



Ryerson's CKLN supporters (left to right) Arif Noorani, Rebecca Clarkson, Denise Benson, Barenaked Lady Tyler Stewart, Marva Jackson and Bobby Wiseman (Blue Rodeo) rally around the flag. photo by Rufus Glasco — *The Eyeopener*

## Western abandons "back door tuition increase" fee

by Clive Thompson  
Canadian University Press

TORONTO — The University of Western Ontario has axed a plan to fund scholarships by charging students an extra \$225 incidental fee.

The rejection of the "back-door tuition increase" follows York's rejection of a similar but smaller fee last summer.

"We kicked the administration's butt in this debate," said Ken Craft, president of UWO's graduate student council.

UWO's senate — its highest decision-making body — voted Mar. 19 to reject the \$225 fee, which was to be phased in over three years.

Revenue from the fee was supposed to replace and increase the \$3.7 million the university currently spends each year on student aid.

But Craft and others had argued it was an unethical way to make students' fees far above the yearly \$125 increase permitted by the province.

They also claimed the proposal violated provincial guidelines that say fees can only be charged for services available to all students, such as health and athletic centres — not scholarships and bursaries.

Last summer York's Board of Governors attempted to charge students a levy fee of \$5 per full-time

course. The fee was intended to bolster the university's sagging capital budget, which pays for general maintenance, services and facilities.

The fee was described as a "back-door tuition increase" by Diane Crocker, an officer for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, in July. York abandoned the idea in August.

Ministry officials still haven't handed down a decision about whether or not UWO's plan would have violated the rules.

Chris Lawson, researcher for the Ontario Federation of Students, said UWO's decision could motivate the ministry to finally rule such fees illegal.

"I think [ministry officials] are probably relieved, because they may have discovered a loophole that they can clear up without stepping on anyone's toes," he added.

Jamie Mackay, an official with the ministry, said the government is reviewing the rules for incidental fees, but won't be finished for months. But they will definitely keep some limits in place, he added.

"When you start getting into \$200 and \$250 ancillary fees, you have to ask yourself why are we bothering to control tuition fees if we're going to allow this other stuff?"

### CORRECTION

Due to a gross typographical error, the cover of last week's (March 18) *Excilibur* featured a headline which read "You can't get in without a 78." The number should have been 72 — and even that's a bit misleading, as the Office of Admissions reminds us, since cutoffs may vary in different departments. *Excilibur* apologizes to the Admissions staff for the embarrassment and inconvenience this has caused, and to any concerned grade 13 students when they regain consciousness.

## Campus radio under attack

by Doug Saunders

On April 1, students at Ryerson will decide whether they like what they're hearing on the far left end of the radio dial.

A referendum will ask them if they want to continue paying \$8.03 each to support CKLN (88.1 FM), a Ryerson-based community station. If they vote yes, they'll continue to provide a third of the \$300,000 annual budget of a station the *Toronto Star* says "may be the most innovative radio station in Canada."

If they vote no, they'll support aerospace engineering student Bruce Avery (now graduated), who a year ago started the petition process which led to next week's referendum.

"They use our money to play stuff a very select number of students listen to, like calypso and ska," Avery explained at the time. "There's a lot of pop they could play, but they never do."

Indeed, CKLN does play a lot of calypso and ska — as well as punk, hip hop, jazz, in-depth interviews and alternative news features. Their mandate, according to station manager Marva Jackson, is to play the material which commercial radio stations avoid — and to support the communities which profit-oriented stations overlook.

"It's alternative programming, it's different programming and we believe students really want to hear that," Jackson says. "So on April 1 we'll see if they believe in what we're doing."

But the 131 students who signed Avery's petition last year — including many members of the Ryerson Student Union — are gambling that Ryerson students would rather spend their \$8.03 on a Guns 'n Roses record.

It looks like the odds are against them. More than 1,000 CKLN supporters — including big-name local performers like Holly Cole and The Barenaked Ladies — have joined a

mammoth 'vote yes' campaign. So far, Jackson says, a 'no' campaign hasn't emerged.

According to Jackson, even a no vote will be good for the station. The referendum has helped CKLN build a network of supporters that other stations — like York's CHRY (105.5 FM) — would envy. During their annual autumn fundraising drive last year, CKLN attracted a stunning \$140,000 in listener donations.

"No matter what happens it will be beneficial to CKLN. You can feel people's commitment," Jackson says.

"It's a great example of the thing that built this station, which is students and community working together."

### A flood of airwaves

CKLN was at the centre of an explosion in campus-based community radio during the 1980s — and the

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## SUMMER 1992 ENROLMENT WINDOWS FOR NON-ATKINSON STUDENTS

Technical problems may result in some enrolment window notices being delayed in the mail.

If your total credits (up to and including Winter/Summer 1992 courses) is 90 or more (roughly 15 or more full courses or third and fourth year standing), please call the Voice Response help Line at (416) 736-5744, or come by the Registrar's Office, C130 West Office Building, to learn your enrolment window time immediately.

If your total credits (up to and including Winter/Summer 1992 courses) is 54-89, and you don't receive your enrolment window notification by the evening of March 30, then call the Voice Response Help Line at (416) 736-5744, or come by the Registrar's Office, C130 West Office Building, to learn your enrolment window time.

Anyone whose credit enrolment is less than 54 should receive their enrolment window notification form in good time. These windows will not start until Monday, April 6.

The Voice Response Help Line is open 8 am - 7 pm (Monday - Friday), and 10 am - 5 pm (Saturday, March 28), and 10 am - 2 pm (all other Saturdays).

The Registrar's Office is open 9 am - 4 pm (Monday - Friday).

Office of the Registrar

## PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

### NOTICE

of open meetings with candidates for President of York University

The Presidential Search Committee has now released the short-list of candidates for President of York University - copies of the report have been distributed widely across the University. CVs of the candidates are on reserve in the Frost and Scott Libraries and are available for reference in the University Secretariat S883, Ross Bldg. They are also available for reference in the YFS/FÉY and GSA Offices.

During the week of March 30th, the three candidates will be available to meet with members of the York community at the following times and locations:

<b>Stephen Fienberg:</b> Monday, March 30th at	10:30 am - 12:30 pm 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Senate Chamber, S915 Ross Salon Garigue, Glendon College
<b>Susan Mann:</b> Thursday, April 2nd at	9:15 am - 11:15 am 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Salon Garigue, Glendon College Senate Chamber, S915 Ross
<b>H. Vivian Nelles:</b> Friday, April 3rd at	10:00 am - 12 noon 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Vari Hall, Lecture Room C Salon Garigue, Glendon College

Individuals wishing to provide the Search Committee with their comments should do so in writing by 10:00 am, Wednesday, April 8, 1992. The Committee can be reached c/o University Secretariat, S883 Ross Bldg. All comments will be kept in strict confidence.

John F. Bankes  
Chair