

# Enrolment projections may be off

By B.J.R. Silberman

The three major post-secondary schools in Toronto are projecting stable enrolment until 1983, but despite the institutions' optimism, enrolment patterns and trends over the seventies would indicate that the three schools will not achieve stability.

Both the University of Toronto and York University's population have been increasing since the beginning of the decade. The first decline in enrolment appeared at U of T in the last academic year of 1976-77. This was due to the phasing out of several programs, such as dental hygiene, which were taken over by community colleges.

The enrolment decline has continued this year and was repeated at York. The 1977-78 declines have been largely attributed to the rising rate of inflation and high unemployment figures.

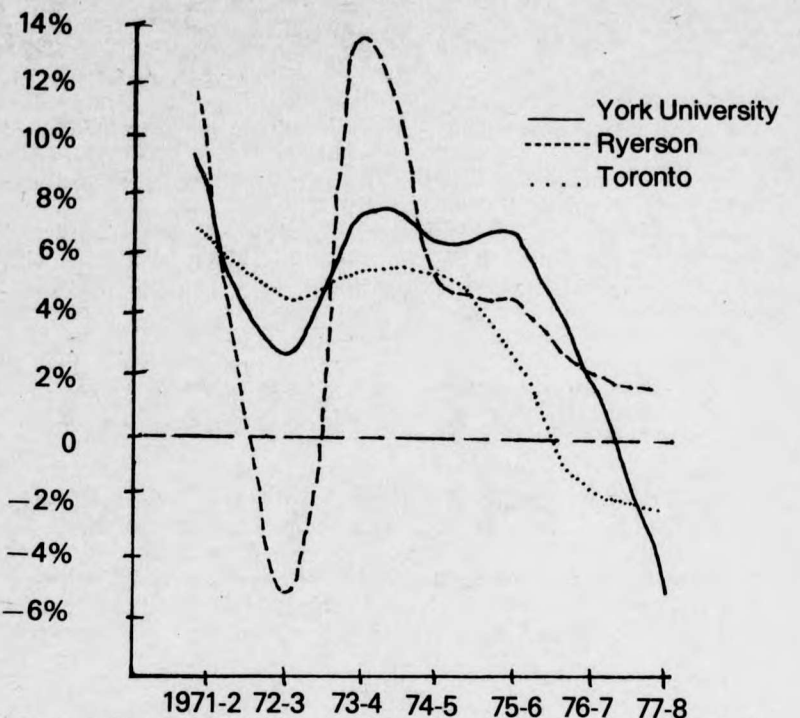
Student enrolment at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute has been rising since September 1973. Unlike U of T and York, it did not suffer a decline this year. The most recent enrolment figure for the 1977-78 academic year for Ryerson is 9,120 students, up 168 from last year.

While the basic enrolment trend shows an increase at all three schools in the early part of this decade, marginal enrolment figures (the change in student enrolment from one year to the next) show that the

institutions enjoyed marginal increases only briefly around the 1972-73 period. Beginning in 1973, both Ryerson and U of T began a steady decrease. This year has been the worst for Toronto with student enrolment down 1,188 from last year.

When asked how York would achieve stable enrolment over the next five year with the current trend indicating an enrolment decline, David Atkinson, assistant to vice-president George Bell of York, replied that the university would go out of its way in order to attract students via the programs offered.

Neither Toronto or Ryerson seemed worried about an enrolment decline over the next half decade. Nor however, did they foresee an enrolment increase. Both schools stated that they had reached the level of enrolment for which their present facilities were designed, and did not wish to accept more students than they could handle.



The percentage change in student bodies (AME) year to year, at local Universities from '71 to '78.

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## Forest case is undecided

By Laura Brown

No decision has been made on the allegations against Jeffrey Forest, as we go to press.

A meeting was held Friday January 6 to discuss the charges against Forest, as well as the comments of the witnesses of the November 4, 17 and 18 incidences of violence between the York Student Movement and their opponents.

Forest and two representatives from the Graduate Assistant's Association met with Deans Eisen and Knittle. Vice-President Farr and his assistant John Becker were also present.

The meeting was not a further investigation, but according to Forest, he was asked to come forward fully prepared to reveal any mitigating circumstances he might know of which could alter his case.

Discussions centered around Forest's protest against Becker's November 30 report as well as his demands for the immediate lifting of the ban and his suspension. Forest said he protests this and previous meetings because he feels that no adequate investigation has been carried on so far.

According to Becker, a subsequent meeting was held between Farr and the deans, but no decision has been made.

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