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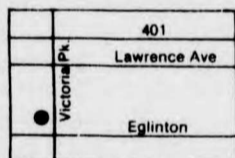
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# Gov't to facilitate international recognition of Canadian degrees

by Barbara Kaczor

**H**ave you ever wondered what your degree is worth in another country? The federal government recently announced that a "national Commission for the international recognition of studies, degrees and diplomas will soon be set up in Canada."

The Commission arose out of the need for the international exchange of information on education. A government newsletter stated, "The Commission will facilitate the implementation in Canada of the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees."

The government news release stated that the purpose of the Commission will be to "collate information for universities, colleges, and professional associations, to help them carry out their responsibilities to establish equivalencies for foreign degrees and diplomas. At the same time, the Commission will be charged with making Canadian degrees and diplomas better known and promoting their recognition in

other countries."

This will be done, said council of ministers of education, Canada (CMEC) member Boyd Pelley, by collecting information from other UNESCO member countries and processing this information on a national level.

"It is often difficult for this country's post-secondary institutions to access the equivalency of foreign studies and degrees which so many new Canadians and foreign students bring with them," said the Honourable Sean Conway, Ontario's minister of education, colleges and universities, and chairperson of the CMEC.

"The Commission will assist Canadian colleges and universities in establishing equivalencies by giving them easier access to up-to-date, relevant information on the education systems of other countries," he added.

Similarly, Canadian degrees will be promoted and recognized by equivalent commissions in other countries, he said.

The operation of the Commission will be jointly financed by the provincial and federal governments. A federal government

communique stated that each will contribute \$50,000 a year for the next three years.

"Members of the Commission will be designated by the provinces, the federal government and interested organizations," stated the communique. According to Pelley, the interest groups include the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, government units responsible for the evaluation of studies, degrees and diplomas, and services for professional accreditation. The CMEC will undertake the administration of the Commission.

The Commission's mandate will be to act as a clearing house to identify existing resources. It will act as an information centre to make facts about Canadian school systems available to foreign countries and to ensure recognition of Canadian credentials abroad.

The Commission is intended for use by individuals, governments and prospective employers. No firm date has yet been set for its establishment.

# CYSF spending \$15,000 to support varsity athletics says programmes VP

by Paul Ferriss and Daniel Wogelerenter

**T**he CYSF is continuing to be one of York's largest athletic supporters.

According to George DiPede, vice-president (programmes) for the CYSF, \$15,000 has been allocated to the programmes portfolio by council in order for the CYSF to become a primary sponsor of the Varsity Athletics Programme.

DiPede said \$12,000 is being devoted solely to CYSF sponsorship of athletics while another \$3,000 will be devoted to joint programmes with the department of physical education, athletics and recreation.

DiPede said the increased funding is part of an ongoing trend at the CYSF to gradually increase financial support to athletics. He said the \$12,000 is an increase of \$2,000 over last year, which was \$2,000 more than allocated the year before that. He said the extra \$2,000 came out of CYSF's increased operating grant.

He said the \$3,000 to be spent jointly is coming out of the newly created programmes budget. He said the decision to allocate the money as a joint venture was made because the CYSF "didn't want to give Sport York a blank cheque."

"We don't give clubs a blank cheque, so why should we give one to Sport York?" DiPede said.

The agreement between the CYSF and physical education means that the CYSF will be acknowledged as a sponsor on various athletic posters and schedules and will be setting up information booths and displays at different athletic events. Recognition will also be given to the CYSF during individual events, by means of public address announcements.

A major part of the promotional campaign included the purchase of a used golf cart which was rebuilt into the Yeomobile. Some of the funds for this project came from Sport York and other private sponsors.

DiPede said the rest of the \$3,000 will be spent mainly on promotional items like foam fingers and more T-shirts. He said Sport York would not be able to afford these kind of ventures without the CYSF.

DiPede said that sponsoring varsity athletics is "one of the easiest ways of promoting spirit" at York. Both physical education and the CYSF acknowledge that lack of student awareness is a problem for varsity athletics. In a letter to CYSF president Peter Donato that outlined the promotional campaign, physical education athletics officer Rob Martellacci stated, "The major thrust of this year's promotional campaign will be in the area of communication."

As far as getting students involved in and aware of athletics, DiPede hopes that "developing different traditions," such as a York song, and putting together a band to raise spirit at athletic events, will make a big difference.

# hey you, c'mere

by Tina Wood and Candice E. Cooper

1. What is your opinion of the proposed CYSF health plan?
2. What's black and white and red all over?



Maria Tsikrikas, Arts I

1. It's good because it's like having an employer take care of you while you're at school.
2. My face after exams.



Jacqueline Solnik, Arts III; Aaron Sugar, Arts II

1. Great! It's nice to get your drugs for free!
2. I don't know but what's black and white and black and white and so on? Answer: A nun rolling down a hill. II What's black and white and laughing? Answer: The nun that pushed her.



Michael Thackorie, Co-ordinated Business I

1. It's a good idea because of costs, and it's tough for students to manage otherwise.
2. Excalibur



Karlene Mootoo, Fine Arts II

1. I can get some prescriptions paid for. If there's a choice, it's great!
2. An embarrassed zebra.