

NEWS

Students urge NDP to stand and deliver



YFS makes its presence felt at the rally

By Jeannine Amber

Many students are finding it impossible to afford university in Ontario and they want the NDP to do something about it.

"I can't afford it, that's for sure," said Elizabeth Williams, a student from the University of Ottawa, "and my friend has to beg for money to buy food so he can go to school."

Williams, along with approximately 200 other students, joined in the "Stand and Deliver" rally, held last Thursday in front of the Minister for Colleges and Universities.

The message the students delivered was clear: the provincial NDP is going to have to live up to the election promises they made concerning funding for post secondary school education.

"We want to tell the NDP 'we listened to your campaign promises, we know what your policies are and we want you to act on them,'" said Tim Jackson, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students which organized the event.

Jackson is referring to the NDP's pledge to increase funding to post-secondary schools, implement an all-grant system, and eventually phase out tuition entirely.

John Turner visits York

The John White Society and the Osgoode Liberal Club are very pleased to present former prime minister John Turner as a guest speaker on Wednesday, November 14 at 12:15pm in the Moot Court Room of Osgoode Hall Law School.

Mr. Turner will be speaking on the "Aftermath of Free Trade and Meech Lake." There will be a question period and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. Turner was educated at U.B.C., Oxford and the University of Paris. He was called to the bars of British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario.

The former prime minister has had a long history of public service. Turner was first elected to the House of Commons in 1962 and has held seven cabinet positions including Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Minister of Finance and Minister of Justice.

Turner was prime minister of Canada from June 30, 1984 until September 4, 1984. He remained Leader of the Opposition and Liberal party leader until 1989.

Turner will be remembered for his valiant crusade against the Free Trade Agreement

through their own initiative and drive that students can work and afford to go to school," said McCullough, accusing the government of being unrealistic.

Both McCullough and Graham, received rousing applause and raucous cheers from the students.

Brad Ward, NDP parliamentary assistant, spoke to the demonstrators on behalf of the NDP party.

Ward discussed the past performance of the Liberal and Conservative parties and said "now we [the NDP] are carrying the ball, and we're going for a touch down."

Ward repeatedly stressed that he encouraged students to "meet with us and work together." However, he was unable to give any clear answers to questions about when students might see any of the policies put into effect.

"It won't happen over night," said Williams.

Despite being able to rally the demonstrators into chanting slogans, Ward had little else to offer in the way of concrete information.

College and university critics from the Liberal and Tory parties, who also spoke at the rally, were not greeted as kindly.

Dianne Cunningham, from the Conservative party, was drowned out by chants of "bullshit, bullshit, bullshit" when she tried explain-

ing that she understood the students' position, having university aged children herself.

Liberal critic Hans Daigeler had dried macaroni pelted at him when he tried to tell the students he shared their concerns.

Daigeler later told *Excalibur* he "expected a critical reaction, but the type at today's rally goes beyond what we've been used to."

"Obviously there are tremendous expectations for the NDP, and frankly, I would not want to be in their shoes right now," Daigeler said.

Students from as far away as Windsor and Ottawa joined demonstrators from York, Ryerson, Trent and Queen's at the rally. University of Ottawa had the most impressive turnout, bringing approximately 100 students to the rally despite the five-hour bus trip

each way.

York students gave a rousing show of enthusiasm. Regardless of the fact that the protest was ostensibly about tuition, York overwhelmed the crowd with cries for Mulroney to take his troops out of the Gulf and to resign.

Notably absent from the demonstration were UofT undergraduates. According to student Naomi Klein, UofT's student association (SAC) took a public stand to support a hike in tuition fees.

Klein said that the council voted to support tuition hikes despite the fact that an OSAP official stressed that no commensurate increase in funding was scheduled.

Tom Kostigan, president of SAC, was unavailable for comment.

Bill Graham, president of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, spoke at the rally.

Graham called for an immediate freeze in tuition fees, saying that escalating cost of education sends a prohibitive message to the financially underprivileged.

Kim McCullough vice-president of the Ontario Secondary Teachers Federation, another speaker at the rally, said that previous governments have shown very little faith in young people, points to the steady decline in funding for post-secondary education.

"You can't tell me any more that

In an effort to service the university community, Security Beat is being re-instated.

The Security column was taken out of the paper because the column was being trivialized and serviced the reader only in the form of entertainment.

It is the responsibility of the News section to inform and create awareness about all the issues on campus and security cannot be overlooked.

Monday October 15

Theft-Parking Lot 1A

A student's car was broken into while parked. A ski jacket, sunglasses and a rain jacket were stolen. Estimated loss-\$290.00

Common Assault-Scott Library

An unidentified male slapped a library supervisor across the face after the supervisor attempted to get his license plate number. The male had previously been abusive when asked not to bring food into the library and refused to identify himself. The supervisor has taken the matter to court and a Justice of the Peace has issued a summons on the charge of assault and battery.

Wednesday October 24

Theft-Curtis Lecture Hall

A student reported that a wallet inside a coat left unattended in Curtis lecture hall D had been stolen. The wallet contained a credit card and blank cheques.

Friday November 2

Theft-Parking Lot 6A

A Sony portable CD player was stolen from an unlocked parked car. Estimated loss-\$600.

Monday November 5

Impaired Driving-Intersection 5

A car was stopped by security who spotted the car driving in an erratic manner. Metro police were called and the driver was charged with failing to provide a breath sample.

*Security Alert

A security alert has been issued for all students and staff to be aware that two or more individuals have been stealing personal items out of desks and unattended offices. The first is a white male, medium build, 22 or 23 years old with thin black wirey hair, who is scruffy looking, speaks poorly but has no accent. The second is a black male in his twenties, 5'9" 170 lbs with a muscular build, a short afro haircut and brown eyes.

The incidents have taken place in Fine Arts phase II and Atkinson college. The subjects will loiter around offices and desks and wait for the person or persons to leave the area.

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