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The President Reports

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In my last report to the student community in *Excalibur*, I commented on five measures which had been passed by the Board of Governors. I would like now to report progress on each of those matters.

1. The Director of Communications is preparing an extensive document — listing the various activities undertaken by the University and policy positions enunciated by the President and the Administration — to advise the University community and to use as a starting point for consideration and formulation of future strategy.

2. The Board Executive - Senate Executive has met to discuss the March 16 Queen's Park rally, scholarships for York students, and a development program for raising scholarship funds.

3. The Senate adopted the resolution passed at the February Board meeting expressing concern over reduced funding for universities, and requesting that the Ontario Government modify its plans and adjust the level of financing "with a view to maintaining the strength of higher education in this Province". The resolution was subsequently sent to the Premier of the Province, the Minister of Colleges and Universities, the board chairmen and presidents of all Ontario universities, and to the Executive of the Council of Ontario Universities.

4. The Council of Ontario Universities will co-ordinate a joint meeting with the board chairmen and presidents of all Ontario universities, and the Minister of Colleges and Universities has in-

dicated a willingness to receive proposals made in that joint meeting. Meanwhile, in the York University brief to the Ontario Council on University Affairs, proposals on planning the future of the university system in the Province have been presented in detail.

5. Prior to the March 16 rally, I met with several of the presidents of the York unions to agree upon University procedures for the rally. I hope that we will hold further meetings shortly to discuss a University strategy for the future.

As I reported at the last meeting of Senate, the Board of Governors has authorized the allocation of \$175,000 in "seed money" for additional scholarships and bursaries in York University, to be divided by the President as appropriate to undergraduate and graduate programmes. To put the dimensions of this important addition into perspective, the University was originally planning an allocation of \$287,000 from its own funds for scholarships and bursaries next year; thus, the fund has been increased to \$462,000.

Including the additional \$130,000 from endowed scholarships and bursaries, our allocation next year will increase from a planned \$417,000 to an actual \$592,000. This is an important step in the direction recommended by the Senate's Committee on Scholarships and Student Assistance. Indeed, the idea for these additional funds preceded any changes in the Ontario Students' Assistance Programme and are intended primarily to encourage and support scholarship within the York student community.

At the same time, we announced the appointment of Professor David M. Logan, Associate Professor of Biology in the Faculty of Science, as Co-ordinator of Recruitment and Public Liaison for York University. Professor Logan's term of appointment will end in September, at which time the future of the position will be reviewed.

In his new capacity, Professor Logan will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the University's efforts in recruitment, admissions and public liaison and will act as Chairman of the Working Committee on Recruitment and Public Liaison. He and the Working Committee are expected to co-ordinate functions between admissions, housing, alumni, enrolment procedures, student records, publications, transportation, scholarships, communications and the Centre for Continuing Education. Professor Logan has indicated that a University-wide recruitment policy will be established by September.

As a member of the Task Force on Recruitment named by the Policy Committee in the late fall, he has been part of a team concerned with the effectiveness of York's recruitment-to-registration process.

The establishment of this new position and the Working Committee is the result of recommendations made by the Task Force and announced to the York community by Dean R.L.R. Overing, Task Force Chairman. In the *Gazette* of January 27, Dean Overing wrote: "There is a need at York for a representative group to

plan recruitment and public liaison policy and to foster and co-ordinate activities throughout the University".

Professor Logan, who joined the York faculty in September 1968, has been an elected Trustee of the North York Board of Education since 1972. He previously served as Board Chairman and now is Board Budget Chief.

Turning to more immediate financial questions, I suggested at the last Senate meeting that all members of the York community concerned about university financing should pay particular attention to the Minister of Colleges and Universities' statement on university funding of March 16th, which we have since reprinted in the *York University Gazette*. That statement is particularly toughly worded and I have invited members of the University community to contribute their ideas to a response which the University will be preparing. Meanwhile, in our recently submitted annual presentation to the Ontario Council on University Affairs, we have indicated the problems we face in this University as a result of underfunding.

However, York University should enjoy strong opportunities for the future. To ensure that this is so, we are currently working with the Board of Governors on the formulation of a development strategy for additional private fund-raising for this University. The commitment by the Board to provide \$175,000 for additional money for scholarships is an indication of its intentions for the future.

The University has been carrying a deficit, both on its operating and capital accounts, for the past five years. These deficits have been diminished by the application of any small surpluses that have occurred in individual years. This year, any

surplus from the 1977-78 budget will be applied in support of the new scholarships rather than to reduce the on-going deficit. Meanwhile as indicated, plans are underway to seek private support for scholarships in the future.

Incidentally, the various budget officers throughout the University deserve commendation for their fiscal forecasting. During the past few years, the deviation of university financial operations in any year from the budget forecast has been less than one-half of one percent which is modest, indeed, compared with the normal deviations in private business or in government operations.

In the case of this past year, where the decline in enrolment, the reduction in the Faculty of Education grant, and payments resulting from collective agreements resulted in added financial pressure, our ability to meet targets was also a product of serious constraint and stringent economy by most members of the York community.

However, no one should take any lasting satisfaction either from our forecasting successes or from the financial practices of any one year. The reductions that have been necessary from the base budget of the University for 1978-79 have brought us to the point where further reductions are impossible without affecting the basic operation of courses and programmes.

For that reason, the Senate's Academic Policy Planning Committee has now begun a comprehensive review of the alternatives for the 1979-80 year and the years thereafter. Certainly, it is the intention of the Committee to bring forward its views on a regular basis in order that the community as a whole will have an opportunity to participate in the general shaping of our academic future.

Levesque

Quebec Premier René Lévesque will speak in Burton Auditorium at 2:00, and answer questions after his address until 3:30. Following is a brief resumé of the Premier's life and career.

M. Lévesque was born in 1922, the son of a lawyer, in a bilingual community of the Gaspé region. After attending law school in Québec, he became a war correspondent and translator for the American Army from 1943 to 1945. In 1951 he acted as a Korean war correspondent for Radio Canada.

During the 1950s he was involved with a daily radio news program on CBC titled "Carrefour" (Crossroads) and, as a free-lance journalist, a popular weekly news show on television named "Point de Mire" (Target).

In 1960, he was elected to the Québec legislature as a Liberal MLA, and was appointed Minister of Public Works and Hydraulic Resources. In 1961 M. Lévesque became Minister of Natural Resources and oversaw the nationalization of Hydro-Québec, an act which helped return both he and the Liberals to power in the 1962 election.

M. Lévesque was again re-elected during the 1966 election, in which the Liberals lost to the Union Nationale. His publication in 1967 of his manifesto "Option Québec" led to his departure from the Liberals. Le Mouvement Souveraineté-Association decided to form a separatist political party, and elected M. Lévesque president.

Although the 1970 election saw M. Lévesque defeated and only seven Parti Québécois (PQ) members elected, the following

election of Nov. 15, 1976 was a landslide for the Parti Québécois, who won 71 seats (41 percent of the vote) against the Liberals' 26 seats (33.8 percent).

Premier Lévesque has spoken at York on other occasions. In 1967 he delivered a speech on "Québec's Future in Canada" at the "Québec: Year 8 Conference" at Glendon College.

York Hosts Sculptors

Last fall, artist Bill Vazan made York the site of the "world's biggest drawing". This summer, York will host the 10th International Sculpture Conference, the largest annual meeting of its kind for the first time it has been convened in Canada.

More than 150 sculptors, artists, and critics are expected to attend from all over the world during the Conference's four days from May 31 to June 3. Most of the delegates will be staying on campus in residences, and all of the workshop demonstrations will be held on campus.

The honorary chairman is Henry Moore. Conference Chairman David Silcox, a former York faculty member, said: "This major art congress . . . will inevitably make more people aware of the directions sculpture is taking and its expanding role in society. York University was selected as the site for the Conference because of its on-going commitment to the visual arts and its unique studio facilities."

The presentations and workshops on special methods reflect the degree to which the definition and use of

sculpture have expanded in recent years. Among the subjects on the program are "Hydro-Sculpture" (fountains), "Laser Demonstration", "Holography", "Sculpture and Landscape", "Scale: When is Big Too Big?", "Performance as Sculpture", "Micro-Computer Programming" and a demonstration in the use of large cranes.

Exhibitions will be held in University galleries, and many York faculty members are participating in the Conference. Among them will be Ted Bieler, Vera Frenkel, Toby

MacLennan, Bruce Parsons, and Tim Whiten.

Pre-registration is recommended, and each of the three levels of conference involvement costs \$25 less with pre-registration before May 1. The total package, including residence at York, all meals and three gala events is \$175; the partial package with lunches and dinners and galas is \$125; and conference sessions only cost \$50.

For further information and registration forms, contact: 10th International Sculpture Conference, 55 Bloor St. W., Suite 1405, Toronto M4W 1A5, telephone 966-3421.

Diversion

Students in York's Faculty of Administrative Studies will be helping prevent crime, and reform youthful offenders, in the Jane-Finch area.

The students in the Small Business Assistance Program will be lending their knowledge of business and finance on a consulting basis to "Diversion", a program undertaken by the Youth Action Project (YAP). Stephen Rumm, YAP director, explained: "the purpose of Diversion is to re-involve the youthful offender in his community through either restitution to the victim, or community service."

"We approached Administrative Studies at York to find out how we could raise funds from local businesses, who lose money through thefts and vandalism by youthful offenders.

"We asked 'Can we sell this? Is it a good idea?' The reaction from the Faculty was very positive."

Although funding from the Solicitor-General and provincial

government sources ends in April, the Diversion project is planning a six-to-eight week funding campaign starting soon.

Anyone who wishes to offer time or contributions to the project should contact Bill Underwood, Diversion Supervisor, at 742-2514.

Ten Dances

Tiptoe through the tulips with York's terpsichoreans. The Dance Department is presenting a varied program of student and faculty choreography at 8:00 p.m. April 13, 14 and 15 in Burton Auditorium. Admission for the Spring Dance Concert is \$1.00, a donation towards the Scholarship Fund.

The opening piece is "Territories", choreographed by Grant Strate to Michael Byron's music. It is part of a five-part choreographic work to be performed at the Young People's Theatre April 18.

Other pieces include: "Balade" by choreographer Ginette Morel, to Keith Jarrett's music; "The Moon of the Miao Family", choreographed and performed by Wan-Yu Liu; "Conversations" choreographed by Kathryn Brownwell, and "Trio" by Richard Silver; "Edge", set to Stravinsky by Earl Kraul; "Facelift", choreographed by Susan Cash to music by Jonathan and Darlene Edwards and Anthony Braxton; "Gambado", choreographed by Christopher House to Steeleye Span and Das Alte Werk; "Capriol Suite", a work developed from a sixteenth-century manual by Arbeau; and the final piece, "A Survivor's Suite" choreographed by Sandra Neels to Carl Orff's music.



A media delegate to the International Sculpture Conference? No, this gentleman is a collaboration between Visual Arts students in the Theatre and Film Departments, showing that 16mm films is in style this year for informal wear.