

## New era of cooperation dawns between schools in Quebec and Ontario

By GEORGE MATHEWSON

An agreement recently signed by Ontario and Quebec will work towards securing university positions in Quebec for those Franco-Ontarian students who cannot find their desired program in Ontario.

A memorandum of understanding signed in December by Gregory Sorbara, Ontario minister of Colleges and Universities, and Claude Ryan, Quebec minister for Higher Education and Science also calls for a greater exchange of faculty and financial assistance for students.

The agreement, according to a news release from the Ministry of College and Universities, begins "a new era of co-operation between Quebec and Ontario."

Bob Richardson, an aide to Sorbara, said that the agreement "formalizes" what is now an informal process. Presently, Ontario's French language students can attend Que-

bec universities, but it is hoped that by "making spots available" a greater number will have access, Richardson said.

The agreement will also allow students in Quebec increased access to educational opportunities in Ontario. Tuition fees for students from either province would be those normally charged for students of the host province.

Individual post-secondary institutions will continue to make all decisions regarding a student's eligibility.

Programs for initial consideration include speech pathology and audiology, pharmacy, medicine, dentistry, and Masters programs in nursing and social work. It is possible that other programs will be considered in the future.

Some of the arrangements, Richardson added, should be in place by next year.

David Dollard, feted and rested, hoping on the CYSF Newsbeat for January 20, 1987.

□ The first legislative session of the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) for 1987 was marked by two notable firsts. The usually lacklustre Question Period was given some shine by the interjection of not only an actual question, but a question which was practical.

Karin Barry, a Stong representative, asked CYSF President Gerard Blink if it was proper procedure for a student to pay \$10 for changing majors. Blink stated that he was unsure of the procedure, and referred the matter to CYSF Finance Director Nadine Changfoot.

The second notable first was the presentation of a Private Member's Report by one of Winter's College representatives, Gary Tarquini. This report indicated Winter's dismay with the proposed changes in funding for intramural sports in 1987-88. The changes will require all York colleges to completely fund their sport programs. Previously colleges paid one third of the program's cost, and with this revision, Tarquini explained, Winter's would have little choice but to charge students for the privilege to participate in intramurals, or to withdraw from intramural sports altogether, as the college could not afford to keep these programs going.

□ Related to increased college expenses is the proposed Financial Liaison Officer who is to look into student government accounting procedures, at college/student expense. The majority of student representatives expressed their dislike for this proposal. Because of the proposed sport funding changes, the

cost of paying a Financial Liaison and with the continuing burden of payment on the York student body, Jill Shibou, a Stong college representative, announced plans for "Hands Around York."

Shibou explained that Stong's participation is not solely because of Stong's athletic reputation, but rather a result of their frustration with the University administration over the increased financial burden on students. Shibou went on to say that they intend to organize, with other college's support, a rally whereby York will be ringed by a chain to draw public attention to the dilemma faced by York's students. Reya Ali, the Board of Governor's (BOG) representative, reported that the BOG had plans for a Financial Liaison Officer to look into the "inept methods of financial accountability of student government." Finance Director Nadine Changfoot bristled at the term "inept," and she was supported by President Blink, who claimed that "our record has improved."

Blink also blasted the other BOG representative, Marg Evans, saying that "part of (your) job is to sell them (BOG) on the improvements." As part of the Financial Liaison discussion Jill Shibou proposed a motion to adopt an ad hoc committee to investigate the proposal for the Financial Liaison Officer. Shibou withdrew the motion after Evans promised to take up the issue with individual college presidents.

Ali also announced the BOG decision in appointing president of Spar-Aerospace, Larry Clark, as the new Chancellor of York University. Ali confirmed the BOG's approval of plans for the York University Development Corporation's plan to negotiate the selling or leasing of 20-25

acres of York's lands. Also according to Ali, York President Harry Arthurs called for filling BOG positions to reflect the neighbourhood, to increase the ethnic composition of the Board.

□ The various Directors of CYSF presented their reports for the opening of the 1987 session. The most complete were presented by President Blink and Social and Cultural Affairs Director Michael Latchana. Blink announced that CYSF allotted \$950 to send Services and Communications Director Joe Baiardo and External Affairs Director Annita Antoniani to Hamilton for a meeting of the Ontario Federation of Students. As well, \$300 was allotted to rewire Central Square, and the offices of *Excalibur* and the CYSF so that they can once again receive Radio York. According to Blink, "Radio York can't afford it, but \$300 is nothing to us."

□ Latchana also indicated that plans for a Winter Carnival will have to be changed from February 7 to later in the month, because of the unavailability of the CYSF Liquor Management Agent. Also scrubbed are plans for a "Cultural Days" program because of the inability to reach an equitable solution with the Rill Food Services over the preparation of ethnic foods. According to Latchana a Rill spokesperson claimed a change in their present policy would result in "food anarchy."

Presently, the policy exists whereby if Rill cannot meet the request for specific ethnic foods, the request must be altered to meet Rill's capacity to meet it. Latchana indicated in his report that Provost Tom Meininger is slated to meet with members of the University Food and Beverages Committee, and hopefully this issue can be resolved sensibly.

## Needless delays can cause irreparable damage

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"In 1985, there were 5,525 situations where the rescue trucks were needed to save the lives of people who had stopped breathing," recalls Alexander. "A needless delay could cause death or brain damage. Most of the real calls we get are between midnight and 6:00 a.m., as this is generally when most fires occur. In the past two years, approximately

two-thirds of the false alarms we get are between those hours.

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### OPEN MEETING

The Commission on Non-Faculty Colleges invites members of the York University community to an **Open Meeting on Friday, January 23** from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber (ninth floor, Ross Building).

The Commission would welcome comments and views on the role of the Non-Faculty Colleges and the College system.

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