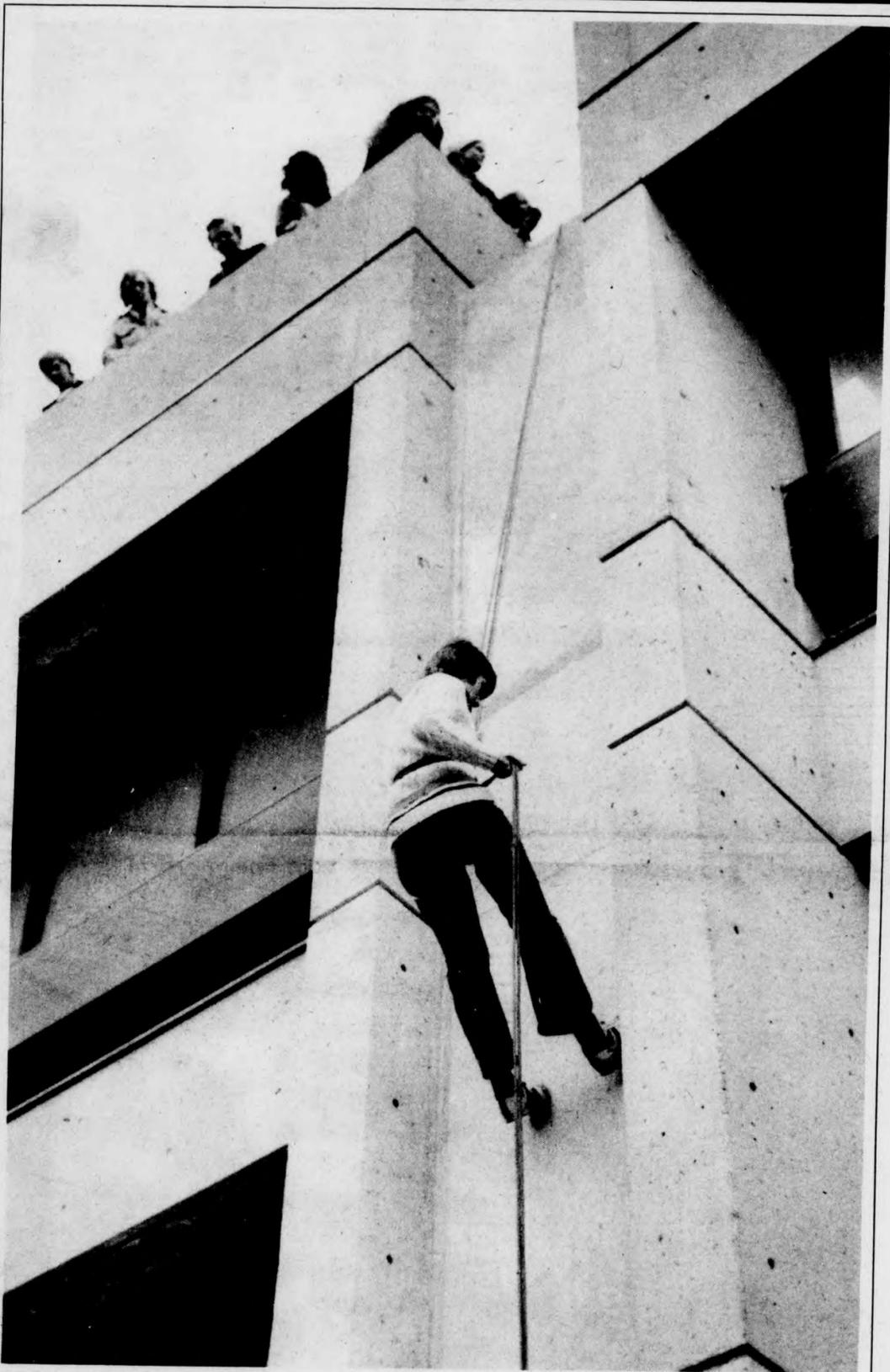


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Robin Kroft photo

Vivian Seaman tries her luck rappelling down the side of the Petrie Science Building. The object is to reach the ground alive.

Do you find this rappelling?

By YVONNE C. BACHEM

The Bethune and Calumet Outdoors Club rappelled down the west side of the Petrie Science Building last Friday to prepare for a trip to Rattlesnake Point Conservation area in Milton next Saturday.

Club organizers Bob Woodburn (Bethune) and Roger Seaman (Calumet) said that rappelling the Petrie Building would give the mostly inexperienced club members good background for climbing down a

real cliff.

Even though the trial run was very safe, a York Safety Inspector was on hand in case of accident.

On Thursday, October 25, there will be an organizational meeting of the Outdoors Club at 4 p.m. in the Calumet Lounge. Interested members of the York community are invited to attend. The club is planning ski weeks during holidays, winter camping trips and cross-country ski weekends.

Mustard withdraws name

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

Monday, Dr. Fraser Mustard informed the presidential search committee that he wanted his name withdrawn from the list of presidential nominees.

In a letter to the committee, Mustard, dean of medicine at McMaster, said, "I do not think that under the present circumstances, I

would be suitable for the position, and therefore must ask you to withdraw my name."

Mustard will be in Europe until the end of the month. His secretary at McMaster refused to comment on his sudden action.

Mavor Moore, chairman of the search committee, said Mustard asked to be officially declared "unavailable

for comment."

"I am surprised and very sorry about this action, said Moore. "Dr. Mustard informed us of his withdrawal in the midst of the voting. If he had done it before or after the voting it would have been all right."

Upon receipt of the letter, Mustard's name was removed immediately from the ballot.

New Ontario plan provides more \$ for fewer grads

By GREG GERTZ

The Ontario government's new Graduate Scholarship Programme brings up a philosophic question, according to Graham Reed, York's acting dean of graduate studies: should graduate aid be spread out as much as possible, or should more money be given to fewer students?

Under the new programme \$3 million will be distributed among 1,000 graduate students with first class standing. This year, under the Graduate Fellowship Programme, 2,000 are splitting the same amount. Students with second class standing are eligible.

"I would prefer to spread the money around" said Reed. "There is a somewhat elitist attitude about giving it to top students only."

"Traditionally, though, scholarship money goes to those who perform best. It's a difficult question."

Next year each Ontario university will nominate ten students to receive the award and study at that university. An additional 850 grants will be given to students who apply to a selection committee appointed by the minister of colleges and universities.

Applications to this committee must be received by December 1. Students receiving these scholarships may study at the university of their choice.

The establishment of the selection committee means students no longer have to apply for grants through a university. It also means better universities will probably get the majority of these students, as the scholarships are portable.

"If a university can get good

applicants, the changes shouldn't affect it," said Reed. "York is relatively confident good students will be attracted here."

Grant recipients will receive \$800 a term plus fees and expenses, and must re-apply each year. The yearly maximum is \$3,500. This year the ceiling is \$2,250.

The total amount available through the programme has decreased the last several years, from \$5 million in 1970-71 to \$3.5 million in 1971-72 to this year's \$3 million.

About 10 per cent of the awards can go to landed immigrants and holders of student visas. The rest will be given to Canadian citizens, with preference to Ontario residents.

The new programme includes medicine, dentistry, education, home economics, social work, journalism, and public and business administration, which were not covered under the old benefits. Only theology remains excluded.

"People problems" key to York situation

By S. JENNIFER HUNTER

The York University administration should worry more about "people problems" than about "bank problems," according to Guy McLean, a York presidential nominee.

McLean, the dean of arts and sciences at Dalhousie University, spoke with 15 students, staff and faculty members last Wednesday afternoon in the faculty lounge.

"People problems are the most essential elements of a university, not bank problems," he said. "While people talk of cutting, cutting, saving, saving, at York it would be worthwhile looking into where additional resources can be obtained."

MacLean feels that "York is lacking a focus at this time."

He said that "so many interesting things have been happening here over the past few years that maybe its a case of too many exciting things happening at once."

The role of the president is to "devise goals and strategies and achieve them," MacLean believes. "A president is a convenience. Somebody has to decide something, at some point."

When questioned about his reasons for letting his name stand as a presidential nominee, MacLean replied: "I have a slight emotional investment in York through contacts with Bill Small vice president, administration and Murray Ross, former president. Just through a personal connection, I saw the dream people had for a place called York University."

"I felt a certain obligation, a courtesy, interest. MacLean said. "York is not just another university as

far as I am concerned."

MacLean expressed surprise when he was informed that the York Staff Association is represented on some governing bodies and boards.

"If I worked at the university, I'd be more encouraged to go on strike than sit on the Senate. I have to confess its a new concept. I tend to think in terms of a strike, my father was a CCF man," he said.

MacLean told the group that there is no discrimination of women at Dalhousie. "We give women everything they want." He didn't see any cause for complaint at York. "After all, your search committee chose two women," he said.

Senate holds candidates "in camera"

The Senate executive committee has recommended the presidential search committee present the names of the candidates who receive a majority of favourable votes 'in camera'.

The recommendation states only the number of acceptable candidates should be announced at the October 25 Senate meeting.

The change, which does not follow the procedures agreed to in the spring, was made to offer "a measure of protection" to the unsuccessful nominees.