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Stephenson aide drops hints on Bovey recommendations

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

The Bovey Commission report on the future development of Ontario's universities will recommend that more money be spent on them, hinted Warren Gerrard, communications officer for Ontario's Minister of Education Bette Stephenson.

"I strongly suspect many recommendations (of the commission) will involve money," Gerrard told *Excalibur* on Tuesday. "But they would have to go before the cabinet to approved."

Asked what gave rise to this suspicion, Gerrard replied, "Because I've read it (the report), that's why."

About whether that means the report, to be released next Tuesday, will recommend the University system be expanded, Gerrard said, "You'll have to wait till Tuesday for that."

Reaction to the report by the provincial Tories would "not be a unilateral decision" by Stephenson, said Gerrard, but carefully weighed by the entire cabinet. "When that will happen, I'm not quite sure."

William M. Sibley, Executive Director of the commission, would not comment on Gerrard's remarks.

"I can't say anything to the press until it's released," Sibley said. "I'm under order not to."

Gerrard's suggestion that many of Bovey's recommendations will involve the allocation of more money is surprising given the beliefs of many university administrators and faculty members who suspected Bovey's commission

was established to preside over the further rationalization and contraction of the university system.

The first question in a discussion paper sent to Ontario's universities in June asked "Which areas (within the university) might be contracted or eliminated over the next decade or so?" The commission also asked what areas of activity they would like to "focus development and expansion within your institution?"

The one proposal for which the commission announced the possibility of spending large sums of money was for a faculty "adjustment fund," allowing universities to retire unwanted faculty members early, close some graduate programs, professional faculties, and encourage the regional specialization of universities.

"The resulting savings would be used to set up a fund for: new areas of program development," reads the discussion paper, "recruitment of additional faculty in areas of priority, and the appointment of appreciable numbers of younger faculty, with a view to 'bridging' to the 1990's, at which time greater numbers of faculty may be required to replace those who will be retiring." The commission expects a high rate of faculty retirements during the 1990s when many who were hired during the university boom of the 1960s reach 65.

It is not known how much such an adjustment fund would cost in Ontario but it wouldn't be cheap.

"They did this in the United Kingdom, you know," Bovey said July 29 in an *Excalibur* interview. "I think they had a two million pound adjustment fund."

Five Atkinson council execs resign in wake of newspaper's investigation

By GARY SYMONS

A report in *The Atkinsonian* newspaper claiming five directors of the Atkinson College Students Association (ACSA), including the president, are not Atkinson students has resulted in their removal from office.

All five have been found to be in contravention with ACSA by-law 3.2D, which stipulates that "All assembly members... may remain members of the assembly for a period of six months after taking their most recent course at Atkinson College."

The December 4th article quoted a York University employee saying ACSA President Rosamond Rogers last completed a course in June 1983, Treasurer Avi Cohen in May 1983, and Director of Athletic Affairs Courtney Doldrun in August 1983. *The Atkinsonian's* source also claimed that both Joe Ewers, Director of Social and Cultural Affairs, and Vice-President Roger Maule-finch had not completed a course for about seven months.

Although the allegations were denied at the time by three of the directors, ACSA Director of Internal Affairs Cornell Huggins told *Excalibur* they had been confirmed.

"I discovered that we already had signed consent forms (authorizing release of the director's student records) all along," Huggins said, "but that the association had never taken them to the administration. The information we got from the administration showed the allegations were true."

Subsequently the ACSA assembly voted overwhelmingly at their December 15 meeting to

remove the five from their positions on the executive council.

Huggins said, however, there had been doubt about the exact meaning of by-law 3.2d. Rogers, who was not present at the meeting, had argued earlier that "it's not against the by-laws to drop a course." But, Doldrun said, Maule-finch "most clearly insisted that a person had to have a completed course (at Atkinson) rather than just signed up for a course and dropping it." The assembly passed Maule-finch's motion unanimously.

Maule-finch said he agreed with the move, even though it meant he too lost his position on the executive, "because that's the law and you must adhere to it."

"Subsequently I made a motion that the positions be declared vacant," Doldrun said, "with an addendum that we have people in place as interim signing officers." Only the president, vice-president and treasurer are authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the association.

This motion was passed with "little opposition," Doldrun said, and three ACSA members were appointed temporarily: Andrew Roberts as president, Maurice Gillezeau as vice-president, and Charles Pollock as treasurer.

Atkinsonian editor Manon Krohn said the three will continue in those positions until January 19 when new director will be voted in to fill out the nine-member executive council. Nominations will be accepted until tomorrow.

The other four former executives have vacated their offices and could not be reached for comment.

Scrip system's days may be numbered

By S.D. GOLDSTEIN
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What do York's scrip and white whales have in common? Answer: They are both on the verge of becoming extinct.

York Housing and Food Services Manager Norman Crandles is contemplating replacing scrip, York's cafeteria money, with electromagnetic cards and possibly photo ID, that could be run through point-of-sale terminals at York's cafeterias. If Crandles decides to go ahead with the system it would be implemented for the 1986-87 school year.

"The terminals would be fed by a central computer," Crandles said, meaning that all the cafeteria terminals would be tied into a single system which would record all customer purchases.

There are a number of disadvantages to the scrip system, Crandles said. It costs \$10,000 a year just to have scrip printed, and it is a very labor-intensive—therefore costly—system to run.

"We have to count it before we hand it out," Crandles said, "the caterers have to count it,

and we have to count it again when we get it back (from the caterers)."

Line-ups at cashiers should also be reduced. "Transaction time should be halved with the introduction of this new system."

If students lose their cards they would merely phone Housing and Food Services who would then program the computer system to reject the card if someone tried to use it.

Crandles is keeping a close eye on a similar system installed this year at the University of Windsor. "I and some members of the University Food and Beverage Services Committee will be going to Windsor to look at their system," Crandles said. "We'll let them iron the bugs out" before he decides to install it at York.

"I don't imagine the white marketeers (of scrip) will be entranced with the idea," Crandles said, because they won't be able to resell scrip anymore.

Even with the new system Crandles believes "space-age kids" will figure out a way to beat the computer. "I can think of two ways myself," Crandles said.

Police and fire departments pay up after seizing 12,000 papers

By STEVE STRIBBELL

The University of Alberta's newspaper, *The Gateway*, and the city of Edmonton have settled their two-year legal dispute over the police and fire department's seizure of a 1981 issue of *The Gateway*.

The case was decided in favor of *The Gateway*, to the tune of \$3,000 for lost advertising revenue. An earlier condition to censor the paper's coverage of the settlement was dropped after *The Gateway* staff refused to accept the stipulation.

Approximately 12,000 copies of the

November 19, 1981 issue of *The Gateway* were confiscated by police and fire investigators because "they felt a story on an arson in the SU (Student Union) Building might prejudice their investigation of the arson as well as incite copy-cat fires."

The papers were seized by officials in accordance with regulations stipulated by the Fire Prevention Act which gives the investigating officer the authority "to remove or retain items that in his opinion are material to the investigation."

Shortly after the incident a statement was released by Edmonton Police Chief Robert Lunney in which he wrote, "An internal police inquiry has determined that the original seizure was not justified on the grounds available although the officer responsible maintains he acted in good faith in exercising his judgement."

A woman was later charged and convicted on three counts of arson, two of which occurred in the SU Building.

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