touch.

It seems that the new Executive have the intention of respecting the previous Council's decision to hold a Federation membership referendum next year. They are also encouraged to do so by the outgoing Executive, of which one member (Charles Jefferson, outgoing VP Finance) was present at the meeting.

APRIL 30, 1996 - MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF CANADIANS

I was invited to attend a meeting organized by the Council of Canadians regarding the reform of the Canada Pension Plan. While Jocelyn Charron was present for the morning session, I arrived for a press conference (in which I didn't participate, but gave an interview afterward). I also made a presentation to all delegates present at the meeting regarding the upcoming On-to-Ottawa Trek.

SECTION 2

Media Relations

| # | DATE | MEDIA | JOURNALIST | TOPIC |
|----|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 69 | November 9, 1995 | MacLean's | Sandy Farron | Tuition fee Increases |
| 70 | November 9, 1995 | Canadian Press | Wendy Cox | Tuition Fee Increases |
| 71 | November 11, 1995 | Radio-Canada (Sudbury) | Annie Desrochers | Tuition Fee Increases |
| 72 | November 12, 1995 | Globe & Mail | Michael Grange | MacLean's Universities Issue |
| 73 | November 13, 1995 | The Telegraph (Fredericton) | Jacques Poitras | CASA Conference |
| 74 | November 14, 1995 | The Charlantan (Carleton University) | Shannon Fraser | MacLean's Universities Issue |
| 75 | November 15, 1995 | The Varsity (University of Toronto) | Jay Vandewint | Tuition fee Increases |
| 76 | November 30, 1995 | The Varsity (University of Toronto) | Dave Berry | On-to-Ottawa Trek |
| 77 | November 30, 1995 | TVOntario (Panorama) | ??? | Ontario Cuts to Education |
| 78 | December 1, 1995 | Canadian University Press | Samer Muscati | CMEC Report |
| 79 | December 1, 1995 | The Fulcrum (Univ. of Ottawa) | Marc Duhaime | Ontario Cuts to Education |
| 80 | January 1996 | 10, Press Conference | About journalists | 10 February 7th Day of Action |
| 81 | January 1996 | 10, CKVL (Montréal) | Pierre Pascau | February 7th Day of Action |
| 82 | January 1996 | 10, The Charlantan (Carleton) | Shannon Fraser | Review of 1995 for CFS |
| 83 | January 1996 | 10, The Link (Concordia) | Karen Marcuze | Alternative Federal Budget |
| 84 | January 1996 | 10, The McGill Tribune | Noah Gidderman | February 7th Day of Action |
| 85 | January 1996 | 11, The Ryersonian | Shayne Shick | Ryerson Referendum |
| 86 | January 1996 | 12, Radio-Canada (Radio) | Maurice Godin | Alternative Federal Budget |
| 87 | January 1996 | 15, The Charlantan (Carleton) | Carmelina Prete | Alternative Federal Budget |
| 88 | January | 17, The Carillon (U. of | Corey Frey | Student Exchange with |

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| 1996 | Regina) | | | | Indonesia | | | |
| 89 January 1996 | 19, The Varsity (U. of Toronto) | David Berry | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 90 January 1996 | 25, The Link (Concordia) | Kim Malcolm | | | Alternative Federal Budget | | | |
| 91 January 1996 | 25, The McGill Tribune | Todd Kramers | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 92 January 1996 | 25, The Leader Post (Regina) | Bernard Potvin | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 93 January 1996 | 25, The Journal (Mount Royal) | Tamara Charles | | | Mount Royal Referendum | | | |
| 94 January 1996 | 25, Canadian University Press | Stu Clark | | | Alternative Federal Budget and Federal Cabinet Shuffle | | | |
| 95 January 1996 | 25, The Telegraph (St. John) | Campbell Morrison | | | Federal Cabinet Shuffle | | | |
| 96 January 1996 | 26, The Carillon (U. of Regina) | Dan Palmer | | | Canadian Health Coalition | | | |
| 97 January 1996 | 28, The Eyeopener (Ryerson) | Natalie Armstrong | | | Ryerson Referendum | | | |
| 98 January 1996 | 30, The Muse (Memorial U.) | David Cochrane | | | UPEI Referendum | | | |
| 99 January 1996 | 31, The Leader Post (Regina) | Bernard Pilon | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 100 February 1, 1996 | Press Conference | Press Gallery | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 101 February 1, 1996 | The Uniter (U. of Winnipeg) | Mark Matz | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 102 February 2, 1996 | The Varsity (U. of Toronto) | Michelle Parent | | | Stress in University | | | |
| 103 February 4, 1996 | The Toronto Star | Tonya Talaga | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 104 February 5, 1996 | The Ottawa Citizen | Patrick Dare | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 105 February 6, 1996 | CKLN (Ryerson) | Min Sook | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 106 February 6, 1996 | The Muse (Memorial U.) | David Cochrane | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 107 February 7, 1996 | CKLN (Ryerson) | Conrad Collaco | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 108 February 7, 1996 | CBC Newsworld | Face-Off | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 109 February 7, 1996 | CHUG (Stephenville) | Peter Stoudley | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 110 February 7, 1996 | Radio-Canada | Ontario 30 | | | February 7th Day of Action | | | |
| 111 February 7, 1996 | NTR | Marc Pépin | | | February 7th Day of | | | |

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| 112 | February 7, 1996 | Radio-Canada | Marc Gauthier | Action |
| 113 | February 8, 1996 | CFRB (Toronto) | Joan Oakley | February 7th Day of Action |
| 114 | February 8, 1996 | CKCU (Carleton) | David Leblanc | Queen's Park Incident |
| 115 | February 8, 1996 | CBC Toronto (Radio) | ? | February 7th Day of Action |
| 116 | February 8, 1996 | The Ottawa Citizen | Liz Payne | February 7th Day of Action |
| 117 | February 9, 1996 | Canadian University Press | Stu Clark | Queen's Park Incident |
| 118 | February 9, 1996 | Algonquin Times | Allan Cairns | February 7th Day of Action |
| 119 | February 9, 1996 | Canadian Press | Wendy McCann | Intimidating Legislature |
| 120 | February 12, 1996 | The Charlantan (Carleton) | Jennifer Ross | February 7th Day of Action) |
| 121 | February 12, 1996 | TV Ontario | Panorama | Queen's Park Incident |
| 122 | February 13, 1996 | The Charlantan (Carleton) | John Besley | Registration Rates |
| 123 | February 22, 1996 | The Varsity (U. of Toronto) | Jennie Beck | Arctic College |
| 124 | February 26, 1996 | CBC Radio (Ottawa) | Brian Smith | First Jobs Program |
| 125 | February 27, 1996 | TV Ontario | Panorama | First Jobs Program |
| 126 | March 4, 1996 | Waterloo record | Rose Simone | Impact of cuts to PSE |
| 127 | March 5, 1996 | The Varsity (U. of Toronto) | Richard McKergow | Summer Employment |
| 128 | March 5, 1996 | The Queen's Journal | Scott Sheehy | First Jobs Program |
| 129 | March 5, 1996 | The Charlantan (Carleton) | Karen Quann | Acadia Referendum |
| 130 | March 6, 1996 | The Varsity (U. of Toronto) | Stacey Young | Federal Budget |
| 131 | March 6, 1996 | The Western Gazette | Paul Pigott | Federal Budget |
| 132 | March 6, 1996 | Budget SCRUM on | Nine (9) | Federal Budget |
| 140 | | Parliament Hill | interviews | |
| 141 | March 7, 1996 | CHUO (U. of Ottawa) | Emmanuel ? | Federal Budget |
| 142 | March 7, 1996 | Canadian University Press | Stu Clark | First Jobs Program |
| 143 | March 7, 1996 | The McGill Tribune | Todd Kramers | Federal Budget |
| 144 | March 7, 1996 | The Panther Prints | Amy ? | UPEI Referendum |
| 145 | March 7, 1996 | Ottawa Xpress | Mo Ghamson | First Jobs Program |
| 146 | March 8, 1996 | The EyeOpener (Ryerson) | Jonathan Blackburn | First Jobs Program |
| 147 | March 8, 1996 | The Arthur (Trent U.) | Damian Rogers | Federal Budget |

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| 148 | March 8, 1996 | The Journal (Mount Royal) | David Daigle | Federal Budget |
| 149 | March 11, 1996 | The Montreal Gazette | Simon Kennedy | Health Plan Referendum |
| 150 | March 11, 1996 | The Fulcrum (U. Ottawa) | Dawn Xavier | Links CFS/Labor |
| 151 | March 11, 1996 | The Charlatan (Carleton) | Carmelina Prete | Food Banks on Campuses |
| 152 | March 11, 1996 | The Argus (Mount Allison) | Katherine Glover | CASA's « misfortunes » |
| 153 | March 11, 1996 | The Muse (Memorial U.) | David Cochrane | UPEI referendum |
| 154 | March 12, 1996 | The Charlatan (Carleton) | John Besley | First Jobs Program |
| 155 | March 13, 1996 | The Western Gazette | Paul Pigott | Acadia Referendum |
| 156 | March 18, 1996 | The Charlatan (Carleton) | Miranda Watters | Tuition Freeze in B.C. |
| 156 | March 19, 1996 | The Charlatan (Carleton) | John Besley | Tuition Freeze in B.C. |
| 157 | March 19, 1996 | CBC Radio (All In a Day) | Sara McFadden | First Jobs Program |
| 158 | March 22, 1996 | The Lance (U. of Windsor) | David Garcia | Tuition Freeze in B.C. |
| 159 | March 25, 1996 | CFRA (Ottawa) | Steve Madely | Fasting |
| 160 | March 25, 1996 | Press Conference | About 10 media | Fasting |
| 161 | March 25, 1996 | CBC Radio | « All in a day » | First Jobs Program |
| 162 | March 26, 1996 | The Lance (U. of Windsor) | David Garcia | B.C. Tuition Freeze |
| 163 | March 26, 1996 | The Charlatan (Carleton) | John Besley | Links CFS/Labour |
| 164 | March 26, 1996 | The Globe and Mail | Jennifer Lewington | Differential Fees |
| 165 | March 27, 1996 | The Ottawa Xpress | Mo Ghamnon | Fasting |
| 166 | March 29, 1996 | CBC Radio (Ottawa) | Connie Watson | Fasting |
| 167 | April 1, 1996 | Radio-Canada (Radio) | Ontario 30 | Fasting |
| 168 | April 4, 1996 | Radio-Canada (Toronto) | Didier Cabagueva | Ontario Summer Jobs Prog. |
| 169 | April 9, 1996 | Global Television | Robin Percival | Canadian Youth Business Foundation |
| 170 | April 9, 1996 | Southam News | Brad Livinstone | Job Prospects |
| 171 | April 12, 1996 | CBC Radio (Toronto) | Brenda Teel | Welfare and PSE in Ontario |
| 172 | April 15, 1996 | CTV National | Canada AM | Privatization of MBA (McGill) |
| 173 | April 15, 1996 | Canadian Press | Tom Blackwell | Welfare and PSE in Ontario |
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SECTION 3

Government Relations

**ROUNDTABLE ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
DECEMBER 6, 1995
HOUSE OF COMMONS, CENTRE BLOCK
OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

Derrick Deans (for the National Graduate Council) and I represented the Federation as one of the twelve organizations present at this roundtable on post-secondary education and research, organized by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance. We were presenting the night Paul Martin made its submission to the committee.

Other organizations invited were:

Association of Community College of Canada (Terry Anne Boyles)
Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (Sally Brown)
Canadian Association of University Teachers (Don Savage)
Council of Research Managers of Canada (Henri Rothschild)
Canadian Teachers Federation (Harvey Weiner)
Corporate Higher Education Forum
Canadian School Boards Federation (Marie Pierce)
and four organizations I could not identify.

Interestingly enough, neither CASA nor CGC were present at the roundtable.

The members of the committee present were:

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| Jim Peterson, Chair | Willowdale | | ON | | LIB |
| Brent St. Denis | Algoma | ON | LIB | | |
| Gary Pillitteri | Niagara Falls | | ON | | LIB |
| Dianne Brushett | Cumberland-Colchester | NS | LIB | | |
| Pierre Brien | Temiscamingue | | QUE | | BQ |
| Monte Solberg | Medicine Hat | | ALB | | REF |
| Leon Benoit | Vegreville | | | ALB | REF |
| Herb Grubel | Capilano-Howe Sound | | BC | | REF |

The Federation was surely the focal point of the roundtable (Jocelyn commented later it was like I had a bull's eye on my shirt) as four members of the committee asked questions directed at the Federation, while we were active in questions asked to other organizations.

The first question was asked by Pierre Brien on what we were thinking of national standards, to which I explained our policy on a federal Higher Education Act, specifying it was not the intention of the Federation to see a standardized structure across the country that would see the elimination of Cégeps, for example.

The second question was asked by Monte Solberg, who asked me to explain our opposition to the concept of competition between post-secondary education institutions and of a voucher system.

The third question, from Gary Philliteri, was more a comment in the sense that he referred to his own children who are at the university level and whom he felt, were having it easier than he did.

Finally, the fourth question, which ended in an outward debate between almost all members of the roundtable, was, once again, a comment from Herb Grubel, who deplored that we, as academics, had such a « poor understanding of history » and that we were not, in fact, bringing any alternatives to cut our way through the national debt.

LOBBY REPORT # 3

DATE: November 30, 1995

APPOINTMENT: Reg Alcock

PROFILE: Reg Alcock is a Liberal MP for Winnipeg-South-Centre (Manitoba).

CFS REPRESENTATIVE: Guy Caron

REPORT: The meeting with Reg Alcock was very informal, more to get in touch with him as I met him outside on the Hill during the November 22 protest.

It was an interesting meeting, though, where he confirmed that the pressure the Federation put on the federal government, and more specifically the January 25 National Day of Strike and Action, was the main factor in Axworthy's decision to remove post-secondary education from the Social Security Review package.

He also explained that, regarding the Canada Health and Social Transfer, Axworthy has not been able to discuss the sharing of powers between the federal and provincial governments, as he had his hands full with the reforms to the unemployment insurance.

LOBBY REPORT # 4

DATE: December 1, 1995

APPOINTMENT: Peter Adams

PROFILE: Peter Adams is the Liberal MP for Peterborough (Ontario) which includes Trent University. Former faculty of Trent University. He is the Chair of the newly created Liberal sub-caucus on higher education.

CFS REPRESENTATIVE: Guy Caron

REPORT: Peter Adams met earlier with Renée Shilling and the Trent delegation and asked if it was possible to meet with me, as he became the chair of the Liberal sub-caucus on higher education. After two unsuccessful attempts during the General meeting, we finally met on December 1.

Once again, the meeting was short and more with an introductory purpose than discussing the issues at length. He confessed knowing little about the Federation. I explained the basic structures, policies and principles of the Federation after which I asked if we could meet with the sub-caucus in the following week. A meeting was then set up.

LOBBY REPORT # 5

DATE: December 5, 1995

APPOINTMENT: Roger Simmons

PROFILE: Roger Simmons is the Liberal MP for Burin-St. George (Newfoundland) which includes part of Westviking College and Eastern College. He is also the Chair of the Standing Committee on Health.

CFS REPRESENTATIVE(S): Guy Caron and four other members of the Canadian Health Coalition.

REPORT: The meeting was convened by the Canadian Health Coalition to discuss the impact of the Canada Health and Social Transfer on health, social assistance and post-secondary education.

He has been somewhat sympathetic to our plea, agreeing with the principles of medicare and of accessibility to post-secondary education, but stating that the Liberal Party has promised to put the financial house in order. Most of the discussion of this hour long meeting was held around economical arguments, against the myths of the Canadian debt and deficits.

LOBBY REPORT # 6

DATE: December 5, 1995

APPOINTMENT: Grant Hill

PROFILE: Grant Hill is the Reform MP for MacLeod (Alberta). He is also the Reform Critic on health issues.

CFS REPRESENTATIVE(S): Guy Caron and two other members of the Canadian Health Coalition.

REPORT: As with Roger Simmons, the meeting was convened to discuss the impact of the Canada Health and Social Transfer on health, social assistance and post-secondary education. As Grant Hill is the health critic for the reform, discussion was mainly held around this topic.

The whole meeting was an attempt by Mr. Hill to convince us that the social safety net and medicare were overburdened and about to explode. Medicare, more specifically had to be replaced by the reform party proposal, called Medicare Plus, which, in essence, is nothing else than creating a two-tiered system of health insurance in Canada.

As for post-secondary education, Grant Hill said it was one sector that should not be toughed by cuts, but to make it more efficient and to eliminate the useless waste in our institutions, a system bringing an element of competition, such as a voucher system, had to be implemented.

LOBBY REPORT # 7

DATE: December 13, 1995

APPOINTMENT: Liberal sub-caucus on Higher Education

PROFILE: A newly created caucus which is composed of eight Liberal MPs with strong interest in post-secondary education: Peter Adams , Chair (Peterborough, ON), Reg Alcock (Winnipeg-South-Centre, MB), Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, QC), Andrew Telegdi (Waterloo, ON), Mary Clancy (Halifax, NS), Ted McWhinney (Vancouver-Quadra, BC), John English (Kitchener, ON), and John Godfrey (Don Valley West, ON).

CFS REPRESENTATIVE(S): Guy Caron

REPORT: I was invited by Peter Adams, Chair of this sub-caucus, to make a presentation on behalf of the Federation. Four of the eight members of the caucus were present (Adams, Alcock, Allmand and Telegdi). This was more of an introduction meeting, where the Federation presented its mandate, goals, purpose and structure. At the time of the meeting, the sub-committee already met with representatives of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) , the Association of Community Colleges of Canada (ACCC) and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

A package was prepared for every member of the sub-caucus, with research and campaign material as well as documents coming from our involvement with coalitions. I presented the history of the Federation and the student movement in Canada, explained its structure and the basic philosophy moving the organization. I also tried to clear up the confusion that arose with the Income Contingent Loan Repayment Plans (ICLRP), where the Federation stood firm in its opposition to it while some student association in their ridings were supporting it. I explained that the Federation has a strong research department which has worked on the issue since 1988 which student associations don't have neither the resources nor the stability to undertake such a deep analysis. Peter Adams then confessed that he used to be in favor of ICLRP's, but that arguments brought forward by the Federation and Federation members convinced him otherwise.

Other comments during this meeting came about our relationship to CASA, the membership of the Federation, our future plans and the future of this sub-committee on higher education.

Interesting anecdote learned during the meeting: Warren Allmand used to be President of the National Federation of Canadian University Students (NFCUS) during the 50's.

LOBBY REPORT # 8

DATE: January 15, 1996

APPOINTMENT: Herb Gray

PROFILE: Herb Gray is the Liberal MP for Windsor West and is also the Solicitor General and the House Leader.

CFS REPRESENTATIVE(S): Guy Caron

REPORT: We met Herb Gray as a part of the lobbying effort of the Canadian Health Coalition which, despite its name, was a coalition created to address the issues of all sectors affected by the Canada Health and Social Transfer.

I was accompanied by Bob White (President of the Canadian Labour Congress), Lynne Toupin (from the National Anti-Poverty Organization), Kathleen Connors and Michael McBain (from the medical sector and the original Canadian Health Coalition) as well as by Marcel Gervais, Archbishop of Ottawa. The meeting attracted a lot of media attention, as journalists joined us in Mr. Gray's office before the meeting, and waited for us after it was completed.

On the post-secondary education issue, I expressed my serious concern that the implementation of cuts through the Canada Health and Social Transfer basically meant the end of the hope for national standards for post-secondary education in Canada. I explained what principles would be encompassed by a national legislation.

Mr. Gray expressed the point that there was no national standards to start with and that education was a provincial jurisdiction, but I replied that it could be argued that when the British North America Act was signed in 1867, universities were private and were not considered as education.

Mr. Gray was relatively receptive to the arguments brought forward from all sectors and committed to voice a defence of national standards within the caucus.

LOBBY REPORT # 9

DATE: March 13, 1996

APPOINTMENT: Svend Robinson

PROFILE: Svend Robinson is the NDP MP for Burnaby-Kingsway (which includes Simon Fraser University) and also the NDP Critic for Human Resources Development

CFS REPRESENTATIVE(S): Guy Caron

REPORT: The meeting was convened as a first contact for Mr. Robinson with representatives for post-secondary education since he received the portfolio of Human Resources Development, which previously belonged to Chris Axworthy. Also present at the meeting were Ursule Critoph and Michael Isaac from the Coalition for Post-Secondary Education) as well as Axel Bernabé, V.P. External of the Students' Federation of the University of Ottawa.

While Mr. Robinson learned a lot about the CPSE and the SFUO, there was not much I could tell him about the policies, priorities and projects of the federation. He was already pretty much informed. I had the opportunity to develop on the On-to-Ottawa Trek, and he agreed to be one of the main speakers. He also knew every misfortune about CASA and told us he had no intention of meeting with them or even recognizing them.

He is looking forward working actively with the Federation next year and is eager to be introduced to Brad Lavigne, Chairperson-elect of the Federation.