

Faculty jobs unguaranteed

York might annex college

York has told the Ontario government it won't absorb Lakeshore Teachers College as expected if it has to guarantee the jobs of the college's faculty members for four years.

York's stand is the first open challenge to an agreement reached last March on integration of the province's 13 teachers' colleges with nearby universities. The four year job guarantee was one of the guidelines agreed to by the department of education and the Committee of Presidents of the Universities of Ontario.

The 13 colleges are one-year institutions which train teachers for the province's elementary schools. The integration plan is part of a long-term plan to give elementary teachers a university-level education similar to that of secondary school teachers.

It was once expected that York would absorb Lakeshore. But York administration officials say they want to build their own college or faculty of education.

Arts dean John Saywell said in an interview with The Globe and Mail that it would be "a fraud" simply to absorb Lakeshore and declare that its students were then automatically receiving a university-level education.

York, he said, cannot afford to hire every member of the Lakeshore faculty and then dismiss a lot of them four years later.

Although York would probably hire a significant number of Lakeshore's faculty, he said, it also wants to hire other, more highly qualified, staff.

At present, no one member of the

Lakeshore faculty has a doctorate. Most have a Bachelor of Arts and a master's degree in education.

York also wants to run a different operation than the one at Lakeshore, Saywell said. There would be no more one-year post-Grade 13 program.

Instead, the teacher-education program would offer four- and five-year programs which would give degrees for students who want to become either elementary or secondary school teachers.

Students in the program would take most of their courses in arts and sciences, rather than teacher education, per se.

But Lakeshore principal W.C. McClure believes that York would be obliged to hire all his faculty members if the college was absorbed.

"I think people who have devoted themselves to education in this province have this owed to them," he said.

Faced with this opposition, York instead approached the Committee on University Affairs in December and asked for the funds necessary to set up a teacher education program of its own. The York brief referred to phasing out Lakeshore rather than integrating it with the university.

The CUA is a Cabinet-appointed group which acts as a buffer between the universities and the provincial government.

York's manoeuvres are being closely watched by officials at the University of Toronto. These officials say privately that they, too, have doubts about integrating a college, which, in their case, would be the Toronto Teachers College.

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Police end Ottawa sit-in

OTTAWA — An early morning raid by city police Monday ended a brief occupation of a suite of offices in the University of Ottawa administration building by a group of French-speaking social science students demanding French-only instruction in their faculty. The 18 students were charged with petty trespass for their action, which began late Sunday. Although the students were threatened with expulsion and suspension by the U of O security staff during the occupation, a spokesman for the vice-rector's office said Monday none of the 18 would be dismissed or suspended by the university. The occupation was the latest move in a campaign by U of O social science students to gain all-French instruction in the 350-member faculty, which is about 85 per cent francophone. A referendum in the department turned thumbs down on the institution's bilingual policy Jan. 22. In one department, students said, all but two of the 25 courses are offered in English only.

Brock council withdraws reps

ST. CATHARINES — Student representatives will no longer sit on university committees, the Brock University student council decided last week, since such participation cannot change the fundamental function of the university in this society. The council accepted the report of its academic affairs commission, which urged withdrawal on the grounds that student representation benefited the "few major industrialists in whose interest the system functions." The report says: "Any fundamental change within the system cannot be brought about without the support of the working class and only extra-parliamentary base-building can win support for such action. The council motion pledges the union to challenge departments to allow students to engage in studies benefiting the people of the Niagara peninsula, to challenge course content, to work in the high schools, to publish regular community editions of the school paper and to support the campus workers."

Carleton council won't dissolve

OTTAWA — The remnants of Carleton University's student council has decided to remain in business, despite a student mandate to dissolve itself. During a two-day referendum, Jan. 19-20, students voted 744-457 to abolish the council and replace it with two new bodies — one controlling services and one taking charge of "political" functions of student government. But the referendum turnout only amounted to 19 per cent of the full time student population of Carleton — less than the one-third of Carleton's 6,200 students necessary to make the decision binding.

March on Bishop's fizzles

LENNOXVILLE, P.Q. — A small band of unilingualist demonstrators was outnumbered, pelted and jeered by a crowd of townspeople and students as they staged a "Bishop's francais" march against anglophone Bishop's University here last Thursday. Billed in advance as a mass march in the tradition of "McGill francais" — which drew 15,000 people into the Montreal streets March 28, 1969 — the Bishop's demonstration drew only 80 persons. As many police, including a 50-man unit of the Montreal riot squad, watched the protesters and helped keep off counter-protesters who pelted the demonstrators with snowballs and tried to rough up some of them. The unilingualists, led by Stanley Gray and other Montreal activists, charged that the college was racist.

Guelph students push for prof

GUELPH — Students and faculty in the sociology department at the University of Guelph continued their efforts last week to obtain an administration explanation for the firing of professor Donald J. Grady, and for other vacancies in the departmental ranks. At a sociology department meeting last Tuesday, students and faculty voted unanimously to ask university president W.C. Winegard to give specific written reasons to professors denied renewal of contract, tenure or promotion after they have been recommended by departmental tenure and reclassification committees. Grady was informed he would not be rehired last December, after a departmental committee recommended him for tenure at the university. He was told that "incompatibility with other faculty was the reason for his dismissal." During the fall, Grady was a leader in a move to give students representation in the Guelph sociology department on a one-man, one-vote basis.

Higher fees for foreigners ?

MONTREAL — Foreign students attending McGill and other Quebec universities will have to pay higher fees than Canadians, if administrators accept a suggestion forwarded by McGill's faculty of medicine. The proposal, passed last week at a faculty meeting, suggests that McGill contact other Quebec universities to raise fees for non-Canadians. The move would need approval from the McGill senate and board of governors. Maurice McGregor, dean of medicine, said the proposal was made to take the expense of educating foreign students off the Quebec taxpayer. Students from a "rich neighboring country" are encouraged to apply to Quebec universities by comparatively lower fees, he said. The universities could increase bursaries to students from Third World countries, McGregor said, so they would not be affected by the move.