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Dean of the Faculty of Education Andrew Effrat said that the extension of the deadline "was done for the openness and responsiveness York stands for. Because the programme is new, we didn't want to restrict good people from entering.

"We wanted to give everyone a chance."

With regards to the fairness of application selection, Dean Effrat said that "files were given equal attention. All files were looked at and considered."

The application fee and its uses were explained by the Dean as "helping cover the costs of the application process."

He explained that the money from the fees covered the costs of four extra secretaries hired to make the process more efficient, typists and clerical staff working overtime, the selection/screening committee, and faculty members who interviewed applicants and received a \$100 honorarium for an eight-hour shift.

The Dean added that office costs, such as mailing and the installation and service of extra phone lines, were also paid for by the fee.

Sandy McNeil, Director of York Admissions, supported the Dean and said the admissions process was "very thorough." Students first applied on paper and then some were chosen to write an exam. Finally, some of those were granted an interview.

McNeil is confident that only "top-notch people" were admitted.

The admissions office initiated an informal "watchdog" programme where they "checked into 15 to 20 files at random and discovered that everyone was given the amount of consideration their dossier deserved." McNeil said, "It is easier to get into Medicine" than the consecutive programme.

Dean Effrat is not oblivious to the complaints. He called the last five months "a learning process for everybody" and has "taken steps for improvement." In the past few weeks, a committee met to review the latest admissions procedure and decided to make changes. Next year, the Dean plans to be firm with deadlines and change the fee structure.

Dean Effrat has proposed to replace the \$45 fee with a general application fee of \$30 for all applicants. Those applicants who are short-listed for an interview will pay a surcharge to continue the processing of their application.

All-party committee recommends increased funding

by JEFFREY ROSS

In its recently published pre-budget report, an all-party provincial committee of MPs has recommended to Ontario Treasurer Robert Nixon that additional funds be allotted for universities in the upcoming provincial budget.

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs — chaired by David Cooke (MP-Kitchener) and including Vice-Chairman Harry Pelissero and nine other members — held pre-budget consultations between January 8 and 9 to let the public express its views on the forthcoming budget. Among the over 40 groups which made oral presentations before the Committee were representatives from the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA), the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), and the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

The Committee recommended that in order for Ontario universities to remain internationally competitive, the government should provide additional funds for research, capital expenditures, and operating grants. The Committee also urged the government to review the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and to remove any major inequities.

COU Director of Communications Will Sayers was pleased with the Committee's report.

"It's very gratifying that the Committee is taking our recommendations seriously," said Sayers. He added that it is "now really up to Robert Nixon to see if and how he can implement them into the upcoming budget."

The provincial budget is ex-

pected by mid-May and, according to Sayers, it stands to be affected by the recently proposed federal budget in which funding for post-secondary education was cut by \$75 million.

Sayers warned that federal cut-backs could affect provincial funding to the universities, but that Nixon could find ways to mediate the impact of such changes — such as increasing the size of block operating grants to the various university associations while lessening the strings attached to such stipends.

"We would accept specified funds, but we prefer block funding," said Sayers.

The federal government provides funding for the provinces in the form of tax credits and tax transfers, but it is up to Ontario to distribute these resources.

Both the COU and OCUFA asserted that, with the present level of funding, it has become impossible for universities to continue their role without a reduction in quality. The Committee heard that Ontario universities are underfunded compared to other provinces and various private and public universities in the United States.

Sayers claimed that "this affects the quality of undergraduate education in that we face extremely large class sizes, reduced accessibility to professors, and that we still rely heavily on sessional faculty appointments rather than on tenured faculty."

The Committee was also alerted by the OFS that students face problems when applying for financial support from OSAP. The methods for assessing student costs or the expected level of parental contributions were cited as problem areas.

Bloodsuckers

Over your neck, "vampires" are growing in number, says "vampirologist" Stephen Kaplan, a parapsychology professor at SUNY-Stony Brook. He claims that 150 vampires live in the United States and Canada, with 35 of them being "physical" vampires who drink human blood. (That is a 62 per cent increase since 1981).

The typical male vampire, says Kaplan, stands 5 ft. 1 in., weighs 150 pounds, and looks about 21 years old. The average female: 5 ft. 8 in., 118 pounds, and about 20

years old. Neither male nor female vampires, however, have fangs. (National On-Campus Report)

retraction

In the March 30 issue of *Excalibur*, Professor Michael Semak was misquoted in the article "Students demand photo course." The quote should have read, "In my opinion, [Prof.] Bieler acts as if this is the way things are going to be and that's it."



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