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DR. JOHN OTTO OLSON  
AUGUSTANA CHEMISTRY 110

Dr. Olson is a professor that exemplifies the dedication towards teaching that this program, [Professor of the Week], aims to honor. His office is nearly always open; if not, a phone call or weekend/late night meeting is far from uncommon. He presents organic and general chemistry through multiple means of material that are constantly revised and perfected to ease understanding and to present chemistry as an art as much as a science. As one of Augustana's longest-serving professors, he will not only be missed by his students, but the entire faculty when he retires. Dr. Olson deserves to be recognized as an excellent teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend.

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# Anglophone students holding out from protests in Quebec

MATTHEW FIORENTINO  
The Link (Concordia University)

MONTREAL (CUP)—“À qui la rue? À nous la rue!” shouted over 2000 students as they marched from Dorchester Square with painted picket signs and street-wide banners into the heart of Montreal on 15 November.

Their mission was clear—free education—and aside from the downpour that day, everything seemed to be in order. That is, until someone remarked, “Where are the Anglophones?”

A special general assembly at McGill, while still attracting 600 students, failed to bring in enough undergraduates to vote on a proposed strike. Similarly, Concordia's general assembly, held on 29 October, fell short of quorum by over 600 students.

While many anglophone students are still attending protests, their numbers are dwarfed by those of the francophone population.

“McGill was represented by about 200 students at Thursday's protest,” Max Silverman, Vice-President of External Affairs for the Student Society of McGill University said. “I believe there were roughly 250 Concordia students on hand as well.”

“Of course there is always an Anglo presence at these events, but we're a minority,” Erika Dyer, a Dawson College student said.

To date, Dawson College is the only English-speaking institution in the province whose student body voted in favour of officially supporting the Quebec-wide student strike against the lifting of a 13-year tuition freeze.

However, only a small but consistent

number of protesters have appeared at Dawson's de Maisonneuve and Atwater entrances, urging students not to cross their picket lines. Their requests largely went ignored as most hurried off to classes, which continued uninterrupted.

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY STUDENT SOCIETY

“People at Dawson are terribly apathetic to an array of political issues,” Dyer said. “A lot of students are really against the free education movement, and I have trouble understanding that.”

“I think if you look at Concordia and McGill, historically speaking, we've always been kind of behind in terms of jumping on board,” Silverman said. “If you look at McGill, half of the students hail from outside of the province. There's no student movement in the States or the rest of Canada that really compares with the activist culture that we have in Quebec.”

Students from outside of Quebec

already pay several thousand dollars more in tuition fees than students native to the province.

Still, a key rallying point for francophone students has been the Université de Québec à Montréal (UQAM) administration's decision to offset their \$350 million debt by raising tuition fees, cutting back expenses, and revising which programs receive funding.

Renaud Lachance, Quebec's auditor general, blamed UQAM's poor finances on a pair of construction projects that ran over budget before completion.

“Students at UQAM are going to see the offerings of the University and the quality of teaching diminish because of the school's financial situation, which is not their fault to begin with,” said Jean-Olivier Lanctot David, a Université de Montréal student who took part in the protest.

“At UQAM, I think the movement has been so successful because of the urgency of the issues,” Silverman said.

Some feel that tradition also plays a role in mobilizing students.

“I think we're [as francophones] certainly more used to protesting in the streets at least,” Lanctot David said. “There's no doubt that if you look at recent history, French-speaking Québécois have been more prone to mass mobilization.”

“Yes, there is a disparity,” Silverman admitted. “But I can also say that the francophone students were pleased to see Concordia and McGill represented at the protest on Thursday.”

“If nothing else, this movement's victory will be bringing Anglo and Franco students together.”

## Campus bars get creative to stay afloat

With grade 13 a thing of the past, campus watering holes are suffering—and the majority of first-year undergrads at Ontario universities are underage

LAURA DI MASCIO  
GEOFF IVES  
The Charlatan (Carleton University)

OTTAWA (CUP)—Campus bars across Canada are either closing down or expanding their services as it becomes more difficult to attract students.

Jeff Dockeray, executive director of the Campus Hospitality Managers Association, a national association of campus pub, restaurant, and night-club managers, said he sees “a natural progression away from alcohol into a more diverse set of facilities.

“Campus profits from their alcohol operations and their food operations have dropped significantly the last ten years,” he said.

Dockeray also blames higher prices for the downturn.

“Gradually, over the last 20 years, sure, there's been a reduction in at least the availability of profit because of the escalation of alcohol and food costs—primarily alcohol.”

Ontario has also been hurt because of the double cohort year since, for the first time in the province's history, first-year students are now generally unable to drink legally.

The loss of first-year students also hurts campus bars because it was mostly first-year students who were attracted to the campus pub scene, said Fran Wdowczyk, executive

director of the Student Life Education Company, which promotes healthy decision-making among postsecondary and high school students.

“Predominantly, it's your first-year students who would go to the campus bar until they found other places in town where they wanted to go,” she said.

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FRAN WDOWCZYK  
STUDENT LIFE EDUCATION COMPANY

Changes in the student lifestyle have also carried their toll, said Wdowczyk.

“Students are considerably healthier than they were 20 years ago when it comes to making choices around alcohol,” she explained, noting that surveys have shown students “are not going out two, three, four nights a week. They're maybe going out once or twice in a month.”

The shift has hurt what used to be a real money-maker in the 1980s and 1990s, she said.

According to Dockeray, campus bars have been forced to diversify their revenues in order to break even, introducing food, arcade games, interactive nights, and increased programming.

“We've watched the campus bar evolve from just serving alcohol to starting to serve only bar food at night,” Wdowczyk said.

Now, she added, the campus bar must be “more than just a booze-can.”

“Some of them have become lunchtime restaurants that cater not only to students but to faculty and staff as well, and we even have some campus bars that have a full catering contract.”

Wdowczyk cited Wilf's, the student bar at Wilfrid Laurier University, as a prime example of a campus bar that has re-invented itself to become a restaurant where faculty and staff are happy to go to after work.

Oliver's, Carleton University's campus bar, also offers more than just alcohol. Skantha Sivakadachaiyar, Carleton University Students' Association's Vice-President (Finance), said food sales at Oliver's have gone up recently, and a new breakfast menu was recently added.

“We're not open just for alcohol,” he said. “Our bigger seller is food.”

He said Oliver's also tries to attract students by offering an array of activities, such as Guitar Hero competitions, movie nights, and guest speakers.