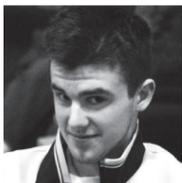


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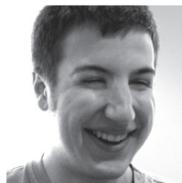
The United States has recently asked the world scientific community to explore the possibility of using giant mirrors to reflect the sun's rays away from Earth as an alternative solution to global warming.

What zany mad scientist schemes do you have to deal with global warming?



**Conrad Arnett**  
Open Studies

It's [the Americans'] planet, let them work it out for themselves.



**Zack Semenuk**  
Mechanical Engineering II

Why would they use mirrors? Just use solar panels instead.



**Daniel Huntley**  
Computer Science Employee

I would say increasing the manufacturing levels on popsicles. Because even if the environment's getting warmer, that doesn't matter as long we stay nice and cool.



**Megan Ragush**  
Kinesiology II

Fans. Put in a whole bunch of fans to blow the pollution to the States.

Compiled and photographed by Steve Smith and Ross Prusakowski

# Endowment fate still in question

SU representatives have yet to decide on how to use previously invested cash

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Yusuf added that although eliminating the investment portion of the fund wouldn't completely eliminate the deficit, any steps that would increase the funding to students are needed.

However, some disagreed with removing the investment portion of the Access Fund. Prem Eruvbetine, one of the councillors arguing against the removal of the investment, feels that more consideration is needed before Council decides to make any major changes to the way that the Access Fund operates.

"I think that it's premature. I think that they want to remove the endowment fund, and they haven't found out what they want to do with it," he told the Gateway before the vote. "I think the Access Fund Committee has to figure out what the endowment fund is going to do, how it will serve students, now and in the future."

Despite the large number of students seeking help from the fund, he said that the current program is working well and doesn't think that large-scale changes are required.

"I understand that there are a lot of applications. But the Access Fund, as it stands, has been very useful," Eruvbetine said. "We've had many students write in to praise it."

But Sylvia Shamana, who chairs the Access Fund Committee, agreed with

the push to remove the requirement for investment. She argued that tuition and external funding were both too variable to be able to guess at student needs decades into the future.

"The way that the fund was forecasted, it wouldn't become self-sustaining until 30 years or so, and who knows what student need will be like at that time," she said.

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**SYLVIA SHAMANA,**  
ACCESS FUND COMMITTEE CHAIR

The question of what to do with the existing endowment fund, which has been collecting since the Access Fund was created, still has to be decided by Council. Yusuf said that he would like to see is distributed with the rest of the

fund, increasing the amount of money available to applicants for the next few years.

Shamana, however, would rather that it wasn't distributed with the rest of the fund.

"I really don't feel comfortable spending that money, just because previous students put that money in with the expectation that it would [be put towards] making the fund self-sustaining," she said.

Shamana suggested that the money remain invested to continue accruing interest, although she doubts that this will allow the fund to become self-sustaining.

Whatever is decided for the endowment, the hope is that the issue is settled quickly.

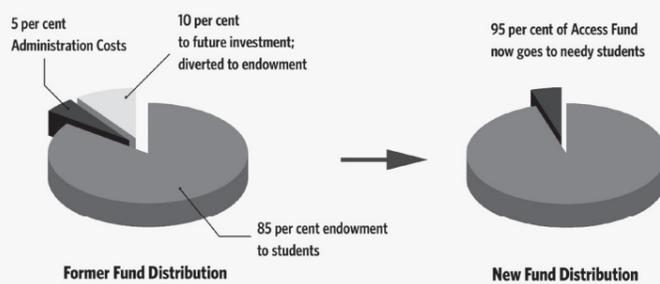
"I'm really anxious to deal with [the endowment] this year. There are a lot of experienced councillors sitting on Council, and a lot of new ones. I'd like to see how their ideas synergize," Yusuf said.

Despite the changes, Eruvbetine thinks that the endowment fund will be far less useful without the early contribution from students.

"By cutting out the endowment fund, they are basically making it a stagnant pool of nothing. The purpose that it was originally there for no longer [exists], because there [will be] no more money flowing into it," he said.

## ACCESS FUND DISTRIBUTION

• According to Omer Yusuf, the Access Fund is collected through a dedicated fee drawn from students. Each student is charged \$15.75 for fall and winter, and \$7.88 for spring and summer sessions. The current demand outweighs supply by \$300 000. Eliminating the investment portion will provide nearly \$100 000 more for dispersal.



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