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Pres Arthurs releases major reform paper

By STACEY BEAUCHAMP

President Harry Arthurs released the Green Paper on Monday, a document which will drastically reform the existing structure of Student Government.

The paper "represents the results of an extensive and intensive consultation over a three year period and offers a very bright prospect for the growth and effectiveness of student government at York University," said Provost Tom Meininger.

Based on suggestions made by Guelph Provost Gilmor, the Student Relations Committee (SRC), and Student Governments, Arthurs formulated what is to be the "next to last iteration" of the Green Paper. Minor changes will be made in the upcoming months.

The major changes include:

The formation of student governments at the faculty level, in addition to the present college level. For example in addition to the presently existing College councils, Faculty based councils, such as the Fine Arts' Creative Arts Board (CAB), will also be formed. A detailed framework will exist which will regulate the "formation, operation, and funding of student governments."

All of these Faculty governments must be recognized by "presenting a petition signed by 10% of their faculty, or by conducting a referendum," where 20% or more of those enrolled in that faculty vote.

In addition all students will be represented by a central student government-Council of York Students' Federation (CYSF) for undergraduate students, and Graduate Students' Association (GSA) for graduate students. The Green Paper also discusses the possibility of a "formal linkage" between the two.

Another change will occur after a three-year transition period ending in 1991. College government fees at that time will be collected by all undergraduate students, faculty government fees from all students in recognized faculties, and all students will pay central student government fees. Presently, all students pay an activity fee which, by way of a grant, is directed toward student governments.

Special Student Activity Funds for both Faculty and College governments will be established to encourage co-curricular and extra-curricular programs. The Master or Dean will be responsible for those funds, whereas presently the student government councils control the fund allocated to them.

The Green Paper also stipulates that College membership will be mandatory for first-year undergraduate students. After first year they will have the option of keeping their college affiliation, "unless they either transfer or terminate it."

CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt had a number of problems with the paper. One of her concerns is that the governments will not be "consulted regarding financial matters," even though Arthurs' paper specifically states that they will be. She believes the Student Councils should maintain control of the funds, rather than the Masters and Deans.

Meininger sees this as a "legitimate concern," but feels Arthurs has "come a long way to solve this problem" by building in to the document

itself, "a number of protections against this."

Hasselfeldt also has a "big problem" with the percentages set out for petitions and referendums. She feels the CYSF will be unable to turn out 10% of their constituency for referendums and elections. "The numbers are just too high," said Hasselfeldt. She is concerned that large faculties such as Arts will be unable to establish governments because the percentage of enrolled students required is too high.

Meininger feels the Faculty of Arts "is the only real problem in this particular area. On the other hand, an effective student government for a faculty that large has to be thought through carefully." By the time all possibilities are discussed and consi-

dered, said Meininger, enough interest would have been generated to meet the required percentages.

In an upcoming issue, *Excalibur* will examine in detail the contents and implications of the paper.

York's libraries go high tech

By DANIEL WOLGELERENTER

The new Yorkline computer catalogue reference system was unveiled to the York media last Friday at Scott Library.

Yorkline has been installed in all five York libraries: Scott, Steacie, Frost, Law, and Government Documents/Administrative Studies. There has also been a 30 percent increase in the number of terminals in the five libraries. Eight extra terminals will be distributed among the branches based on their size, said Bob Thompson, Manager of Library Computer Services.

The system — described by Director of Libraries Ellen Hoffman as "extremely easy to use" — boasts many features that officials hope will make searching for reference material easier. An improvement over the

old GEAC system, help screens are offered at every stage.

Other improvements include: complete circulation information, lists of related topics, and the ability to search by author, title or subject. Experienced users will be able to bypass lengthy menus. Although the circulation part of the system will not be operational until May, the new system's circulation information will be updated daily from the old system.

The system will have less lag in response time, especially during peak periods. Tom Scott, however, feels the true test will come in November, the first heavy-use period of the year.

Users will be able to access the system by modem from home or office terminals and use the same

screen format as in the library. This is different from the GEAC system where the remote user could access the library computer, but could not use the familiar screen format.

Although the system is described as simple to operate, there will be half-hour training sessions offered through the reference department. Starting next week, they will be held three times daily in the Scott Library in groups of 15 or less.

The training sessions will be given at the expense of traditional Scott Library tours. Staff who normally conduct the tours will be used for the training sessions, and the tours will be replaced by pamphlets available at the Circulation Desk.

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