

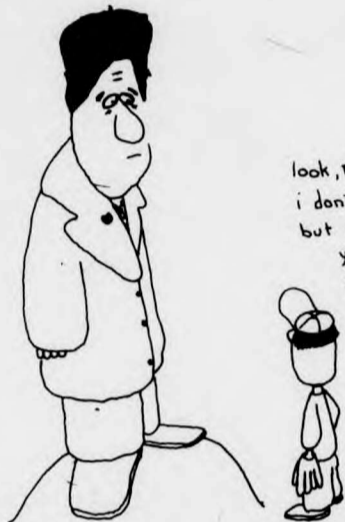
# Federation Notes

QUEEN'S PARK RALLY MARCH 27, 1980

Those people who came out to see Bette Stephenson, Minister of Colleges and Universities on March 18, will understand the necessity of the Queen's Park Rally next Thursday. Universities and Colleges from all over Ontario will be represented on that day. Algoma University in Northern Ontario will be sending one bus load of students down for the 15-hour drive. Buses have been chartered to bring over 800 students from Carleton and Ottawa Universities. It will be necessary for the Toronto schools—York, Ryerson and University of Toronto—to bring out a large contingent to ensure that the rally is a success. The rally at Queen's Park should not be regarded as the triumphant end to this year's campaign but rather another step towards a better education system for all of us.

Buses will be provided and will leave the Ross Building ramp at 12 noon on the 27 and will return when the rally is over, probably around 4:30 p.m. Classes may be cancelled to allow all students an opportunity to attend.

If you have any questions, call -2515 and ask for either Barb Taylor or myself.



## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

As has been reported in last week's issue of *Excalibur*, the Election Tribunal, by a majority decision, have decided to cancel the Presidential Election due to constitutional ambiguity. The Council has two options to deal with the situation. The first is to reschedule the elections for the third or fourth week of April, which would put us in the middle of exams. The second option which is no more desirable than the first, is to postpone the Presidential Election until the Fall and appoint an interim President for the Summer. Council will be making the final decision on March 24, in N102, Ross Building at 6:30 pm. If you are concerned, drop into my office and express your opinion, or if possible, attend the meeting.

## FEDERATION BOOKSTORE

The Student Federation just recently opened LYCEUM, our used bookstore right across from the York bookstore. In the next few weeks, we will begin buying back used books from students that are on course lists for next year. LYCEUM is presently open 10 am - 7 pm Monday to Thursday and 10 am - 6 pm on Friday. If you have any suggestions for improvement, or simply want to browse through some of the 6000 volumes already collected then drop in and talk to Manager John Watson.

## FEDERATION MOVIE SERIES

The Federation Movie Series has been cancelled for the rest of the academic year. With only two shows remaining, Council felt it had insufficient time to hire and train a new Film Series Manager. However, I am certain that the Film Series will continue next year. On behalf of Council, I would like to express my apologies to representatives of the Women's Centre and to women in general for the showing of the 3-D movies in International Women's Week.

## TUITION INCREASE

At the March 10 meeting of the Board, tuition fees for next year were established at approximately \$910. The efforts that the Federation had put into the tuition discussion were successful in the final decision being kept 5 per cent under the maximum. Tuesday, Dr. Stephenson firmly committed the government to covering all increases in tuition under OSAP. The rally at Queen's Park on the 27 will indicate to the Government of Ontario the discontent of students in regards to the tuition question. The Board of Governors also endorsed our demand that the province institute an accessibility study to ensure that any tuition increases in the future are made with the knowledge that accessibility will not be decreased.

As well, the Board also agreed that an examination of the autonomous fee policy should be undertaken to ensure that the government was not permitting a two-tiered university system in Ontario. The Board also felt that there should be some public debate as to what direction the university should go in the '80s. It has been the belief of the Federation and of OFS that in times of economic restraint and difficulties, there should be long-range planning for the universities to ensure a quality education. Finally, the Board also agreed that an immediate review of OSAP should be undertaken to ensure that it adequately covers students' needs. It is unfortunate that although the Board agreed with all our principles, they felt that economically they had no choice but to increase tuition \$90 next year.

At the same time as tuition increases, residence costs will go up about \$60 on the average and scrip will increase another \$50. For this reason, it is important that students push Dr. Stephenson on her promise to increase living costs under OSAP. There had been a recommendation last year from Student Awards Officers that it should be increased at least to \$90 per week, but she has already stated that this will not happen.

It is important that as many students as possible come out on Thursday March 27 to explain to the Government of Ontario our concerns for the future of post-secondary education in this province. See you on Thursday.

Keith Smockum

# Snail reopens

## Bruce Gates

Thirsty Stong students received some welcome relief Wednesday night when the Orange Snail reopened its doors two weeks after closing because of financial problems.

According to new interim manager Rick Linley, the Snail's financial woes may now be under control. After some discussion and reassessment of why the Snail ran into a \$15,000 deficit, Linley said they've now come up with a "pretty solid scheme" that will be tried on an experimental basis over the next few weeks.

The former manager was dismissed and a volunteer committee of five—made up of Linley; Doug Watson, an MBA student and Stong College don; Mike Shook, a former Snail manager; Garth Wood, another former manager; and former budget committee chairman David Adolf—was created to help streamline the pub's operations. Two of the committee members are MBA students.

For the time being the Snail will operate with reduced hours: noon to 1 a.m. Mon.-Fri.; 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturdays; closed Sundays.

The Snail's popularity was underlined by offers of student support until things get straightened out. Said Stong Assistant Master Olga Cirak:

"We've had a lot of students volunteer to work at the Snail for free until it gets some money back in."

"Hopefully we'll go in the right direction this time," added Linley. "We'll try to reestablish it

as a student service first," he said, "because that's what the Snail is."

It's important that the Snail generate cash flow, he said, "but if this experiment doesn't work out, then we'll close up and won't reopen until at least next year."



## Hot Flash

end of the line and she introduced herself." More calls followed, then letters. Ron was in love.

But how to liberate Kyle? According to Ron, Carolyn suggested that he provide alternative medical care, and in 1972 Ron began giving money to Carolyn to make the arrangements. For the next seven years he worked 60-hour weeks and scrimped to pay for the freedom of his beloved. The total cost of devotion: \$45,000.

Earlier this year, after Carolyn scolded Ron for being late with a payment, Ron admitted to a friend that he had never seen Kyle, and the friend urged Ron to go to the police. They discovered that there was no Kyle. Carolyn, charged with grand theft and deception, and her husband Robert, charged with duplicity, completely deny the charges. Ron is heartbroken. Says he: "I felt such love for her."

(Time) Ron Reed, 34, first heard of Kyle Stratton ten years ago when he went from the University of Miami to work as a technician at a glass plant in Toledo. Ron recalls that Kyle's friend Carolyn Matuszak showed him a picture of the beautiful blond and told him that she was an heiress who had been injured in a car crash. Kyle was now being kept a virtual prisoner (under an assumed name) in a local hospital, hooked up to a kidney dialysis machine and watched over by a fiercely suspicious attorney.

One evening Ron received a call from Kyle. "There was this very soft, sexy voice on the other

# Ideas for York's future

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YORK UNIVERSITY

In an ever-changing society, York has an increasing responsibility to meet the needs and requirements of both students and the labour market in the next two decades through the introduction of innovative undergraduate and graduate programmes developed by faculties and Senate.

York has had considerable success in attracting students from certain groups in Ontario who have not had sufficient access to a university education. These groups are native people, persons from disadvantaged backgrounds and new immigrants. Career planning and programming for these sections of society would mean a greater concern and concentration on part-time adult education. Many of the poor and minority groups are trapped in jobs that offer them little in the way of dignity, creativity or self-esteem. More funds are needed for adult-education programs at York.

Furthermore, in Ontario as in other parts of Canada, there exists a great deal of underutilization of skills, training and education of workers. If the province looks at the actual costs of underemployment as well as unemployment amongst the young, they will find it cheaper in the long run to support them financially with more generous grants and bursaries.

In this context, the up to 10 per cent discretionary student fee increase for the universities in Ontario is academically divisive and economically counterproductive. It will make it even more difficult for "first generation graduates" to attend the universities of their choice. Tuition fees should not become the measure of academic quality. YUFA strongly urges concerned action by all universities in Ontario to prevent any discretionary student fee increases.

Furthermore, people who desire a change in career at some point in their life, should be given a chance to do so without jeopardizing their jobs. It is up to

York University to provide such persons with the educational and developmental opportunities they need.

With the increasing amount of leisure available to Canadians in all walks of life, and the increase in the life expectancy over the next 20 years, York could develop programs encouraging the creative and constructive use of leisure time and retirement years.

## FUTURE ROLES OF OCUA

We feel that OCUA could become an academic and professional body coordinating the educational policy and program efforts of the different universities in Ontario. This would put OCUA into the role of the honest broker working in the best interest of the people in the province, and assuming a position of impartiality between the universities.

OCUA should stand for the independence of the universities and defend their autonomy against intrusions from the government or the private sector.

OCUA could furthermore encourage interchanges of interested faculty and professionals between the universities, government and private sector over limited periods of time, already proposed above. Such exchanges can only be to the benefit of all parties concerned.

Another low-cost, high-benefit scheme which OCUA should back on a high-priority basis is cooperation in collection building among the Ontario academic libraries, rudimentary so far. Good examples are library cooperation systems in Europe, especially Germany, and the Association of Research Libraries Group south of the border, which provides shared cataloguing and other technical processes among thirteen or so American academic libraries, including Columbia, Princeton and Yale. Ontario should follow suit.

OCUA could also pressure government bodies to conduct manpower requirement and training studies and to lobby more effectively than in the past,

the public as well as the private sector to provide funds for new teaching programs and research projects.

OCUA should encourage the establishment of the previously proposed Educational Policy and Development Council as an independent body which would allocate seed money for new undergraduate and graduate programs. This Council would fill a real need of the Ontario university system.

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

To conclude, we perceive that three interrelated university policy and development tasks will have to be performed simultaneously in the decades ahead. This has not been recognized so far by Ontario's educational policy makers.

First, in some areas of the Ontario University system, faculty members will have to be given the opportunity to retrain to find new positions in expanding fields. It is essential to ensure the creative people are not lost to the system and that problems of transition are handled sensitively and well-planned ahead of time.

Second, the bulk of the Ontario university system may be entering a "steady state" phase. Emphatically, this does not mean standing still. In the interest of survival in a difficult environment, there has to be continual upgrading to keep pace with advances in general knowledge and with the undoubtedly substantial performance improvements of our competitors within Canada and internationally.

Third, at the same time the Ontario university system as a whole must accommodate and absorb dynamic change and innovation. New initiatives and new programs must be encouraged, examined and, if found feasible, be vigorously prompted and grafted onto the existing university apparatus.

To merely stand still means to fall back.

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