

Glendon principal delivers searing report to Senate

By Greg Saville

In his searing report to a Senate committee, the principal of Glendon College has broken the wishes of many of his colleagues by touching on further budget cuts at his campus.

"When I return to Glendon," stated principal David McQueen, I may find myself so branded as a 'sellout' that not enough people will want to work with me.... to do the job the Board assigned to me. In that case, the only decent thing for me will be to resign."

The report, received by Excalibur this week, outlines the "destructive features of last year's budget cutting scenario" but McQueen states he is "extremely attracted" to many aspects of the budgetary proposals suggested to the Senate APPC in a report three weeks ago by Dean of Arts Kaplan.

The depth of budget cuts proposed in Kaplan's report was \$1.8 million, of which Glendon's share would be \$161,000. McQueen proposed meeting this deficit by not replacing two resigning faculty,

more course-sharing with Atkinson and "an estimated turnaround of \$30,000 on sabbaticals and leaves without pay."

In McQueen's view, one of the strongest points of Kaplan's report was "the integration of budget-shrinkage with long-term planning", referring to Kaplan's criticism of York's concentration on year-to-year solutions instead of formulating a long term plan.

"To budget cut in that way," says McQueen, "adds to the outright losses of instructors, and the reduced productivity of those others who have been nervous, Vallium swallowing wrecks for weeks, and whose feelings of loyalty towards the university at the end of it all can readily be imagined."

According to McQueen, if the Ontario government continues to squeeze universities' financing, the "wreckage of the universities would be no mere figure of speech, but an ineluctable consequence within a few years."



Kim Lewellyn

Glendon principal McQueen feels report may lead to his resignation.

Tuition fees could skyrocket if P. S. Ross report is followed

By BJR Silberman

By 1980, York students could be paying close to \$1,100 tuition, according to a scheme proposed in a recent report to the Ontario government. The report, devised to offer a solution to rising costs and declining government grants, also foresees an era when universities set their own fees and compete for students in open market style.

The P.S. Ross report took the opinion that tuition ought to be tied in some way to operating costs, and aimed at ways of generating 20 per cent of university costs through fees.

If this tuition formula is put into action students could face perpetual fee increases of 10 to 11 per cent a year according to the rate of

inflation, said Peter Brickwood a York student member of the Academic Planning and Policy Committee.

A university like York which already has the highest tuition fees in Ontario could expect an immediate increase of roughly 36 per cent since the present fees cover only 14 to 16 per cent of operating costs, Brickwood said.

The P.S. Ross Report has been turned over to Education Minister, Bette Stephenson, who expects to decide about the tuition proposal by next November. While she has promised to accept input from all sectors involved, the Ontario Federation of Students is worried how seriously she will take it.

The OFS plans to fight the proposed tuition formula, said OFS

researcher Jay Drydyk, adding that such a scheme would "set up a pretty unbearable competitive situation".

Newer universities competing for students would face the dilemma of raising tuition fees and consequently driving students to other schools. Taken too far, some universities could be forced to close down, while older, well established institutions take over as monopoly enterprises.

A prestigious institution like the University of Toronto could charge high fees, while a small university like Laurentian would have to survive on lower fees in order to attract students, Brickwood said.

"Eventually this would effect the quality of the institutions," he pointed out.



Bryon Johnson

Paul Lantz and Tom Gorsky of the York University Tenant Association.

Osgoode students persuade Drea on landlord & tenant law

By Hugh Westrup

Tenants of graduate housing at York are more secure in the face of changing landlord and tenant laws following Monday's presentation before the Ontario government by two Osgoode students.

Paul Lantz and Tom Gorsky, members of York's Tenant Association, appeared with a plea to include those living in graduate residence and Atkinson college in Bill 163 which will repeal the current laws under which they are protected.

Atkinson and graduate residents have been excluded because the bill lumps them together with students in undergraduate housing who are transitory in residence and don't have the individual washing and cooking facilities that are necessary for protection under provincial law.

When Lantz and Gorsky became aware of this they prepared a brief and collected 319 signatures over the weekend. On Monday afternoon the brief was read before a committee reviewing the bill, which is presided over by the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations Frank Drea.

The brief requested that Atkinson and graduate residents qualify for protection under the bill because their living quarters are self-contained like apartments outside the university.

According to the ministry's communication coordinator, Eموke Jordan, who was present at the hearing, the submission was favourably received by the 17 MPs present.

After changing some wording in the proposal in consultation with government lawyers, Drea said he would present it as an amendment to be voted on at a later date.

The major innovation of Bill 163 is the removal of landlord and tenant disputes from the courts to special administrative hearings.

According to Lantz, the hearings will be an improvement because they are "less formal, less complicated, and cheaper."

Without protection by the bill, York graduate residents would be classified like commercial tenants who, among other things, are financially responsible for all repairs and allowed only 24 hours eviction notice.



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