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## SPRING!

Spring hit York this week with a blast of warm air and a sky full of sunshine. York student Ian Mulgrew celebrates winter's departure with a spirited game of frisbee in the field between the administrative Studies and Ross buildings.

## Osgoode students reject OFS, 'insular view of world' cited

By SUSAN GRANT

In the Osgoode opinion poll, held March 23, 258 people voted against joining the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) while 150 voted in favour of joining.

Paul Trollope, who was re-elected vice president of external affairs for the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society felt there were a number of possible reasons for this defeat. "There wasn't enough publicity on this campaign. People need to be informed over a long period of time as to the work of OFS", he said.

Trollope believes it is important for Osgoode students to join OFS to have a greater voice and participation in provincial-student affairs.

Trollope was also concerned by what he felt to be a vicious, and uninformed anti-OFS campaign at Osgoode. According to Trollope, the anti-OFS campaign was poorly researched, one-sided and included a good deal of red-baiting.

Trollope hopes this sen-

sationalist-oriented campaign won't mar next year's opinion poll on the same issue.

When asked why he felt Osgoode students were not interested in joining OFS, Trollope said that, "Osgoode had been traditionally on its own and had consequently developed a rather insular view to the rest of the academic world." "Osgoode students think of themselves as 'almost-lawyers' rather than students, and on the whole they are very conservative. They are more concerned with their own, individual careers than the future of other students."

However, this is only the first time that the OFS question has been raised at Osgoode and Trollope feels that the opinion could be reversed by next year. In the meantime, Osgoode will continue to have observer status at all OFS affairs and meetings.

OFS chairperson, Murray Miskin, who is also an Osgoode student, said, "OFS is disappointed with the vote results but the poll was

not a high priority with us.

"Given the recent interest in OFS shown by the Osgoode council, as indicated by their sending a representative to our last conference, we were hopeful they would join the federation".

Miskin characterized the anti-OFS campaign as "essentially inaccurate".

Miskin was also elected to the executive of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society as the second year representative for next year.

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## Student leaders lobby government today at legislature

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

While rumours of a provincial election waft through the air at Queen's Park, university and college students from across the province will sit in the legislature today to watch MPPs answer their questions on tuition fees, student aid and unemployment.

The 'sit-in' at Queen's Park is part of a mass lobby called by the provincial student federation, the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS). The decision to lobby the government emanated from a discussion on strategy to oppose government post-secondary education policies at an OFS conference three weeks ago. The conference delegates had voted to send a "reasonably sized" group of representatives to Queen's Park on the first business day of the next session to ask MPPs "straight questions on tuition fees, student aid and summer employment".

### HALL WALKING

Among the events scheduled for today are meetings between the OFS executive council and the NDP and Liberal caucuses; an initiation meeting for the student lobbyists at the University of Toronto's Hart House, and an hour in which students "will walk the halls, knock on doors and ask their MPPs their positions on post secondary education", according to OFS chairperson Murray Miskin.

And between 2 and 3 pm, he said OFS has planted several 'interesting' questions with the opposition parties to ask the government during the question period.

### SEVEN QUESTIONS

Miskin said the OFS has planted a list of seven questions which he hopes the students will use when they speak with their members of parliament.

The list reads:

1. Do you favour a student assistance programme that assigns benefits on the student's real financial resources?
2. Do you favour having the Ontario student assistance programme "age of independence" correspond to the legal age of independence (18)?
3. Do you favour a freeze in tuition fees at the 1976-77 level?
4. Do you favour the eventual elimination of tuition fees?
5. Do you favour the elimination of differential fees for visa students?
6. Do you favour the establishment of a permanent advisory body on employment to include student representatives?
7. Do you favour a programme of full employment, that includes

programmes for student and youth employment as a top government priority?

York's student council president Barry Edson and president-elect Paul Hayden will officially represent York university at Queen's Park today.

### TOO SIMPLISTIC?

Edson said that OFS's questions are good "but a few of them are just too simplistic". "The question on full employment is a motherhood issue. Also, full employment means different things for different people, but it'll be interesting to see what happens."

When asked what attitude he will adopt towards OFS's lobby today, Hayden said he was going as "president-elect of CYSF" which represents the students who overwhelmingly voted to stay in OFS. Hayden ran on an anti-OFS platform in his presidential campaign.

"I don't disagree with the idea of approaching every MPP but I think we should go after one party which would adopt students' position on education as an election platform" said Hayden.

"There's no sense in approaching the Progressive Conservative MPPs first because everybody knows where they stand on tuition fees," he added. Edson said he tried to persuade more York students to go "but they were all too busy with exams and essays."

## Atkinson clears debt for mag

By TED MUMFORD

The Atkinson College Students' Association has pulled **Breakthrough**, York's feminist magazine, out of the \$300 debt which was incurred by its January issue. The ACSA granted **Breakthrough** \$310 at a meeting earlier this month.

The seven-woman editorial collective which produces **Breakthrough** has decided to forego its April issue and concentrate on a joint funding drive with the Women's Centre, which like the magazine, has no umbrella organization and depends on annual grants from students' councils and other sectors of the university for its continued survival.

With \$100 already pledged by the Bethune College Student Council, **Breakthrough** is planning a reduced-run issue (2,000 copies instead of 4,000) for July. The copy for the issue is already at hand, but the necessary funds are not.

Lynn McFaden of **Breakthrough** told **Excalibur** she was "very optimistic" about the magazine's financial future. "Combining our efforts with the Women's Centre will give us more clout and save a lot of energy," she added.

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