

Grads ready to lace walking shoes

Jonathan Mann

Members of the Graduate Assistants' Association have voted to walk out on Monday January 21, although further negotiations scheduled for tomorrow could lead to a last minute settlement.

Officials of the university and GAA are guarded in their optimism about Friday's meeting. In a telephone interview on Monday, Chief Negotiator for the University D.J.

Mitchell said of the meeting, simply, "I hope we settle." GAA President Michael Michie spoke with *Excalibur* on Tuesday. He remarked that he's "sure there will be movement," but cautioned that "we don't expect things to be handed to us on a platter."

According to the GAA, about 80 per cent of the approximately 200 ballots cast last weekend were in favor of strike action. The turnout represents less than one

third of the 750 member union, and it is unclear whether a strike will have the support of the entire membership. GAA officials, however, continue to be optimistic on this point. GAA President Michael Michie said that he expects at least those who were at the meeting will support the strike, as well as a good deal of those who couldn't get to the meeting.

Friday's meeting will be the key to a quick resolution of the

conflict. If the university does not show "movement on all substantial issues" in the eyes of the GAA executive, a walkout is to begin Monday. According to a motion passed at last Wednesday's meeting, this would continue for a week, to be followed by a return to work for another week (starting Jan. 28). If there is still progress, then the GAA membership will start a walkout of indefinite length.

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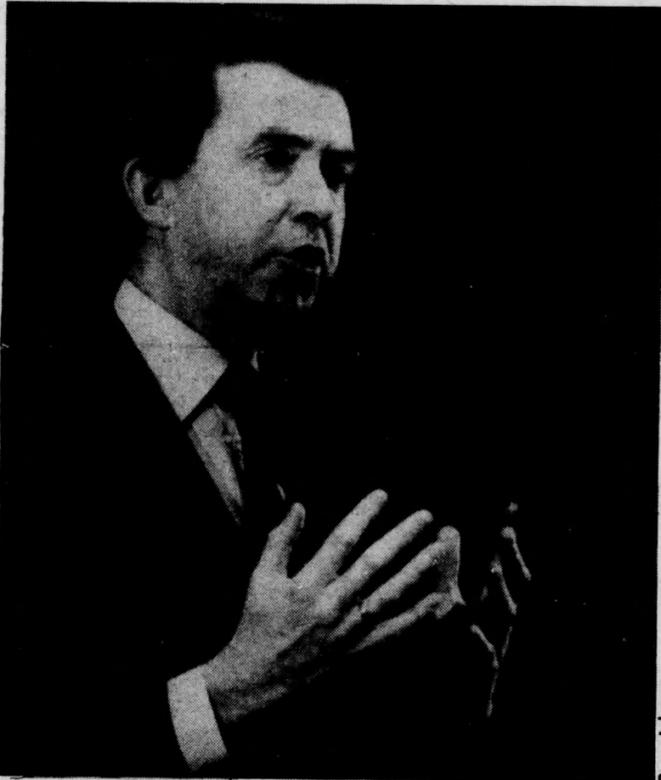
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Clark loses appeal at Osgoode



"But seriously folks..."

James Carlisle

Prime Minister Joe Clark was greeted by hostile questions and abusive remarks during his visit to York last Thursday.

Over a thousand students filled Moot Court and the hallways outside, where loudspeakers were set up.

The meeting began with a short speech by Clark, followed by more than an hour of questions from the audience.

In his remarks Clark outlined four areas in which his government has been active:

- The Economy—The Conservative government will "significantly reduce the federal deficit."

- Energy—The country must become independent of foreign suppliers. The aim of the P.C. government is to ensure that "the energy security of Canada will depend only upon Canadian supply."

- Parliamentary reform—The freedom of information bill will be reintroduced in the new Parliament and individual MP's are being given greater power.

- Federal-Provincial relations—

The PC's have already "cooled the tension between Ottawa and Quebec."

During the question period, Clark was peppered with queries which had apparently been planned to embarrass him. Even when directly insulted by the students, Clark responded with remarkable good humor. He skillfully employed facts to rebut his hecklers.

The first question put to Clark was from a student sporting a large 'button'. Referring to Clark's remark that he was wearing a 'Sell Petrocan' button, the student pointedly replied, "If you had stayed in school long enough to learn to read, you would see that it says, 'save PetroCan, Sell Clark'."

Later, in reference to broken P.C. promises, a querulous student asked the politician, "How can you expect anyone to believe anything you say in this campaign?"

The Prime Minister responded with a list of the five areas in which his government was already keeping its promises when they were defeated—

mortgage deductibility, freedom of information, Petrocan, cutting the deficit and help for small business. He added, "In one-eighth of the time usually given to a government, we have started on, and achieved, profound changes for the country."

When questioned about his arrogance in governing as if he had a majority, the Tory leader responded, "The Progressive Conservative Party and its principles are not for sale." He claimed that from 1972 to 1974, Trudeau stayed in office by making deals with the NDP and the national deficit went up 20 per cent per year.

One issue which Clark would not discuss in detail was that of Claude Ryan's report on federalism. Clark said only, "In my judgment, we must give Quebec a choice between the separatism of Levesque and the status quo of Trudeau." He stated that specific comment would wait until Mr. Ryan's own interpretation of the document was made public.

The Prime Minister expounded his foreign policy, which includes sanctions against the U.S.S.R. over its invasion of Afghanistan and anti-boycott legislation to be presented soon after the calling of the new Parliament.

When taken to task about his "callous attitude toward the unemployed," Clark countered with a Tory plan to overcome youth unemployment through training programmes, and the \$110 million summer job programme stopped by the government's defeat.

The Conservative energy policy is to achieve self-sufficiency, said Clark. The sale of natural gas, "of which we have a substantial surplus," is high on their priority list as it will spur exploration and bring two billion dollars into the country.

The Prime Minister, in good humour, mentioned the slight note of partisanship in the crowd. He concluded by asking the students to allow his party "to carry out the major changes we have embarked upon."

After the meeting, students interviewed by *Excalibur* expressed the view that Clark had handled a trying situation very well.

Chiropractic college

York bids for school

Lydia Pawlenko

The Chiropractic College has recently expressed interest in the possibility of affiliating with York. This action comes as a surprise to Brock University, which has been discussing an association with the College through a joint committee for two years.

"Two or three months ago we heard that York was interested," explained Chiropractic College President Donald Sutherland. "Although we have an agreement with Brock, we wouldn't want to close the door to any opportunities."

In 1973, an Ontario Council of Health Task Force recommended that the Chiropractic College should associate with a university. Since that time, the college has been in discussion with several universities, but had only undergone serious negotiations with Brock.

"I suppose that York has copied the Brock proposal," said

Allan Earp, President of Brock University. "It is not a matter of need but a matter of sense. It's not that we are trying to get them. We are responsive because of certain strengths we have."

Earp expressed his surprise over the College's interest in York, since "our discussions were well advanced," he said.

Meanwhile, York's Biology Chairman Ken Davey seemed enthusiastic about expanding the science program, and claimed York has been interested in affiliating with the college for several years. "We have been thinking of mounting a health science program which could be used as a training ground for the

fields of chemistry or medicine," he explained, although he expects the science program would not be very much different from what it is now.

Unfortunately, Vice-President for Finance and Development George Bell was not available for comment.

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