



Bethune Fellows target proposed science link

By MIKE ADLER

A mixed group of Bethune Fellows and students voted on April 20 to support existing ties with Arts, rejecting President's Arthurs college reform proposal to link Bethune primarily with Science.

The President's proposals attempt to streamline York's college system and involve more non-resident students by designating five colleges as Arts-based, one as Science-based and one based on Fine Arts. But a report commissioned by the Bethune Fellows' "Committee of the Whole" says that affiliating only one college with Science will eventually remove its Arts orientation and "isolate" itself within the university. However, the report indicated that minor links with Science are desirable.

Fellows present at the public forum generally argued that it must

be secured that their college have an Arts identity before college reform discussions continue.

Bethune Senior Tutor Ed Hooven said Provost Tom Meininger had told the Fellows if they did not want a Science affiliation "they didn't have to have it." Meininger maintains that Bethune's affiliation with Science is not a forgone conclusion and says the committee's vote will form "part of the input" in the discussions on reform.

Bethune Master David Lumsden, however, told the forum before the vote that their chances of remaining an Arts college "ended five seconds" after the President's reforms were handed down. He urged for the Fellows not to reject the Science affiliation and added that the Fellows have "limited bargaining room."

Lumsden calls the controversy raised by the President's proposal

"a sign of health" and says the college has taken negotiations "as far as we can" without positions from the President and Faculty on key issues.

Lumsden also stated that the relationship between Bethune and Science must be an equal partnership and that "the President has promised that some money would be available to program" a course curriculum to replace Bethune college courses. Lumsden added that he is working to ensure that the college's traditional programs can be maintained.

Percy Anderson, a Bethune Fellow, stated that primary affiliation with Science would aim at ending the "standoff between the world of art and the world of science" and update the college's Third World focus. He added that both the sciences and social sciences are victims of their own conservatism and Bethune has the opportunity to study the important relationship between science and society first.

Patrick Legris, a former student council chair who resigned his fellowship recently, feels college reform will make no difference to most students, as colleges were not designed to hold them. Legris stated that the university gambled and lost when it put too many students on campus during the 1970s, hoping the government would be forced to raise grants. York became an "overcrowded fish tank" as a result.

Presently, there are about 50 students at Bethune for every resident fellow and Bethune has the second lowest student population. David Lumsden states that college membership in the new system, which will be voluntary for non-residents above the first year level, is fairer and will serve "a lot more students" than at present because of the benefits gained through the affiliation of colleges with faculties.

Lumsden is meeting with President Arthurs and the Deans later on this month to discuss the college reforms.

Student presidents find fault with Arthurs' plans

By NANCY PHILLIPS

The President of the Council of York Students Federation (CYSF) Tammy Hasselfeldt, has found fault with a number of York President Harry Arthurs' recommendations for changes to the structure of student government. Early this month, Hasselfeldt, accompanied by last year's president Drew McCreadie, presented a paper to Arthurs outlining their grievances.

Their first concern is over the provision in the York University Act which gives the University President the final power to decide on the structure of student government. Hasselfeldt and McCreadie believe "the structure and mandate of student government must be dictated by students." They also feel that students are often at odds with the Administration, and their interests frequently differ. In addition, Hasselfeldt and McCreadie want student government to be "student controlled and independent of the Administration."

Hasselfeldt and McCreadie also disagree with the present grant system, where the Board of Governors (BOG) collects student activity fees at registration, and then allocates the funds to student governments, clubs and other groups. They argue that "student governments must have direct control over their financial resources." Both Hasselfeldt and McCreadie believe the grant system allows student governments to be controlled by the Administration, and not by students, causing students to see the governments as "unimportant and pointless." They pointed out that last March 30 York students voted in support of a direct levy, whereby student governments would collect fees directly from students at registration.

In addition, Arthurs has proposed

that all first year undergraduates be required to belong to a college, but that membership be voluntary for all non-resident upper level students. However, Hasselfeldt and McCreadie believe "all undergraduate students should belong to one of the undergraduate colleges." Citing the fact that at least 80% of all undergraduates are registered in the Faculty of Arts, they fear these students will never organize themselves into a faculty student government. Furthermore, if students do not affiliate with a college, they will only be represented by the CYSF, and ultimately, their cultural, social and academic interests will not be effectively served.

Arthurs would also like to see the creation of College and Faculty Student Activity Funds. Money for the College Funds would be collected from students who elect not to belong to a college, and money for the Faculty Funds would be collected directly from all students. According to Arthurs, the Funds would receive a minimum of 10% of the student government grants presently remitted out of the student activity fee charged on registration." College Funds would be used by Masters "to promote student activities following consultation with the college council." Faculty Fund would "enable faculties, through their Deans and existing or potential student organizations, to promote extra-curricular student activities."

Hasselfeldt and McCreadie argue that "in both scenarios the Masters and the Deans will have control over student government money. This is simply not acceptable." They see "no evidence that either Deans or Masters will provide programmes

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