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College in waiting

By Greg Saville

"The college-in-waiting", as Calumet's master Eric Winter says his college is sometimes called, will have to wait longer to find out it can secede from the Council of York Student Federation.

Since a Calumet college general meeting decided seven months ago to withdraw from CYSF, there is still no answer from university vice-president Bill Farr, the appointed arbitrator.

According to the college withdrawal policy in the CYSF constitution, "Constituencies may withdraw...having first agreed in writing with the Council upon the terms of withdrawal, and failing such agreement, having submitted the terms of withdrawal for arbitration and decision by the president of the university or his nominee."

York president H. Ian MacDonald appointed Bill Farr, vice-president of employee and student relations, as arbitrator when negotiations between CYSF and the Calumet Steering Out Committee broke off on March 1 and the issue has been in arbitration ever since.

In a general meeting of Calumet college on September 15, Steering Out Committee member Lynn MacKay restated the committee mandate to get Calumet out of CYSF and concluded, "The sooner we get this over with the better off we'll be". However, MacKay added, there was confusion of the committee as to whether CYSF president David Chodikoff thought Calumet was still in CYSF.

"By verbal communication we are no longer in CYSF," said MacKay referring to a conversation with Chodikoff but, she said, he later changed his mind.

"I wasn't aware of all the facts," said Chodikoff, explaining his turnabout.

Chodikoff has asked for resignations of Calumet's CYSF representatives, Lawson Oates and Chris Winter, who were not attending council meetings. The CYSF position was stated in a resolution passed at the September 20, 1978, meeting; "...it is the position of Council of York Student Federation to have elections for the position of CYSF representatives for Calumet college to be held concurrent with by-elections for the other colleges."

In an open letter to the York community which appeared in Excalibur's March 30, 1978 edition, Calumet's general meeting explained that the college needed the funds which are paid to CYSF in order to "survive as a viable community".

"We are forced to choose between the services offered by the CYSF and those offered by Calumet," the letter said. "...we prefer that the General Meeting of Calumet College allocate funds to the various organizations around campus."

If arbitration goes in their favour, about 1,100 Calumet students collectively stand to gain over \$10,000, minus deductions for social services, OFS and NUS.

Founders college has also seriously considered secession from CYSF. Council president Ian Brennan says his council has decided against secession for the present because CYSF "is going in the right direction at the moment, so we'll give them a chance."

Both non-member colleges, Bethune and Osgoode Hall Law School, are presently exploring the advantages of CYSF membership.

Tories bring Drea to York

By David Saltmarsh

Frank Drea, Ontario Minister of Correctional Services, said his main concern is with the youthful offender, those persons in trouble with the law under 25 years of age.

At a meeting sponsored by the York University Progressive Conservative Association, Drea pointed out that in Ontario, and for that matter anywhere in the world, 75 per cent of all persons serving a sentence are under 25. "I think it is really dreadful when at 17 I get someone who is completely institutionalized", he said, referring to offenders who often began their acquaintance with the training schools.

Drea, who is probably best known for his closing of the Don Jail, and his program of having persons convicted of non-violent crimes perform community services such as shovelling snow and cutting lawns for the elderly, said he wanted to revert to using the jails only for what they were originally intended for - protecting

society from violent criminals. As those who have not committed violent crimes will have to cope with the community when they are released from jail, he said it is more effective to place them in the community, under supervision, than to lock them away from it.

"You and I cannot rehabilitate anyone" Drea said, "but we can at least provide the motivational influences for someone to rehabilitate himself". By placing offenders in community service, they are out working with the best examples in the community, and provides a different outlook than placing them with hardened criminals in jail, he said.

Drea said he wants all youthful offenders, except for those who have committed violent crimes, separate from the jail system living in supervised residences, and learning on the job training in the community instead of in jail. "It's really kind of on the job training for coping with the community they'll have to live in", he said.

NEWSFLASH

The Ontario Ministry of Labour has invited the university and the York University Staff Association to meetings with provincial mediator Jean Read to meetings for the purpose of resuming negotiations on the outstanding issues in the labour dispute.

The administration is "prepared to participate at any time and to attend a meeting scheduled for this Friday."

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