

Arthurs tells Osgoode students combined graduation to proceed

By DRAZEN BULAT

Four Osgoode Hall law students met with York University President Harry Arthurs March 27th to contest the proposed graduation ceremony which would combine Osgoode Hall Law School and the Administrative Studies Business School.

Kathy Kay, president of Osgoode Hall's Legal and Literary Society, president-elect Atul Tiwari, Pam Chapman, chairperson of Osgoode's Faculty Council and John McCormick, a member of Osgoode's Ad Hoc Committee on Convocation, presented Arthurs with the petition signed by about 600 students, protesting the proposed combined convocation. "We made sure that Mr. Arthurs realized the concern felt by a large number of Osgoode students,"

Chapman said.

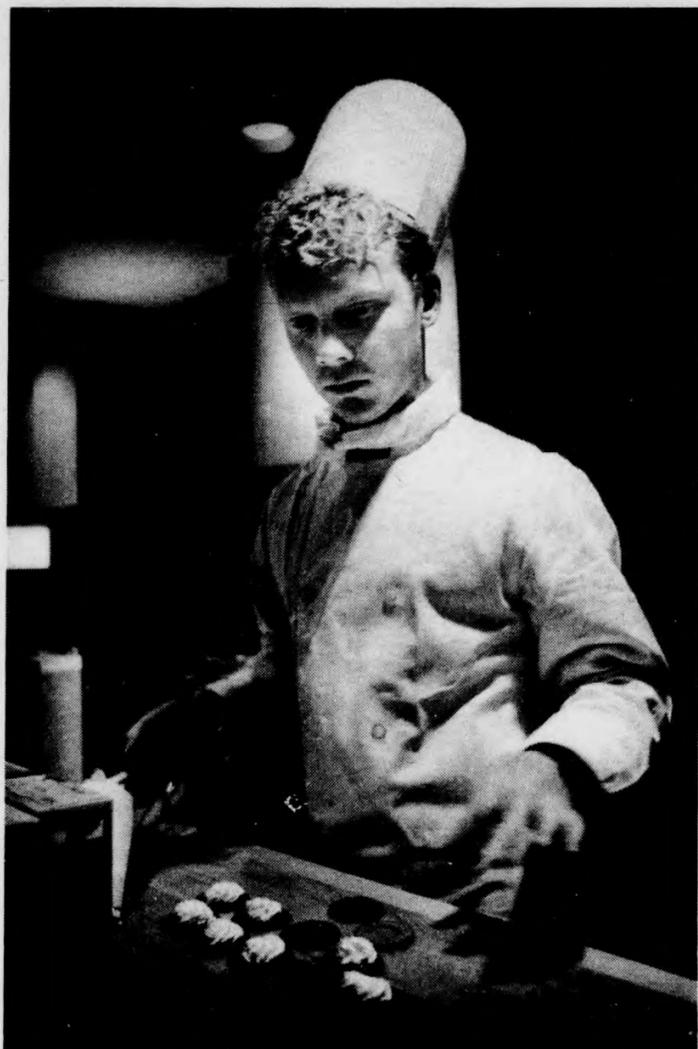
"It quickly became clear, however, that the decision to hold the convocations at the tennis centre is not reversible," Chapman said. "It finally came down to a basic disagreement. Mr. Arthurs feels that the combined ceremony will eventually prove to be beneficial to Osgoode, while we feel that Osgoode's identity is being threatened by the change."

The dual ceremony will involve a combined welcoming address and then a speaker from one faculty will speak and the students from the faculty will receive their degrees. The same procedure will then be repeated by the students from the other faculty. Chapman said that Arthurs admitted that the ceremony will be a

little longer but felt that this was a reasonable sacrifice the Osgoode students were being asked to make in return for a much better ceremony. "He stressed that he, above all others, has Osgoode's best interests in mind," Chapman said.

McCormick, however, expressed disappointment. "We went to the top and Mr. Arthurs said no. There is nothing more that we, as representatives of Osgoode students can do," he said. "I don't know what the Convocation Committee will do—we haven't had a meeting yet. We can't ask the students to boycott the ceremony, it wouldn't be fair to them."

The combined ceremony format is experimental and will be reviewed after this year's convocation.



OUT OF BOUNDS: Faculty Club, located conveniently in South Ross, is now out of bounds to students. But you can still go and gaze longingly at the brass sign outside its doors. See page 8.

GARY BLAKELEY

Blink and Fusca debate future of CYSF as campaign heats up

By SUSAN SPERLING

In characteristic York style, less than 40 people attended Tuesday's Bear Pit debate between this year's candidates for CYSF president.

Presidential hopeful Gerard Blink took the floor first, speaking on what he called "this year's alienation of the College Councils by the CYSF Executive." Blink said that the problem was so bad this year that most college representatives stopped attending meetings, and as a result almost half of this year's council meetings failed to meet quorum.

Blink also mentioned the fact that the Graduate Student's Association dropped out of CYSF's this past year.

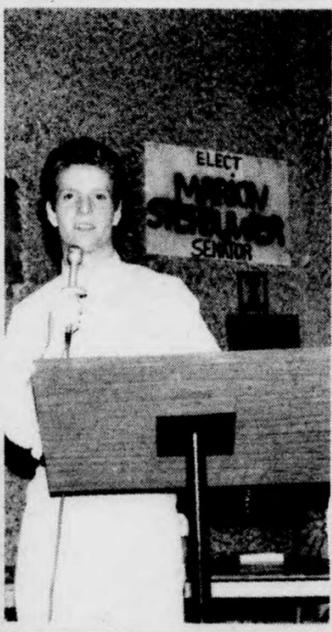
Presidential candidate Vicky Fusca, this year's Social and Cultural Director, began her speech by discussing her experience on Council. Fusca stressed that she would like to enhance college participation in CYSF.

In addition Fusca discussed the



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Above: Vicky Fusca, Left: Gerard Blink. This year's presidential candidates.



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need for a student centre on campus. She said that such a facility would alleviate chronic study space shortages as well as providing office space for the clubs on campus. "The administration must be made aware of the need for a student centre" she said.

Following both candidate's presentations the floor was opened up for questioning. Both Blink and Fusca were asked about the funding of political organizations, specifically the York Student Movement Against Apartheid. Fusca said that the YSMAA had initial problems with presenting their application for club funding, but these difficulties had been cleared up resulting in the YSMAA receiving funding from CYSF.

Blink termed the YSMAA "a human rights organization" which he said should receive funding.

Both candidates were also asked how they planned to augment CYSF's \$260,000 budget. Blink responded by saying that if non-member colleges could be convinced to join CYSF, the budget would be automatically enhanced. Fusca replied by saying, "The money is here, we just have to start working with it properly."

In response to a question regarding student apathy at York Fusca said that because of its size, York can be very intimidating. "We literally have to go out and grab the students" she said.

Blink responded to the same question by saying "people don't realize what York has to offer. We have to make people more aware."

CRO says bogus posters did minimal damage

By LORNE MANLY

A smear campaign against one of the presidential candidates marred the final week before today's (Thursday) Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) elections.

Posters calling into question Gerard Blink's academic record appeared last Friday on campus, causing much concern in the camps of Blink and Vicky Fusca, the other presidential candidate.

"It's the lowest thing I've ever seen," said Blink. "The posters were untrue . . . and it has nothing to do with the campaign."

"I was really distraught (when I heard about it)," Fusca said. "It was very detrimental to my campaign. If people think I took a cheap shot, they'll think twice about voting for such a conniving person."

Fusca agreed with Blink that the issue of one's academic record should have nothing to do with the

election campaign. "No one knows the personal reasons why," Fusca said. "There could be a death in the family or something like that. It's nobody's business; it's very personal."

The damage to Blink's campaign, however, was minimal according to Marshall Golden, the Chief Returning Officer, as the posters were only up on the walls Friday (which was a holiday) and Saturday when there were not many people at the University.

Golden called the posters "untrue as well as misleading" but without any proof as to who was responsible for the signs, he has been unable to take any disciplinary action. "If the posters reappear, though," Golden said, "then we'll seriously probe it. But if it's only a one time thing and there's no proof to who did it, then there's nothing we can do."

Five Metro universities approach municipal gov't for annual \$1 million grant

By JAMES FLAGAL

If a present lobbying effort by Metro's five post-secondary institutions is successful, York could soon share an annual one million dollar grant from the Toronto government.

According to Tim Harris of York's Communications Department, the "Metro University Fund" would be directed towards scholarships and bursaries for students living in Metro Toronto along with some options for equipment upgrading.

The institutions involved in the grant proposal are: York University, University of Toronto, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Ontario College of Art, and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

The lobby process to acquire the grant began last August with a letter to Metro Toronto government signed by all five institutions' presidents. The submission of a formal proposal was made in mid September describing the needs for the fund plus the many benefits both institutions and the Toronto community could receive by allocating measurable short and long term academic benefits and returns to the citizens and businesses of Metro Toronto. It is a significant investment which will pay great dividends to the municipality of Metropolitan Toronto.

City funding of post secondary education is not without precedent. According to the report, the City of London already contributes approximately \$80,000 per year in support of city scholarships at the University of Western Ontario.

Last week President Connell of University of Toronto spoke to the Executive Committee of Metro Council to outline the Metro University Fund proposal.

The proposal was forwarded to the chief administration office where it will be considered in terms of city policy planning. This is the first attempt ever made by post-secondary institutions for funding assistance from the City of Toronto.

However, an allocation scheme to distribute the proposed fund has not yet been devised.

Included in the report were individual histories and contributions made by each institution along with programmatic, demographic and financial information.

According to the report, enrolment in the five Metro institutions accounts for about 50 percent of all students attending university in the province of Ontario. The report also noted that the post secondary institutions pose as the second largest employer in all of Metro, second only to the government of Ontario.

Besides the employment benefits for many Torontonians, these institutions, according to the report, purchased more than \$120 million each year in goods and services from Metro Toronto. Furthermore, a large amount of direct community service are offered by these institutions.

According to the report York alone generates an income of 281 million dollars and employs over 18,000 people.

The report argues that "financial support produces a positive employment factor in the community and on campus while offering