## Eisen concerned about York's future

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for education's sake, beyond repair," said Eisen.

In a draft statement in response to the cuts, dean Eisen said "We feel compelled to express our deep concern for the future of the university, particularly because the exercise for 1978-79 involves only the first, and not necessarily the most serious cuts; the various projections of income and expenditure for the coming years make a series of ever more drastic budget cuts a virtual certainty."

"We believe the severity of the proposed cuts will impair the programmes of the faculty of arts and make our courses less attractive to students".

Part-time faculty member in Atkinson college, and chief steward

for GAA Leslie Saunders feels York is undermining its main attraction as a university.

"The one advantage of this university is the fact that we offer tutorials instead of large classes as happens at the University of Toronto," she said.

If the various divisions want to reduce their budgets by cutting parttime faculty, they simply will not be able to do so, she said.

"The university has painted itself into a corner," she said.

'The only thing that makes sense is to cut full-time people," she said. A part-time professor actually costs the university less money," she said. While parttimers are exploited, it costs the university about \$5,000 less a year to use the services of a parttime teacher than a full-time lecturer, she said.

It's a very difficult topic to talk about I don't know what people are going to do," she said.

The proposed cuts will mean fewer courses, larger classes, fewer or no tutorials and less personal contact between teachers and students, according to Tony Woolfson, spokesperson for the Graduate Assistants Association (GAA) the union that represents part-time faculty.

Even if the part-time professors are not entirely cut off, they will retain too few hours of teaching to keep body and soul together, he said in an interview.

'We will raise as much stink as possible about this. Our jobs are on the line and we'll do everything possible to save our jobs," he said.

A week-long session will be held by GAA the week before reading week (February 6 to 10) against the cutbacks, during which teachers and students will talk in class about the effects of the cuts on their education, and a leaflet and poster campaign will be conducted. A rally to which York president H. Ian Macdonald and minister of colleges and universities Harry Parrott have been invited, will highlight the weeklong teach-in.

This afternoon, the senate will

hold a special session to hear a report from its most influential subcommittee, the Academic Policy and Planning Committee chaired by York president MacDonald on the effects the cuts will have on education at York. While there will be no final recommendations, the general academic policy of the university will be discussed. The meeting is an open one and the York community is invited to attend at 4:30 pm in the senate chamber on the ninth floor.

## ULS'ers impeached

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response to Lichtenstein's accusations that she was not properly representing Vanier students, Pruitt felt that it was impossible to represent the opinions of all Vanier members and stated further that "to represent someone, you don't necessarily have to represent their point of view"

After getting the approval from their College council, Lichtenstein and Shoychot obtained 130 student signatures, 100 of which were residence students, to meet the constitutional ruling stating 10 per cent of constituency must be in favour of removal in order for it to take effect. The petition, along with a 10-3 vote by council, in favour of impeachment, sufficed to remove Pruitt from office.

Abie Weisfeld, Graduate rep., demanded to see the petition after the vote, feeling that "justice must not only be done but it must be seen

President, Paul Hayden, replied that "photostats of the petition will be made available to Cheryl if she wants to come down to the CYSF

office"

After removal, Pruitt was allowed by council to speak on the recent raid by Toronto Police on the offices of the Body Politic, a paper for the gay voice in Toronto. Pruitt asked CYSF to endorse a statement against the action of the Attorneygeneral in authorizing a search warrant that allowed seizure of materials "far beyond the evidence requirements of the charges in question". This statement was endorsed by Excalibur last week.

Council refused by a 9 to 3 vote to endorse the statement and Hayden later explained he knew too little about the situation to be "throwing around the names of students in

York University".

The opening hours of the meeting were concerned with the present vacancies on council due mainly to resignations. A motion was passed to accept the nominations of individual college councils for the vacancies at Mclaughlin (one), Calumet (two), Graduate Studies (one) and Vanier College (two). After the motion passed, Robin Carter was immediately voted into council, filling the previous vacancy in Winter College.

The colleges, who are responsible for fielding candidates by February 1, are conducting their programs for student nominations independently of one another.

John Mays, Calumet College student liason officer, sent letters to all Calumet students informing them of the two vacncies.

Vanier, McLaughlin and Graduate Studies are still finalizing their nomination procedures. President Paul Hayden would like these vacancies filled so that CYSF can get on with their business and "do something productive this

Brian Hayden, vice-president for Social-Cultural Affairs announced the following budget allocations, all of which met the tight funding restrictions for this year.

On receipt of a report by Communications and University services head, David Chodikoff, Harbinger was granted a final \$500, bringing their total budget now to \$3000. Last year Harbinger received

Radio York was given \$4,000 grace by the university ad-

ministration which agreed to write the debt off, leaving the remaining \$5,000 debt payable in equal parts over two years. Funds for Radio York are now being closely monitored by an appointed board of administrators and to date this year they have spent only \$250.

New business at the meeting included a request by Jerry Bennelo of York's Birthright Committee (an anti-abortion group), for CYSF support. He suggested that Harbinger's present budget could be substantially cut if Birthright were allowed to take the place of Harbinger's abortion referral service.

Birthright, a fairly new organization at York, believes strongly that CYSF should hold a referendum on the necessity on some of Harbinger's services, particularly abortion referral.

Sue Kaiser, co-ordinator for Harbinger, is already dealing with the problem of low funding by looking for outside help.

# Edelson

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rather think there are so many other pressing matters the cabinet is not about to be shaped by student concerns"

A further strategy involves penetration of the major news media. The newspapers tend to distort this issue, Edelson noted, and in the eyes of the public it comes across as just more "student bitching'

In fact, said Edelson, the low income family still thinks this is the land of opportunity where their sons and daughters can become doctors and lawyers, but this kind of legislation changes the character of our society and closes off those professions from all but the upper

If the general public can be made aware of the long-term effects of OSAP changes, said Edelson, reaction against the changes would be much stronger.

Edelson lampooned the concept of "grandfather money" - a clause suggesting needy students currently in the middle of graduate programs may be reimbursed during their final two years for money they would have received under the former OSAP regulations.

"This is totally inadequate", said Edelson. "They still haven't defined what constitutes a needy student. You may get the rebate and you may not. You still get nothing when you start the year. And the clause can be changed anytime".

It's precisely the obscure nature of all the changes in OSAP which makes it difficult to settle on one definite student strategy for dealing with it, said Edelson.

York Student Federation President, Paul Hayden, detailed the strategy pursued at York. The CYSF intends to submit a brief cabinet supporting the OFS position. The brief is endorsed by the Osgoode Hall faculty.

Some other strategies suggested were a public challenge to NDP leadership candidates to speak out on OSAP, and a law suit attacking the legitimacy of Dr. Parrott's unchecked authority.



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