

It's official, university tuition going up \$100 next year

By EVAN LEIBOVITCH

A \$100 increase in university tuition fees was announced last Thursday, in a speech made to the Ontario legislature by Harry Parrott, Minister of Colleges and Universities. As well, a \$75 increase in community college fees was announced.

Parrott also announced a \$52 million increase in the budget for



MCU Minister Harry Parrott

university operating funds of a total next year of \$703 million. The colleges will receive \$250 million, next year, an increase of \$20 million.

Parrott said that "the increased costs faced by universities and colleges should be borne in part by the students who use them and in part by the taxpayer". The speech emphasized the portion of the costs of the university that have been borne by the students, which has been frozen for the last five years, while government grants have been increasing steadily. The proposed increase, amounts to 3.2 per cent increase for each of the five years, compared with an overall inflation increase of 8.1 per cent per year, he said.

Parrott mentioned that the increase merely brings back the students' share of university costs to their 1972 levels. At that time tuition fees made up 17 per cent of

the total university costs, and by this year, inflation has reduced this share to 14.4 per cent, according to Parrott. The \$100 increase in fees will bring this level back to 16.1 per cent.

Along with the increase in tuition, the government announced increases in the Ontario Student Assistance Programme (OSAP). With its budget increased from \$61 million to \$74 million, Parrott said the programme would accommodate the increase when assessing an applicant's financial need. The speech announced that the present amount of loan one must receive before qualifying for a grant - \$1,000 - has not been changed. Also, it said that "this increase in fees does not change the government's commitment to ensure that students' access to post-secondary education is not limited by their financial circumstances."

Parrott ended his speech by justifying the increase, saying "the obligation to maintain a responsible attitude towards public expenditures, and the obligation to maintain the quality of the post-secondary system so that it will continue to meet the needs of the people of Ontario". He added "we can see no acceptable alternatives to the one we have chosen. In the circumstances, I believe the taxpayers of Ontario, the institutions and the students themselves are best served by the moderate fee increase we have proposed".

Parrott also stated he intended to meet with Ontario student council presidents next Friday "to reassure them about the policy, and to discuss any other concerns they might have."

At York, the increase in tuition will add roughly one and a half million dollars to the university

coffers. This year, the York budget expects to collect \$11.9 million in tuition fees.

However, David Atkinson, assistant to executive vice-president George Bell, said the increase in revenues could be offset by an equal decrease in the government grants to the university. Atkinson said the net situation could not be determined at this time.

York President H. Ian Macdonald suggested that the net funds to the university might increase between seven and a half to eight per cent, but the increase could be offset by inflationary causes.

CYSF President Barry Edson said "the increase must be opposed", and that the increased OSAP allotments were offset by the forced contributions from summer jobs, which won't exist for many students this year.

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University ratifies first contract with York faculty union

By AGNES KRUCHIO

The university's first contract with the York University Faculty Association (YUFA) was ratified in a special meeting of the Board of Governors last Monday night. The agreement is for two years and affects about 1,000 full-time professors and professional librarians.

The contract includes a scheme to cover the possibilities of layoffs due to financial cutbacks, detailed grievance and arbitration procedures and stipulates professors' rights to academic freedom.

It says, in part, that faculty members have the right to "examine question, teach, learn, disseminate opinions inside and outside the classroom, to pursue research and publish results, to criticise the university and or society", and to be free from the censorship of the institution.

The salary settlement is for a period of one year, starting from July 1, 1976, and includes an across the board 8.75 per cent salary increase. Starting December 1, salary floors will be raised by 9.3 per cent for faculty and librarians. The minimum amount professors can earn will be \$25,540 a year for a full professor, \$19,260 for an associate professor, \$15,660 for an assistant professor and \$12,450 for a lecturer.

Minimum salaries for librarians will be, starting December 1, 1976, \$11,500 for a general librarian,

\$13,310 for assistant librarian, while an associate librarian will earn \$16,370 and a senior libraria, \$21,710.

Because the university said they could not afford to make a settlement retroactive to July 1976, each professor and librarian will receive a \$950 cash payment for the period between July and December.

According to the agreement, faculty have an obligation to teach, to engage in research, scholarly or creative activity and in service to the university. While faculty had such obligations in the past, the contract now spell these out.

The contract states in part, that faculty members have an obligation to carry out teaching responsibility "with all due attention to the establishment of fair and ethical dealings with studen-



The battered bust of Norman Bethune was again knocked over this week following similar treatment last week. Bethune College has been the constant target of vandals since it opened.

ts," to make him/herself available for consultation, "to inform students adequately about course format, assignments, and methods of evaluation," to maintain teaching except in unusual circumstances and to inform students adequately of any necessary cancellation or rescheduling of classes.

Faculty members will also have to serve on "decision-making

councils of the university" and share in the administrative work of their departments, faculties and associations.

In a crucial clause, the contract provides for the full powers of the Senate as it is presently specified in the York University Act, and stipulates that inasmuch as any part of the agreement infringes the powers of the Senate, that clause will be void.

Vice-president in charge of student affairs and employee relations, Bill Farr who has been a representative of the university during the six-month long negotiation process, said the financial settlement is within the university guidelines. "We can afford it", he said.

The Faculty Association approved the contract last week during a two day voting process during which 426 of the 750 members of the union voted. 359 voted in favor of the contract, 67 opposed it.

Meanwhile, a group of professors have launched a suit against the Ontario Labour Relations Board, and ultimately hope to reopen the whole unionization question. On Tuesday a hearing was held in the Ontario Divisional Court on the Independent Faculty Members' request that the Board of Governors be directed to refrain from entering into a formal contract with the union until a full hearing is held.

Decision on the matter has been delayed by the court, and at press time the result of Tuesday's hearing was not yet known.

Commenting on the Independent Faculty Members' legal action, Board of Governors Chairman Gerstein said, "They are entitled to their opinion. The fact remains that YUFA has received interim certification status by the Ontario Labour Relations Board." He said law had "obviously" been provided for the Board's action.

York student nabbed at border, picked up by FBI agents

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

A York anthropology student, accused of deserting the American marine corps six years ago, was detained by the FBI at the Canada-US border two weeks ago, and according to several reliable sources; sent to the La Geune Marine training camp in North Carolina.

Donald Anderson, a fourth year student at York with Canadian landed immigrant status was driving to Washington with four other York students for an anthropology conference on November 18. When Anderson and his colleagues arrived at the Buffalo border, he and his friends were asked by border officials to

produce identification, and three hours later, several FBI agents 'left with Anderson', according to Megan Lockyer, one of the York students who was detained at the border.

Anderson's anthropology professor, Gordon Lowther, who took a plane to Washington for the same conference, told Excalibur Tuesday that he plans to send a letter to the US Department of Defense to say that 'we're concerned about Don Anderson'.

"I will tell them that if there is any question of a character reference or his status here at York, that we will supply them with that," said Anderson.

"There's really not much more that we can do than that. 'It's not like there's a lone person involved, though. There's a big university involved in what's going on', he said.

York President H. Ian Macdonald said that the president's office would be willing to respond to any queries that the US defense department might make about Anderson.

According to York student Megan Lockyer, Donald Anderson has been living in Canada for six years, of which he spent four at York.

Anderson had served a 10-month training period in the US Marines six years ago, said Lockyer.

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