

# Bethune opens Chinese present

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After two years of existence, Bethune college, initially known as college 'G', was officially opened Monday.

The college, which concentrates on Third World studies, is named after Dr. Norman Bethune, noted for his humanitarian medical work in the Spanish civil and the Chinese revolutionary wars.

The ceremonies included the unveiling of a memorial plaque for Dr. Bethune, a reception and dinner, a talk on Bethune by Rod Smith, a Bethune biographer, and concluded with National Film Board film on Bethune.

The plaque was unveiled by Su Schiu-min, first secretary, cultural division of the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa. Also in attendance at the unveiling were York Chancellor Walter Gordon, York's interim president John Yolton, Bethune college master Ioan Davies, nieces and nephews of Bethune, and other dignitaries.

In a speech before the unveiling Su said, through an interpreter, that the people of China regarded Bethune very highly and he concluded with the wish that, "The spirit of Dr. Bethune shines forever; may the friendship between the people of Canada and the people of the People's Republic of China shine forever".

### A RADICAL

Ioan Davies also spoke at the unveiling and discussed Bethune as a man ahead of his time, a radical. Davies said that Bethune is an example that "radicalism is not merely deviance but action."

Davies said that when the revolution comes Bethune will be ready. "Bethune college thinks that knowledge is for everyman," said the master.

Universities are quickly becoming places where we "sell our minds for BIU's, grades and diplomas", said Davies and it is his hope that Bethune college will escape this kind of thinking.

At the reception following the unveiling, Douglas Bethune, Bethune's

nephew, said Bethune was the "maverick of the family."

Janet Cornell, Bethune's niece said that socially and religiously Bethune was a break from the family's Presbyterian ideals. She told of a story where Bethune hid a copy of Darwin's theory of evolution and when his mother found it she replaced it with the bible.

"He was forty years ahead of his time," Cornell said, "he was almost fanatical in his want of socialized medicine and this prompted his joining the Communist party."

Cornell said, "The family is grateful that uncle Norman is finally being recognized and we are very proud."

### GREAT DOCTOR

In an after dinner speech, Dr. Wendell McLoud a student of Bethune's in 1933 said that Bethune was a "great doctor and a great man. He also loved children."

"Bethune would have been pleased with the China of today," said McLoud.

Hazen Sise, who drove Bethune's truck in the Spanish civil war, said, "I have waited 35 years for Bethune to be recognized."

"Whenever diplota go to China they are continually asked about Bethune," said Sise, "I hope Bethune will be the talisman of goodwill between Canada and China."

"Everywhere he went Bethune was worshipped by the Chinese people. The lasting effect of Bethune will be that he has shown that service to the people will be the highest service one can perform in this life," Sise said.

Henning Sorenson, Bethune's interpreter in Spain said "Bethune had fantastic vitality and was attractive to women."

Sorenson added, "Spain was an education for Bethune, it gave him important experience needed for his work in China. Bethune gave himself utterly and completely and in the end, he gave his life."

The opening of Bethune college kicked off China Week which ends tomorrow. For information on activities call 667-6274.



LINDA CHAN, a first year Founders student, was one of a number of painters who displayed their work at a Chinese student sponsored exhibit in McLaughlin, which was officially opened by York vice-president Bill Small and foreign student advisor Mary Junjek. Bill Lindsay

## Lobster and shrimp

# Elaborate meal costs \$1,000

Try washing this down with Black Tower Rhine Wine: fried shrimps in lobster sauce, steamed chicken breasts with mushrooms, broccoli in light soy sauce, snow peas with celery and scallions, wild rice, Pekinese chow mein, bean sprouts and cucumber salad and, for desert, almond and lichee delight.

This meal is estimated to cost between \$8 to \$12, but on Monday it was available free to about 116 people.

The meal, which cost at least \$1,000 (final figures are not yet available from Versa Food which catered the affair), was held "in celebration of Dr. Norman Bethune."

Bethune College Master Ioan Davies said the money came from the college's social fund and from "other places" like the college council.

### QUESTIONABLE COST

A number of persons commented on the cost of this meal. They believed it was doubtful that Bethune himself ate

as well as we at the dinner did, while he was in China and Spain. It was suggested that the money should have been given to some humanitarian cause in the name of Bethune or that people at the dinner should have been charged for their food.

When Phil Razminsky, chairman of the Bethune college council, was confronted with these questions he said, "traditionally, in this university a big dinner has been held when a college is opened."

"We flew in Bethune's family and we had to feed them," said Razminsky, "we hoped that maybe a kind millionaire would be impressed and donate money to the college."

Razminsky said, "the idea was suggested by students and administration."

When asked who benefited from the meal, and how they could justify spending more than 10 per cent (according to Razminsky) of the social budget on

an event that benefited no more than fifty students he said: "That's a good point, members of Bethune college were not invited."

### LAVISH MEAL

Razminsky was asked if it was not incongruous to have such a lavish meal after Davies had said at the opening ceremonies Monday, that Bethune was ready for the revolution.

Razminsky replied "It's a point. Davies is part of the establishment himself, he has tenure but he's spewing off lines about the revolution coming."

When the same question was put to Davies, he said, "this university has dinners of this sort all the time, the students spent \$2,500 on their Christmas dinner."

"This dinner may lead to donations from outside and it was out of courtesy to our guests from the Chinese embassy."

Questioned on whether a meal of this size and quality would be in the spirit of a man who literally gave the shirt off his back to those less fortunate than himself, Davies replied, "it's partly in the spirit of Bethune, because he loved food."

## 3,000 Chileans want refuge

ALLISTON, ONT. (CUP) — Immigration Minister Robert Andras said last week more than 3000 Chileans have applied for refuge in Canada. More than 400 have been granted landed immigrant status and 228 are now in Canada.

In a speech to the Ontario New Liberals, the immigration minister said that Canadian politics are shifting to the right and some persons "might be frightened" by the Canadian government granting assistance to the victims of the military coup.

Andras met with 50 Chileans in Toronto and commented later: "Most of them are young and bright. Yes, there are Marxists among them, I suppose. We think we've screened out anybody who really wants to import violent overthrow of the Canadian government."

Andras did not indicate if more Chileans are to be accepted into Canada.



From left to right—Su Schiu-Min first secretary, cultural division, Chinese Embassy, Ottawa; Ioan Davies, master of Bethune College,

and York Chancellor Walter Gordon at the opening ceremonies of Bethune college. Peter Hsu photo

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