

# Issues brought to Davis' door

(CUP) About 150 students from York, Ryerson, Waterloo and other Ontario universities braved cold temperatures and the threat of rain to gather by Lake Devo at Ryerson on Tuesday for an anti-cutbacks rally.

The gathering was a pre-rally for the much larger demonstration staged at Queen's Park. There, about 2000 union members, students, teachers and parents gathered to hear speeches criticizing the Davis government's underfunding of programs for the young.

The rally was organized by a loose coalition of groups entitled Cutbacks Hurt Ontario's Children (CHOC). It featured speakers from various social service agencies, student federations and teachers' unions.

"Overall, I feel the rally was successful. We got a good response to it from the government in that both Keith Norton and Bette Stephenson came out," commented York's Student Federation President Keith Smockum. "It worked well because it gave attention to the issue."

About 30 York students participated in the protest. Smockum noted the variety of groups participating in the rally represented a good cross-section of people.

During the pre-rally at Ryerson, the organizers distributed picket signs and led the crowd in an off-key protest song.

Some representatives of a Marxist-Leninist group made an appearance but were shortly hustled off the property by Ryerson security.

The crowd of students gathered for the pre-rally at Ryerson moved out and started their march to Queen's Park at 6:30. The march proceeded without any problems although

policeman accompanying the marchers was heard to remark, "There's no use to this, you'll never get anywhere."

Keith Norton, Minister of Community and Social Services, was designated to speak for the government. His initial good evening to the crowd was greeted with boos and chants.

"We're all here for the same reason tonight," Norton said. That statement received a two-minute chorus of boos from the crowd.

"We're all committed to children," he said, noting there have been no cutbacks in services to children. He claimed their funding has increased 12.7 per cent since last year.

The crowd reserved most of its anger for Minister of Colleges and Universities Bette Stephenson. She approached the podium to a round of chants and boos which continued unabated until she finished her virtually inaudible five minute speech.

"If you want more, give us more tax revenue," shouted Stephenson.

As she turned to enter the legislature, the crowd chanted, "Resign, resign!" At this she turned around and gestured to the crowd that she had no intention of resigning.



Peter Brickwood (right) leads York assault on Queen's Park.

Bryon Johnson

## Justice minister talks simple

L. Andrew Cardozo

Canada's Criminal Code will be rewritten in simpler terms if the new Minister of Justice gets his way. This is what Senator Jacques Flynn told an audience of about a hundred at Osgoode Hall last Friday, speaking at the invitation of the John White Society.

He said the Criminal code needs to be rewritten in "simple and easily understandable

language." This "secularization of the language," he said, was necessary "since the criminal process is difficult enough." Flynn apologetically added to the largely law-student audience that he meant to cut into the income of the law profession, but that such a step was necessary.

Professor Louise Arbour, the other panelist, said that she was "skeptical" of such reforms. She added that they had been tried

before, in Canada as well as in other countries, and that "such attempts have never been successful."

Senator Flynn said he was about to introduce the concept of an "information commissioner" to deal with questions of Freedom of Information. This person would act "like an ombudsman" in deciding which documents and facts were to be accessible to the public. He

stressed that his government was very concerned about the issue of official secrecy.

Another piece of legislature, which will disallow the publication of the names of people whose houses are searched by the police until such evidence is presented in court proceedings, was criticized by a questioner. He contended that this was in conflict with the notion of freedom of information, since many such searches would never become public. The Senator flippantly stated that the legislation is designed to "benefit the citizen and not the police."

Regarding the controversial issue of his unprecedented consultation with two other ministers prior to laying charges in a combines case, Flynn proclaimed that he had "no doubt as to the propriety of my position in this regard," maintaining that the Attorney General "not only was entitled to do it (consult with other ministers) but he would be a fool if he did not."

Flynn explained that the consultation had taken place in the presence of fifteen officials and that such a meeting could not have had political motives. He added that "Cabinet can't give me any instructions, only advice."

With regard to the issue of the Quebec referendum, Flynn defended the position of his government. He said, "It is not as easy for Mr. Clark as it was for Mr. Trudeau, to go into the province of Quebec and say 'you are wrong.'" Flynn added that he and other Quebec ministers would be deeply involved in the debate, and quipped that he could be the leading spokesman of the team. He did not, however, offer any evidence that his government had a plan of action, saying that such a plan could not be worked out until the precise question was known.

## Prof peeved at York services

Maureen Brown

A former master of Bethune College is fed up because he thinks the York community is at the mercy of monopolies with deteriorating services such as the Toronto Dominion bank, York's book store and food and beverage services.

Sociology Prof. Iain Davies was the chairman of the University Food Services Committee (USFC) in 1973-75. He recalls, "the USFC was established in 1973-74 under pressure from students at a time when there was only one caterer (Versafoods) serving the university. Versafoods was clearly charging high prices because there was no one to challenge them . . . the University administration liked it that way because it was easy to deal with."

"USFC persuaded the University there should be different caterers for different parts of the University. What's obviously happened is that the University has moved slowly back to having one single caterer." Warren Rill is now the sole caterer of Complexes I and II. According to Davies, Rill has a guaranteed income since all residence students must buy scrip. Also, Rill's rent is a percentage of his sales. If business falls off, Rill's rent becomes cheaper.

About Norman Crandles,

manager of York's Food and Beverage Services, Davies says, "Crandles is Rill's man."

Crandles closed the Tap and Keg a couple of weeks ago when the group Teenage Head was appearing. Davies said, "Crandles probably wanted an incident to shut the pub down because it's inconvenient — something you can't control from day to day. Obviously Crandles doesn't want to go down there every time something occurs."

Davies said, "it seems to me the person that should be at every orientation is Crandles. He should make it his duty to make the rounds, meet the student council, freshmen, the whole bit. I know that just doesn't happen. It seems to me one of the

responsibilities of Crandles' job is meeting the new people.

If the food and beverage management functions were separate and distinct, their efficiency could be increased according to Davies. Davies believes the two functions, combined as they now are, are leading to "serious disorientations."

The bank is another cause for exasperation for Davies. Last year there were two banks, one in Central Square and one in Founder's College. This year the only bank is in Central Square. "The lines are ridiculous and the attitude to students in particular seems to be hostile," Davies observed. He thinks a partial solution to the problem would

be the installation of a 'Green Machine'. This would allow deposits or withdrawal of money after banking hours.

The book store, owned by York University, is another operation that draws sighs of frustration from Davies. "They run it like a technical supply centre, with no education sense, no sense of imagination . . . it's my bet that most of the loss of money the book store is claiming is through incompetence" (rather than shoplifting).

He suggested that the administrative bureaucrats at York are insensitive to the needs of the community and are not performing their jobs in a competent manner.

## On the town

Want to escape those small town Toronto blues and relax after first term tensions?

Why not try New York? The Faculty of Fine Arts are once again organizing their annual winter trip to Fun City and it's open to all students, faculty and staff.

Buses leave York at 9 p.m. on December 13 and come back Tuesday morning, December

18. Depending on type of accommodation chosen, fare for transportation and hotel can vary from \$92 to \$144.

An informational meeting will be held this coming Monday, October 29, at 4 p.m. in the Faculty Common Room on the second floor of Fine Arts, Phase II. Otherwise, contact Janis Roy in Room 219, Fine Arts.

