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GOOD LUCK, EH! Dalhousie Tiger winger Greg Royce congratulates Yeomen hockey coach Dave Chambers following York's victory over the Tigers on Sunday. The win puts York in the CIAU finals.

Hockey Yeomen advance to final

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The York Yeomen hockey team will be competing in the national finals this weekend for the second year in a row.

York advanced to the finals, this year being held in Edmonton, by downing the Dalhousie Tigers two games to one in their best of three regional playoff held at Varsity Arena last weekend.

Last year the Yeomen competed in only their second Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) final (they competed in the final once in

the late 60's when they had an undefeated season), winning the University Cup for the first time in their history.

While last year's tournament was held at Varsity Arena, this year's version will be held on Wayne Gretzky's home turf, the Northlands Coliseum. The tournament will be hosted by last year's finalists, the Alberta Golden Bears, who York defeated in the championship game by a score of 3-2.

The tournament will get underway tonight as Alberta takes on Atlantic University Athletic Association

champions Moncton Blue Eagles, while York goes up against Quebec champions, the University of Quebec at Three Rivers Patriotes (UQTR) on Saturday afternoon. Both semi-final games will be carried by TSN.

York has played UQTR only once this season, skating away with a 5-3 victory. Moncton and Alberta have been in tournaments along with the Yeomen but their paths have never crossed.

The championship game is set for Sunday afternoon, and will be televised across the country by CTV.

Too early to speculate on architecture school following closing of U of T's program: VP Levy

By KEVIN O'NEILL

York University has been approached about the possibility of starting an architectural school in the wake of the recent decision by the University of Toronto to close its School of Architecture.

The Committee to Maintain a School of Architecture in Toronto (CMSAT), established by the City of Toronto by citizens, students, faculty and city architects dismayed by U of T's announcement, asked to meet with York to discuss York's interest in the matter.

Sheldon Levy, York's vice president in charge of Management Information and Planning, said that although preliminary investigations have been made into the possibility of York starting its own architecture school, it is "much, much too premature" to speculate until U of T has decided what it is going to do with its architecture program.

Levy attended a March 12th meeting between members of York University and the CMSAT and said the meeting did not result in anything definite. "It was more of a wait and see situation," he said.

However, Levy did cite possible hurdles in implementing an architectural school. "There are huge financial implications and the government holds veto power over everything," Levy said. "We'll have to see how concerned the provincial government is."

York President Harry Arthurs released a paper in concordance with the meeting outlining York's position on a proposed architectural

school. "... in light of the interest expressed... York will be considering its possible involvement in the field, should the University of Toronto decide to withdraw," the statement reads.

Arthurs feels York has certain elements in place that would provide good starting points for York's possible involvement. "There are certain established academic strengths at York which would reinforce a program in architecture and landscape architecture. The Faculty of Environmental Studies offers courses in a number of related

fields," he wrote. "The Faculty of Arts offers a program in Urban Studies, and our Faculty of Fine Arts would have obvious affinities with any new program concerned with academic or practical work in design."

However, Arthurs also qualifies York's commitment to an architecture school. "We have no margins with which to subsidize a new program. It would have to be a condition of any serious consideration by York of this possibility that proper funding was made available."

OFS presses for release of Liberal study on incidental fees

By LAURA LUSH

The Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) has asked the provincial government to release the findings of a report on incidental fees to the public before policy is set.

"We want Mr. Sorbara (Minister of Colleges and Universities) to make the report public so that students affected by incidental fees can add their input before the report goes to policy," OFS chairperson Bernard Drainville said. The OFS lobbies on behalf of more than 200,000 post-secondary students across Ontario.

Sorbara asked the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA) last August to conduct a study on incidental fees in Ontario because of concerns that these additional student

fees may be limiting accessibility. A March 16 OFS news release said that incidental fees are an extra-billing procedure used by universities to compensate for "budgetary shortfalls" in their operating grants.

Bob Richardson, an advisory assistant to Sorbara, said that the ministry will release the report, submitted to them by the OCUA on March 7, when policy is formulated. "We're now in a position to formulate policy in the not-too-distant future," he said.

However, Drainville said that the Liberal government has not lived up to its campaign promise of encouraging more open debates on issues. "Our understanding was that once Sorbara had the report the students

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\$8.5 million grant increase will not satisfy York's needs says Office of the President

By JAMES FLAGAL

The Ontario Liberal government has released the details of its allocation of monies to the universities for 1985-86 and has granted York a 7.8 percent overall funding increase over last year.

York will receive an additional \$8.5-million to bring its total grant to \$117-million for the 1985-6 fiscal year. This increase includes York's share in the government's \$50-million University Excellence Fund which was announced last October by Colleges and Universities Minister Gregory Sorbara.

"Unfortunately it's not sufficient to properly address the chronic underfunding York presently faces," said Vicky Hodgkinson, special assistant (Research in Policy) in the Office of the President. "It's not enough to solve the overcrowding problems at York," she said. "York is in dire need of new buildings, new equipment and new faculty, and the recent government allocations bring minimal optimism for any relief in the near future."

York presently faces the worst overcrowding conditions of any university in Ontario. York is also being underfunded by a margin of approximately 20 percent due to a funding formula which discriminates against rapidly growing institutions. In the past decade York's population has increased from 24,000 to 40,000.

"York is being punished for complying in the past with the government's accessibility program," said Sheldon Levy, York's vice president in charge of Information and Planning. "We should have known the consequences for growing so fast when dealing with an allocation scheme which advocates declining enrollment. We've sinned and now we're paying. Public interest demands increasing enrollment in universities; the government's funding formula does not."

In the past York set its enrollment policy in accordance with the government's accessibility program which dictates that any student with a high school graduation average of 60 percent or over should be entitled to a university education.

York, however, is going to have to abandon this accessibility policy, said Levy, because chronic underfunding has forced York to decrease its enrollment for next year. "Now our compulsory admissions average for first year students will rise to 70 percent, resulting in a turning away of students who desire to stay in Toronto to receive a university education," Levy said.

Sorbara also released details of the allocation of the University Excellence Fund, broken down as follows:

- \$25-million for library enhancement and student equipment;
- \$15-million for research leadership;
- \$10-million for faculty renewal.

According to Levy, York could also lose a share of its faculty renewal fund allocation because the Ontario Council of Universities (OCU) decided that the fund should be allocated according to the money spent on full-time and part-time faculty of each institution.

"This will seriously hurt York," Levy said. "Since so much of our staff is part-time, this would be a completely inappropriate scheme and would only force us to hire more part-time staff when we really want to increase permanent faculty."

Sorbara has yet to announce his

decision on how the faculty renewal fund will be allocated.

York is also supposed to receive a half million dollar grant from the research leadership fund while the University of Toronto will receive \$5.3-million.

According to Peter McKay of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), "The allocation scheme discriminates against smaller universities which are not research intensive. What we see as detrimental to universities in the allocation of this fund is the stringent requirements given to its application. Allocations should have been given across the board; they should not have been attached to specified prerequisites."

Levy noted that York is a research intensive institution but only in the field of humanities and not in engineering and science which usually gets more money.

"It seems that we can't rely on the government to solve the overcrowding and underfunding problems at York," Levy said. "Therefore York has decided to use its own means in addressing these issues. This is exactly what the York University Development Corporation (YUDC), plus the appointment of Vice President of External Affairs Mr. Lithgow, is all about—to lobby the private sector to fulfill York's funding needs."

The Administration has planned a two pronged strategy to obtain these funds, according to Lithgow. The first is through the YUDC which "attempts to address York's space problem by encouraging industry with research related aims to build a complex on York land." Lithgow added, "This building can perhaps be used by both the University and the company, or the building can offer the University another source of revenue from the property lease itself."

Another network to accumulate revenue is through the use of community funding campaigns. "York still does not have an ongoing fund raising campaign," Lithgow said. "Other older institutions adopted such a program years ago enabling them to rely on government grants less... McGill, with a student body significantly smaller than York, is winding up a five year campaign which is supposed to bring in \$60-million. They have already collected \$42-million. The University of Toronto also collects approximately \$2.3-million for their varsity fund every year."

"There's a great potential market to tap out there," Lithgow said, "and with private funding we could help close the gaps in the funding problem."

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