

Hell no, you won't go

Jay Naster

If recent rumblings of a draft in the United States have caused you any sleepless nights, put the thought to rest.

According to Dr. George Bell, President of The Institute of Strategic Studies, "the recent discussions about a draft in the United States will have no implications in Canada. Canadian official perception of the armed forces will remain a volunteer service, for that is the basis of the Canadian Armed Forces." Bell is also York's Vice-President for Finance and Development.

Only twice in Canadian history has conscription been required. Both occasions were during the two World Wars and then only after the supply of volunteer recruits had been exhausted. "The situation and its urgency has always been sufficient to arouse the support of the Canadian public," explained Bell.

One fact which makes a Canadian draft even more

unlikely according to Bell is, "whereas the United States has kept the basis (legislation) to reinstitute the draft in a time of international emergency, Canada would have to introduce compulsory service from scratch." Unlike Canada's, the U.S. system is in place and only needs to start rolling.

It is also by no means certain that the U.S. will definitely reintroduce the draft. Registration, according to Bell, namely "shows who is available, provides a pre-emergency screening procedure for orderly conduct in case a draft is necessary, and lays the groundwork for the most effective use of manpower in the country, in the fairest way in a crisis situation."

According to Bell, even if President Carter doesn't reintroduce the draft, registration signals his intention to have the capacity to increase U.S. forces. "It serves as a show of strength."

If recent claims by U.S. Congressman David Craig are

any indication, reintroducing the draft would be a good idea for the U.S. In a recent television interview, he claimed that the American military is 500,000 men short of their tactical needs.

Canada suffers from the same kinds of manpower problems as the U.S. Bell estimates that "to

meet our present requirements the armed forces need to have a regular force of between 105,000 to 110,000 and a reserve force of between 35,000 to 50,000." Our present numbers stand at only 78,000 and 22,000 respectively.

But, in his opinion, this deficiency is not caused by a lack

of volunteers, but rather by reductions in Canada's defence budget over the past fifteen years. This is indicative of the Canadian defense posture, declared Bell, for the "trend in Canadian Defence is to relax in peacetime and respond in wartime."

Help wanted

Joanne Sisto

With both Robert Overing of the Faculty of Education and Joe Green of Fine Arts leaving their positions this spring, the university has put 'Operation find A Dean' into effect.

At present, nominations for the future Dean of Fine Arts are being accepted until tomorrow by the President's Search Committee. Anyone in the Fine Arts Faculty can make a nomination.

Ads have been placed as far away as the United Kingdom, as well as in local trade papers, says Osgoode professor William Angus, chairman of the Search Committee. He explained that "the committee receives input from the Faculty Council of Fine Arts or from any interested party related to Fine Arts, and then we recommend at least two candidates to President MacDonald." The Board of Governors has the final say.

In the faculty of Education, final candidates for the deanship are now being interviewed. The names of all nominees are being kept secret so as not to jeopardize their jobs elsewhere. The candidates are being interviewed by Professor S. Eisen, Dean Overing, members of the Dean's Office, the Search Committee, and the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, William Found.

"I know that it's quite a welcoming committee," explains Professor Eisen, "but the future dean has to relate to every faculty in this school, to all the adjunct professors, plus he represents the faculty to all the school boards outside of York. It's an important university position."

Dean Overing himself conceded that the position requires someone who has had a lot of "university context"

experience. "I could say all the trite things, but the key issue is that he be able to register a very complex and fluid faculty and faculty programs. It's a job that involves honouring the ideals of the university and simultaneously meeting the needs of the teaching profession."

Across the campus in the faculty of Fine Arts, equal concern is being expressed concerning the man to replace Dean Joe Green.

Professor Richard Perry, Associate Dean of Fine Arts, believes that the future dean of his faculty should be well-armed with intelligence, strength (to negotiate among other deans), and with a view toward the avant-garde "to keep the faculty's approach fresh."

"It takes a special kind of sensitivity to be Dean," remarks Assistant Dean Ron Singer. "What's crucial to the position is a political awareness balanced

with a sensitivity to the Fine Arts faculty, including students. I'm hoping for someone who has that balance and who can stimulate growth and excitement."

Because of its thoroughness, the search for the two deans will continue well into the spring. Whoever is finally chosen to replace Dean Overing will have a lot to contend with, and since the field of education and the training of teachers is in a great state of flux at the moment, the complexities promise to grow for the future dean.

The future dean of Fine Arts will face immediate financial difficulties, a deadlock on Fine Arts Phase III, the problems of lack of space, and a feeling of general uneasiness among everyone because of the impending increase in fees. As Ron Singer queries: "How do you cope with cutbacks at a time when you need massive amounts for Fine Arts' supplies?"

Granola Inc.

Michael Monastyrskiy

The Black Creek Food Co-op has decided to open its doors tomorrow, Feb. 15, but the opening may be delayed while the organizers wait for North York to process their license.

The Co-op, to be located in Bethune College, has also faced other difficulties. Together the university administration and North York's public health board have made four demands which the co-operative must meet before it can operate. They have asked that the co-operative install a sink, increase the electrical capacity, and improve ventilation in the room it is using. Some minor repairs to the ceiling are also required.

When chairperson Doug Holland announced the requirements to these members, he added "that North York is willing to let us go ahead and open if we package the goods instead of selling them in bulk." Although he called it "a far from ideal solution," the Co-op has adopted this measure. The improvements, which will total \$4,000, will be made later.

Holland, an Osgoode law

student, and Bethune Master Griff Cunningham, began planning for a York co-op earlier this year. Their store, which will emphasize natural foods, is intended to serve the graduate residences which are not provided with a catering service.

Two years earlier, Professor Cunningham helped to organize a similar co-operative. The effort failed when the administration refused to provide space for their operation.

A few months ago, Cunningham optimistically predicted that the same problem would not occur. At a Nov. 9 Bethune Council meeting, he said: "This time there is a master involved in the negotiations. We don't see a space problem." As it turned out, the university did not allot any space for the project but the co-operative was allowed to rent a room in Bethune College.

Originally, in an attempt to avoid having to pay rent, membership was restricted to the York community. Because of the present situation, the co-op will also seek participation from the Jane Finch area.

Tattered tomes for sale

Leora Aisenberg

The long-awaited opening of a used bookstore in the former *Excalibur* front room will take place the week after Reading Week.

According to CYSF President Keith Smockum, the store will be geared towards a small profit margin, rather than the "10-15 per cent rate of the York bookstore." The used bookstore will be a student-run operation.

"Arrangements are being made to sell other things besides books," states Smockum. He did not elaborate

on what those "other things" would be.

Mr. R. Barreto-Rivera, manager of the York bookstore, has refused to comment on any matter concerning the new bookstore.

The space provided for the used bookstore was evacuated by *Excalibur* staff in early December. Since that time, the walls have been covered with brown paper and a few shelves have been built in.

Smockum does not see any major problems for *Excalibur*. "We've been paying them the monthly rent of \$166," he adds, "as of February 1."

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