

Major tuition hike is possible: OFS

By FARHAD DESAI

Tuition for Ontario university students could be as high as \$2,500 next year, according to Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) researcher Duncan Ivison. He spoke at York last week about problems facing Ontario students.

The OFS is a lobby group that represents 250,000 students across the province. Its objective is to fight for students' interests and needs.

Ivison based his projections for increased tuition on discussions with Lyn McLeod, Minister of Colleges and Universities.

The government, however, disagreed with Ivison's predictions. Bob Richardson, Executive Assistant to the Minister of Universities and Colleges, said that the ministry has no plans to raise tuition costs to \$2,500 for next year.

"Students are the only group in Ontario who want a freeze on tuition," Ivison said. All other

groups, including the government, want tuition to be increased, he added. Ivison is concerned that increasing tuition costs will inhibit accessibility to post secondary institutions.

Ivison began his informal presentation by saying, "Every Ontario university is in serious financial trouble." He criticized the provincial Liberal government for supporting university accessibility in words only. Funds have been cut, he said, in all areas, such as maintenance of equipment, buildings, and research grants.

Ivison's presentation stressed that tuition could be raised dramatically in the future. He cited several government commissions which recommended the deregulation of tuition costs. According to Ivison, this would mean that universities could set their tuition at the cost they feel is appropriate.

Richardson said, however, that the "Minister has no plans to deregulate."

CYSF vs. OFS: Round two



By JAMES HOGGETT

The CYSF has once again refused to pay its membership fee to the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

Last Friday, the OFS sent the CYSF an invoice for \$18,000, which amounts to 60 per cent of its annual membership fee.

"This is the first time OFS has asked us to pay our membership fee this early," said Dwight Daigneault, CYSF External Commissioner. "They usually bill us at the end of the year because of the nature that we receive funds from students."

CYSF, however, has no intention of paying the fee.

The OFS is a lobby group, which the CYSF helped found in 1972, that represents 250,000 post-secondary students in Ontario. After releasing a highly critical report about the

organization, the CYSF voted to withdraw its membership last March. CYSF also claimed that no proof of its membership exists and subsequently refused to pay its \$30,000 annual membership fee. In September, after withholding payment for almost three months, CYSF finally paid last year's membership fee.

OFS Chairperson Shelley Potter, is attending a conference in Ottawa, and therefore was unavailable for comment. But in a recent article in the *Varsity*, (the University of Toronto's student newspaper), Potter is quoted as saying, "You join the OFS by means of a referendum and you have to get out by means of a referendum. Their (CYSF) fees will become due November 1, and I'll be sending a bill to them. We will bring the necessary legal action against

York unless they respect their bill. They have to make a proper pullout."

Daigneault was surprised to hear of the legal action that will be brought against CYSF if they fail to pay their bill.

"When we received our invoice for \$18,000, there was no mention of legal action if we failed to pay this amount by November 1," Daigneault said. "If they pursue legal action it's entirely their prerogative."

The CYSF feels that its pullout from OFS is legitimate because it is the which pays the annual membership fees, and that it is not the York students. Council feels that there is no need to hold a student referendum.

In a letter to Potter, CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt wrote, "We are fully prepared to work cooperatively with OFS in furthering the interests of university students in Ontario but we are convinced that our mandate will be better fulfilled if we proceed with this task as a separate organization."

"It's unfortunate," Daigneault said, "that two organizations with common interests have to go through exercises like this."

Arts review planned

By HOWARD KAMAN

President Harry Arthurs has announced that Arts at York University will undergo extensive review for the first time in over 10 years.

Arthurs stated that it's time for the University to define the goals it would like to pursue in the fine arts both on and off-campus.

Former Faculty of Fine Arts Dean Joseph Green has been assigned to carry out the review with the help of a Presidential Advisory Committee. The Committee will be Chaired by Professor Joan Wick Pelletier, and will consist of representatives from faculty, the student body, alumni, staff, York University Development Corporation (YUDC), the Board of Governors, and the community surrounding the University.

The review will look at various aspects of the arts at York. In addition to taking the physical nature of the university into account (such as a larger residential population), the review will look for better ways to identify artistic groups on campus, and at the varying degrees of expo-

sure they receive. Also to be considered are elements such as the multicultural dimension of York, and the possibilities for commercial facilities such as cinemas on campus.

Green said that the review will "offer an arts policy that can be implemented over the next decade." He emphasized that students will have input as to the results.

"We want to let them know that they can approach us as well," he said.

Green did a review of York's arts 12 years ago as head of the Task Force on the Physical and Cultural Ambience of the University. The recommendations of this group were largely ignored because of the University's financial troubles. York was left with a list of obstacles, such as funding and space limitations, that are the focus of this new review.

President Arthurs stated that while financial and space difficulties remain, the attitude toward them is different.

"Our frame of mind is a lot better," he noted.

SECURITY BEAT

By JAMES HOGGETT

Someone has been persistently cutting an opening in a snow fence surrounding the re-alignment construction of Fraser Dr., near the Graduate Residences, and Director of York Security Michael O'Neil is concerned that a student might get hurt.

"It's bad enough that someone is cutting the fence and risking their safety by walking through the closed-off area," said O'Neil. "But it looks like an open path, and other people are going through the opening also."

O'Neil added, "There is a lot of heavy equipment in this area and it's difficult to see pedestrians walking by. It's only a matter of time before someone is injured."

The contractor is required by law to keep people from entering the excavation site. O'Neil said that the contractor had to repair the fence five times in one day alone.

"If whoever is cutting the fence is apprehended," O'Neil said, "they will be charged with committing malicious damage. If someone gets hurt, however, that same person could be charged with criminal negligence."

The construction is expected to be completed by mid-December.



TRAMPLED FENCES: Students continue to ignore warnings in dangerous construction areas.

On Sunday, October 30, York security arrested a male who had been camped out in a tent for approximately two weeks.

The male, who has been identified as 38-year-old David Piney, a former York student, pitched a tent in the wooded area of the campus near Keele St.

When confronted by security,

Piney refused to produce any identification. After a brief struggle he was issued a trespassing notice. Metro Police were then called in and trespassing charges will be laid.

In 1987, Piney was found by security sleeping in the Junior Common Room in Founders College. On this occasion he was also issued a trespassing notice and warned that a repeat offence would lead to criminal charges.

Erratum

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