

## Editorial

### Live from Osgoode...

Osgoode Hall's Moot Court was crowded, if not overflowing, with students who had come to hear a speaker who was wordy, if not articulate.

The first of the three first ministers to visit York, Richard Hatfield was surprisingly uninspired in his defense of Pierre Trudeau's positions. He had little to offer, except slogans, combined in new and boring ways, with which to answer the questions put to him by those present. All this brings out the sharp contrast between him and Pierre Trudeau, next week's guest.

Even when Trudeau offers slogans to chew on, we know he's capable of more. Seeing Hatfield for the first time, one is by no means as sure.

For York students, all this attention from our political leaders seems an unexpected bounty. It's easy to be surprised when 3 of our country's proudest gentlemen come calling, almost tripping over each other in their haste to get here. Is Osgoode's constitutional series such a draw, that the busiest figures in government all make time for it?

It seems to us (excuse our cynicism) a promotional schere that's snowballed. With Hatfield and Peckford getting their say in Canada's media capital, Pierre would be stupid to refuse a chance to respond.

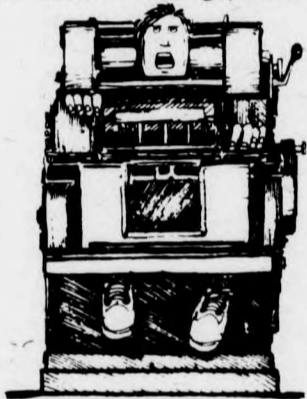
Cynicism aside, we're tickled pink at all this. It makes for more news in eight days than we'd

ordinarily get in eight months; news that, for once, students want to read.

We wonder though, whether these men's everyword deserves all this attention, especially when the man is Hatfield.

When one fellow asked the honoured sir whether the Canadian government should test the legality of its constitutional proposals in the nation's supreme court, before inflicting them on the country, the learned premier had this to offer. "I'm not a lawyer, I'm a politician." Hence, he argued, there's no need to test the legality of his constitutional project. This is just the kind of forceful reasoning we expect from our leaders.

But to add to this display of Solomonic Sensibility, Hatfield argued that what Canada truly needs are strong provincial governments, under the reign of a strong federal government. When asked by a student (who managed to keep a straight face throughout the bizarre exchange) how this



was possible, Hatfield replied that of course, it isn't. Chalk up another one for the quick thinking premier.

Nonetheless, he does deserve marks for being a successful politician. One does not become Canada's senior premier without some political smarts. Hatfield kept his opening remarks to just 13 minutes. When advocates of provincial rights appeared during the question period, Hatfield eased off his strong federal stand. During his prepared remarks, Hatfield was liberal in his criticism of his fellow provincial premiers. However, during the question period, Hatfield suddenly became quite sympathetic to his brethren, such as Lougheed and Peckford.

But what should we expect? Hatfield always gives his best speeches outside Canada. He attacks our own Bill Davis in New York, and causes a stir in Britain.

Next week we look forward to Premier Peckford and Prime Minister Trudeau. Both these gentlemen are considerably more partisan than Hatfield. Using past Osgoode visits as a yardstick, one would expect a zoo for Peckford and a love-in for Trudeau. WE have been afforded the opportunity to observe three major political figures within the short space of eight days. Compare and contrast their positions. Are the feds running roughshod over the provinces or is Peckford bargaining fish for our rights?

## BOG Rep Report

### Peter Brickwood

By now you have all heard about the tuition increases for next year. There has been considerable confusion about the meaning of the announcement however I am fairly sure that I have the facts straight and the bottom line is a potential \$162 increase in tuition for full time York undergraduates from Canada.

### The X, Y, Z of Tuition Fees

In '79/'80 tuition was \$720 at every University in Ontario. At least the Formula Fee for FTEs was supposed to be the same. A tuition of \$720 is the X tuition fee.

### Mystical Mumbo Jumbo

Formula Fees (FF) are the amount of money that a University can charge a Canadian Undergraduate. This amount is set by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) and as long as the University does not charge more than that amount then MCU does not penalize them (i.e. gives them all of the government funding). Each year you hear about funding going up, this year it was 10.1 per cent, that is the money MCU uses to pay its share of the operating costs of the University.

FTEs are Fiscal Full Time Equivalents. A Full Time Equivalent is a ordinary undergraduate like most of you taking 5 full courses. Fiscal FTEs just means one adds up all the courses being taken and divides by five. This is the main point although visa students pay double the tuition Canadian students do and there are a number of other things that make changes in the totals.

### Tuition Fees

Until last year the Formula Fee

went up by the same percentage for every University in Ontario. Thus you would take the previous years formula fee and add a percentage to get the new Formula Fee. In '80/'81 that was \$720 plus 7.5 per cent of \$720 which is \$720 plus \$54 equals \$774.

But the Ministry (MCU) gave each university the right to charge up to 110 per cent of the Formula Fee without penalty. This is known as the autonomous or discretionary fee. Last year York took 105 per cent of formula which is often referred to as 5 per cent discretionary.

Thus last year's fees (which we paid in the '80/'81 academic year) were \$720 plus 7.5 per cent of \$720 equals \$774 plus 5 per cent of \$774 which is \$77 equals \$851 and then of course there are miscellaneous fees including \$40 for student councils and the cost of health services and athletics which brought the total up to a tuition fee of \$915 for '80/'81.

### Z or '81/'82 Tuition Fee

The increase to Formula Fees is approximately 10 per cent which means \$774 plus 10 per cent of \$774 which is \$77 equals \$851. There will be miscellaneous fees as always which will probably be about the same \$100.

Now we come to the discretionary part which York's Board of Governors has to decide upon. The discretionary 110 per cent of Formula could make York's tuition fee as high as \$1,039 for '81/'82. That is Formula Fee of \$851 plus up to 10 per cent of \$851 which is \$85 plus \$103 miscellaneous which all equals \$1,039.

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