



**WILL YOU BE WANTING A MANICURE, TOO?** York Theatre students Wendy White and Clare-Jane Denman (the actress getting her hair cut) play contrasting characters in York Theatre Production's *Waiting For The Parade*, a story about five women living in Calgary during World War II. See page 12.

## President says no sex discrimination

By DAVID DOLLARD

Calling them "false, unfair, and hurtful," York University President Harry Arthurs dismissed allegations that the selection of a male dean of Osgoode Hall Law School was made on the basis of sex rather than qualifications. The allegations against Arthurs, York University, and Osgoode Hall Law School, are contained in a complaint by 121 female lawyers, law students and academics presented to the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) on September 28, 1987. Arthurs comments were made at a Queen's Park press conference on Monday, the same day his and Osgoode's reply to the complaint were made to the Commission.

Sandwiched between Lynn Cornett, York's public relations officer, and Elizabeth Stewart, York's legal counsel, Arthurs said that the qualifications of James Macpherson were "clearly superior" to those of Mary Jane Mossman. Mossman is not listed among the complainants. Arthurs said that he had considered the needs, views and importance of a woman dean but it was his judgement and that of the Board of Governors (which ratifies or cancels the presidential decision) that Macpherson should be chosen over Mossman.

Arthurs chose to counter the "misstatements" of systematic sex discrimination on two points. First he said, contrary to the suggestions in the complaint, the Osgoode dean is not always chosen from the associate dean position. Since Osgoode became a member of York University in 1968, of the four Osgoode deans selected two were previously associate deans (one of the non associate deans selected is Macpherson).

On a second point Arthurs said the claims that Mossman was the overall favourite of the law school are untrue. Despite overwhelming student support, and the ranking of Mossman as being slightly more "highly acceptable" (21-15) than Macpherson by the Osgoode faculty, Arthurs said that the primarily female support staff at Osgoode supported the selection of Macpherson.

son. "Her popularity as a teacher (is) not relevant to being dean," he said, when explaining that Macpherson showed "considerably greater willingness and acceptance to see necessary changes made (at Osgoode)."

Arthurs, unwilling to "wash York's dirty linen in public," said that Osgoode had lost its cutting edge in Canadian law that it had in the late '60s, and, "I felt new input would be good." In an open forum, he said that Mossman preferred to put Osgoode's internal problems to committee review (a committee system, according to Arthurs, that is not working), while Macpherson chose open discussion as the better alternative. This was the deciding factor in Arthurs' approval of Macpherson.

Arthurs said, "The Osgoode deanship race was chosen as a high profile occasion for feminist lawyers to make some points they have been wanting to make for a long time about the legal profession and about the legal establishment, and about legal education."

The complaint "hurts a lot. It hurts me. It hurts York," especially as it was he who recruited Mossman, and that she is a friend and someone he respects, Arthurs said. "People will remember the allegation long after the OHRC finds in our favour, as it will," he added.

After Arthurs' press conference the media was confronted by Anne Grant, a second year Osgoode student, who said, "A less qualified

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## Grant is inadequate: Arthurs

By NANCY PHILLIPS

York President Harry Arthurs believes that the 6.7% operating grant increase to universities, announced by Treasurer Robert Nixon last Thursday, is "quite unsatisfactory."

The Council of Ontario Universities (COU) had requested an increase of 10.1% in a report issued to the government in early October. Last year's increase was 7.3%.

Arthurs pointed out that the 6.7% will not cover the increase in actual operating costs due to inflation, which is close to 5.5%. According to Arthurs, 2% of the grant is "for the specific purpose of persuading the universities to let in new students in September." That leaves the universities with an actual operating grant increase of 4.5%.

Arthurs was alluding to the 10-25% expected increase in applications which universities will experience because of the phasing out of

the five-year high school system. This increase will occur next year because for the first time high school graduates from grades 12 as well as 13 will be eligible to attend university.

Because of an old funding formula which discriminated against those institutions that increased enrolment, York was underfunded 20% below the system average in the early 1980s. York's enrolment has increased from 24,000 to 40,000 in the past decade. According to Arthurs, this grant increase will not help York catch up for the past decade of chronic underfunding, and in fact will leave York "even further behind."

Arthurs said that the underfunding of universities "has paid for other government initiatives," like schools and hospitals.

In an interview with the CBC last Friday, Dr. William Sayer, the Director of Communications for the

COU, said that more money is needed to bring Ontario universities up to a level where they will be able to compete internationally. The 4.5% real increase will make the present situation even worse. There will be "more students per class, more stress on libraries" and more line-ups at university offices. Also, contact between individual students and their professors will decrease. Sayer is worried that new students in September "may be disappointed" with what they find.

Helena Moncrieff, press secretary to the Minister of Colleges and Universities, said that the Minister recognizes that "there must be fiscal restraint," and that she is satisfied with the increase. She said that it is above inflation, and that it "applies to a base that has been significantly expanded over the years." She said that there has been "more than a 16% increase between 1985 and 1988."

## Controversy sparked by U of T athletes

By JAMES HOGGETT

The University of Toronto water polo team has aroused consternation among OUAA coaches by using "centralized" and "carded" athletes on their roster. "Carded" athletes are financially supported by Sport Canada. The funds, granted in monthly instalments, cover tuition payments and training expenses. "Centralized" athletes are those persons who are forced to reside and go to school in the city where that particular sport's training centre is based. From 1978-1980, such athletes were prohibited from competing in OUAA sports within the region of the national centre in order to prevent the local university from getting an unfair advantage. According to the league convenor, that rule dissolved seven years ago, even though coaches complain that they were never informed.

"The coaches are suffering because of the stupidity of the OUAA

administrators," said Kevin Jones, head coach of the water polo Yeomen.

In a formal letter to all coaches and athletic directors, Jones wrote, "It would appear obvious that when rules are broken (as in the case of Kim Scheitzer at York in 1985) then harsh penalties are meted out; why not in this case?" "How can directors make such ridiculous decisions, probably without consultation with their coaches when they know nothing about the sport or the philosophy that we coaches have developed."

Jones was alluding to the OUAA administration's decision to overturn his protest appeal concerning the University of Toronto's alleged employment of two nationally carded athletes in OUAA play. The two players in question are Marty Bulcock from Newfoundland and Greg Bidinosti from London, Ontario.

Back in 1978, an OUAA motion was passed, prohibiting carded athletes from OUAA activities. The water polo coaches met in 1978 and agreed to abide by the terms and rules set forth by the OUAA.

However, by 1980, the OUAA no longer followed this rule, but the water polo coaches failed to read the rules and realize this change. No one had tried to put forth such a motion, asking if a carded athlete could play; that is not until now.

Despite opposition from other OUAA coaches, University of Toronto's head coach, George Gross Jr., felt that his players should play because they were ruled eligible. "We did not seek any special privilege or any change in the ruling," Gross said. "We did not actively change anything, we just merely asked for a ruling because we were unsure of what the rule was."

In a coaches' meeting held on September 26 of this year, the coaches

decided that centralized and carded athletes (by the Canadian Water Polo Association [CWPA]) should not be able to compete in OUAA competition, unless he/she has completed their secondary schooling in that city. Gross did not attend the meeting, and the coaches will now attempt to make this decision official league regulation.

"If that coaches meeting had resulted in U of T receiving notification from the OUAA Athletic Council declaring those players ineligible, then we could not have played those players. We are not out to break any rules," Gross replied.

Pat Murray, the league's convenor, and also York men's Athletic Co-ordinator, conducted a vote amongst other OUAA co-ordinators. The result of that vote was a five to four decision in favour of not allowing the carded athletes to compete. To change any rule in the OUAA,

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