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a non-discrimination policy for people with AIDS and for those who are HIV-positive. We have always believed in treating our employees fairly and without discrimination of any kind. We will continue to adhere to that philosophy."

Marriott Corporation never did take an position on the Chapman Amendment.

The company employs 200,000 people around the world. The company has a long-standing track record of support for disabled employees, including those diagnosed as HIV positive. In fact, Marriott is the second largest employer of people with disabilities in the US.

We are committed to non-discrimination, and have developed policies to that end. For example, our policy on Life Threatening Illnesses, under which AIDS and HIV are covered, specifically states that as long as employees are able to meet job performance standards, they are treated just like any other employee.

Based on these facts, we hope the unsubstantiated and inaccurate rumours can be put to rest.

Sincerely,

J. Peter Meyer

VP Human Resources, Marriott

## No sympathy for drivers

To the editor,

Re: Parking Fees Cause Uproar. I think that owning and driving a car is a privilege, not a right, especially in these times of growing environmental destruction.

I appreciate the lip-service paid to this ecological aspect in the letter by the student politicians, but do you actually expect a non-car owning, commuting student to feel any compassion for the thousands of you who choose "your own way" to travel to and from school?

Granted, there are those for whom public transit is out of the question (1.5 hour commutes, etc.). However, the last thing our student councils need to do is promote car use on campus, where there are already too many alienating parking lots.

York student leaders must promote public transportation, not allow more single occupant cars. Has anyone ever asked themselves why York's 50,000 people (one of the city's top employers) is so inadequately served by transit?

Finally, it's ridiculous to argue that increased parking rates will somehow stand in the way of equal access to education. Tuition fee hikes, higher book prices are threats, but I find it amazing that students can budget weekly gas price increases and then find that yearly parking increases are exorbitant.

If you can't afford to park, move closer to school.

Housing is tight, but not as bad as the tents that some Guelph students are forced to live in this year.

We have to rethink our ways, and I do feel that the present student council is a refreshing change. However, leading a revolt against increased parking rates is a short-sighted use of student power.

Does the greenhouse effect ring a bell?

Melissa Barrett

## NEWS

# Allen; new NDP universities minister

by Patrick Follens

With all the recent talk concerning surprise deficits, clouds of recession, and a "rookie" NDP government, post secondary students may be relieved to find that there is little debate concerning the appointment of Richard Allen as the new Minister of Colleges and Universities.

Allen, MPP Hamilton West, has had extensive experience teaching at the university level and is familiar with the problems that exist in post-secondary institutions today. Allen has also been instrumental in the development of the NDP's current policies concerning education.

"Of all the people in the NDP caucus, none would be more appropriate than Richard Allen," said York president Harry Arthurs of Allen's appointment.

Tim Jackson, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students, also favoured the appointment.

"It's an indication that Mr. Rae

is putting some emphasis on post-secondary education by appointing a senior member of his caucus," Jackson said.

The NDP's decision to reverse the former Liberal government's grouping of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities with several other portfolios has also met with favourable reaction. "We're very, very happy that a separate ministry has been established," said Arthurs.

Allen was reluctant to discuss the policies that he plans to implement as some had not yet been discussed with the rest of the party. He did, however, indicate that "a review of the entire OSAP system" was high on his list of priorities.

Several of the NDP's long term plans, as outlined in the NDP policy manual, call for drastic changes including the elimination of tuition fees.

"We have a great deal of lobbying to do to ensure that the NDP puts its rhetoric into practice,"

said YFS president Jean Ghome-shi. "The passing of just some of them [their promises] will be a positive step."

Likewise, Jackson stated that "while they're [the policies] ambitious, we could start moving toward them."

"There were never any long

term plans for universities in this province," said Jackson. He cited past examples when the Liberal government had announced funding for increased admissions only to cut off these funds after the extra students had completed their first year.

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Wakabayashi resigned as Coordinator of East Asian Studies last year to protest the acceptance of the JSIF donation. Wakabayashi and other East Asian Studies faculty were concerned with York's reputation if it accepted the tainted money.

"No one was consciously racist, but in accepting the money it shows a degree of insensitivity that might be construed as racist."

Last year, faculty and students from York and other Canadian universities presented President Arthurs with evidence of Sasak-

awa's past and present criminal and subversive activities. Faculty and students argued that accepting the money would affect York's academic integrity, freedom and neutrality.

Despite news coverage from major Toronto newspapers and protests from the York community, President Arthurs insisted that the money did not come from Sasakawa himself, but from the JSIF which had contributed to many high-ranking universities and other worthwhile causes such as UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

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3:00 - 4:00 pm.

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October 30, 1990

Room 171 South Ross

4:00 - 5:00 pm.

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October 31, 1990

Room 169 South Ross

3:00 - 4:00 pm.

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November 1, 1990

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