

Education to double candidates

By MARK WRIGHT

York's faculty of education is going to double its number of teacher candidates next year.

The planned increase follows an announcement last week by the Minister of Colleges and Universities, Lynn McLeod, for additional funding. She said that provincial funding would help Ontario universities create 385 more spaces in their teacher education programs.

"We have earmarked \$5.1 million over four years from the program adjustment fund for teacher pre-service enrolment," McLeod said in a press release.

McLeod made the decision based upon the growing demand for

teachers in the province. She said that the demand was "particularly high in several major urban centres and in a number of specific subject areas."

Particular French — both as a first and a second language — as well as secondary school mathematics and science, are experiencing acute shortages in teachers.

The dean of the faculty of education, Andrew Effrat welcomed McLeod's announcement. However, he thought the government's figures were off and that net increases in candidates would be only about 250.

"I don't believe tht they've taken into account that other universities, such as U of T and Western who didn't apply for the funding, are

going to decrease their numbers and fall back about 125 spots," he said.

Effrat said that York got the largest share of the additional funding with \$1.4 million to be spread over four years. he added that spaces would increase from about 200 to 400.

"I think we're on the verge of a teacher shortage," he said. "This money is very short-term. There has to be some long term commitment to solve the problem."

The Universities of Ottawa, Queen's and Windsor will also be receiving funding to increase enrolment in their education programs.

The funding only applies to pre-service teacher education, not to teachers who return to school.

Program helps students work

By SHARON AITKEN

York students subsidized by an OSAP student employment programme are expected to earn over a half-million dollars by working for the University, says a report published by the Financial Aid Office.

Over 120 York departments have hired 545 students this year through the Ontario Work/Study Programme.

The programme, organized through the Financial Aid Office, offers York students a chance to work on a part-time basis at a job on campus, to suit their lifestyle and schedule.

"The hours are flexible," says Elizabeth Rudyk, Director of the Financial Aid Office. "We have students working around and between their classes."

The programme receives half of its funding from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and "comes under the umbrella of OSAP," says Rudyk. "York University is the

highest recipient of Work/Study funds in Ontario."

Students can benefit from the programme by earning wages comparable to a part-time job off campus, and often gain experience in their fields of study. "\$6.50 is the average rate a student might earn, but the rates can range as high as \$9.50 per hour," notes Rudyk.

"Departments submit jobs here to the Financial Aid Office in the East Office Building, and we keep a listing of all jobs available through the programme for students."

Since 1984 total wages earned by students have increased from \$70,000-\$462,000 last year. This year students' wages should exceed \$500,000 in total.

The number of participants in the programme has also increased from

as few as eight in 1982 — its first year — to the current 545. Rudyk expects continued growth.

According to Rudyk, Ontario universities are currently exploring the possibility of an increase in funds allocated to the Programme from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Last year, the Work/Study was allocated \$250,000 by the Ministry, half of York's Work/Study budget. Rudyk says, "Now we are looking for a 60-40 split for the programme."

The Ontario Work/Study Programme is expensive, and institutions need more government funding, says Nevia Jelenic, Assistant Director of Financial Aid. But she added, "We think it's a worthwhile programme because of the opportunities it offers to students."

YORKDEX

Number of York students who voted in the 1986 CYSF presidential election: 978

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Number of York students who voted in the 1988 CYSF presidential elections: 1,190

Average percentage turnout of eligible York students to CYSF elections, over the last three years: 7.3

Number of CYSF presidential candidates running for the second time: 2

Number of York students who participated in the first work-study programme (1981-82): 8

Number of York students participating in this year's work-study programme: 545

Number of York departments participating in the programme: 125

Number of York graduates working in the Toronto Blue Jay front office: 1

Number of hours (as of 1 p.m. Thursday) until baseball's opening day: 600

Las Vegas odds that the Skydome's roof will not work properly: 5 to 2

compiled by Lorne Manly, author of The Satanic Verscht

SECURITY BEAT

By JAMES HOGGETT

• A large camp fire was reported in the wooded area south of parking lot 1B on the afternoon of Tuesday Feb. 28. A large group of York students had set a large log on fire and were rehearsing a play.

York security made the group extinguish the fire and leave the area, as they did not have a permit from the fire marshal.

• A teaching assistant (TA) reported being harassed in Scott Library at around 5 p.m. Feb. 27.

The TA complained that she had been threatened several times by notes left at her study carrel. The incident is still under investigation.

• On Thursday, Mar. 2 a physical plant employee was rushed to the Health Centre after a cleaning agent splashed in his eyes.

The top accidentally popped off a jug of cleaning agent after the jug was placed on the floor.

• In the early hours of Friday, Mar. 3 a Stong College resident reported that two men were trying to break into her room. The two escaped.

One was described as a 35-year-old black man, 190 cm tall and 200 lbs. His first name is believed to be Rick.

The second suspect was described as a young, black male aged 20 to 25, about 170 cm tall with a muscular build.

EDITORIAL SCREENINGS

12:00-1:00

TODAY

Mandatory Attendance

Saturday, March 18, 1989

SYMPOSIUM ON ITALIAN - CANADIAN WRITING:

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9:30 a.m. Opening of Symposium:
Arthur Haberman,
Master, Founders College

Moderator:
Elio Costa, Department of Languages,
Literatures and Linguistics,
York

10:00 a.m. Linda Hutcheon
Robarts Chair in Canadian Studies,
York
"Postmodernly Ethnic"

10:30 a.m. Alexandre Amprimoz
Department of French, Italian
and Spanish,
Brock University
"The Poetics of the City"

11:00 a.m. Joseph Pivato
Department of Comparative Literature
Athabasca University
"The Oral Tradition and
Italian - Canadian Writing"

Noon Lunch

1:30 p.m. Panel on Italian - Canadian Writers:
Vision and Audience

Moderator:
Franc Sturino, Mariano A. Elia
Chair in Italian - Canadian Studies,
York

Participants:
Pier Giorgio Di Cicco, Mary Di Michele,
Antonino Mazza, Dore Michelutt,
Frank Paci (Writer-in-Residence with
Elia Chair)

3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Readings by Toronto Circle

Moderator:
Margarita Feliciano,
Atkinson College, York

Participants:
P. G. Di Cicco, M. Di Michele,
A. Mazza, D. Michelutt, F. Paci,
Saro d'Agostino, Len Casparini,
Joseph Maviglia

6:00 p.m. Dinner

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