

## OFS heads major underfunding protest

By MARTIN HYDE

The Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) headed a march to Queen's Park on Monday to protest against the dismal state of Ontario's universities.

A boisterous and angry crowd of about 1,000 Ontario university and college students joined in what the OFS termed the "Cut to the Bone" rally.

The crowd was addressed on the legislature steps by Minister of Colleges and Universities Lyn McLeod, Provincial NDP Leader Bob Rae, PC Leader Andy Brandt, and a number of other lobby group leaders.

About 700 students — wearing "Cut to the Bone" buttons depicting a dinosaur skeleton — began the march down Gould St. at 1 p.m. waving placards with slogans such as, "Oh Shit, Another Protest," and "No More Cutbacks." The group moved up Yonge St. and West along College to Queen's Park. Chants included, "Say no to deregulation!" and "Stop the cutbacks!"

One bystander commented that he had seen protests of 5,000 people that weren't nearly as loud.

Bob Kuehnbaum, Vice-President of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union representing faculty at colleges, was the first speaker. He addressed the issue of underfunding, saying "education will be as extinct as the dinosaur on your (OFS) buttons. The bones and tendons will still be there, but the meat will be gone."

Lyn McLeod followed, and was virtually drowned out by the angry crowd. She did manage to say, however, that the Ministry is not considering deregulation of tuition fees. (Deregulation would enable universities and colleges to set their own tuition rates.) She also said, "Tuition is increased at the same time as government grants."

McLeod spoke for less than a

minute and left without answering questions.

John Starkey, President of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations said that although the government claims to have increased funding up to \$300 million, "twice that has been recommended. Universities and colleges have not only not improved, they are not even upkeeping what already exists."

Starkey added that the 500 new faculty the government claims to have added to universities across Ontario are "only replacing 500 retiring faculty. An additional 3,000 faculty are needed in addition to that 500." He concluded by saying, "One hundred per cent of university functions are underfunded."

The crowd was not receptive to Andy Brandt. Amidst loud jeers, Brandt said, "Education is high on our priority list."

But Rae, who followed Brandt, was greeted with cheers from the crowd. He said, "Tuition fees should be frozen." He added, "To have students using equipment 10 to 20 years out of date, and books falling apart, and 900 students in introductory classes, is ridiculous."

"We will fight on your behalf in the legislature," he said, "but what are you going to do in the next election?"

President of the Ontario Federation of Labour Gordon Wilson demanded "free tuition for all students."

When the gathering broke up at 3 p.m. OFS Chairperson Shelley Potter informed the crowd there would be a follow-up discussion at Ryerson.

Students outside Ontario also attended the protest since they were on their way to Ottawa with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) for a rally on Tuesday.

York University was not represented at the rally, as the CYSF is no longer a member of OFS.

## Polster new VP Internal

By GARRY MARR

Bernie Polster was elected to replace Paul Dutka as Vice-President of Internal Affairs in a CYSF in-council vote last Tuesday.

Dutka resigned on September 29, one day after he was informed that the CYSF Executive had given notice to its Council for his impeachment. Council cited Dutka's lack of attendance as the main reason for initiating his disqualification process.

Polster was one of two candidates who applied for the job within the CYSF specified two-week application period after Dutka's resignation. Anita Kivi was the other applicant.

Polster won a majority in the Council vote, but CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt would not detail the margin of victory.

Polster's experience in student government includes membership on the Calumet College Council (CCC) and a bid for this year's CYSF presidency, which yielded a fourth place finish.

Polster was elected co-treasurer



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## Final reform paper released

By ADAM KARDASH

After more than three years of discussion, President Harry Arthurs released his final student government reform paper yesterday.

The White Paper — which is based on suggestions made by Guelph Provost Gilmor, the Student Relations Committee (SRC), and student government suggestions — will drastically change the nature of student government at York.

"I hope and believe that the new arrangements . . . will nonetheless provide a framework within which student governments can develop and contribute greatly to the quality of student life on campus, and to the development of the university generally," Arthurs stated.

Highlights of the White Paper include:

- the formation of student governments at the faculty level, in addition to the college level.
- representation of students by a central student government — the Council of York Student Federation (CYSF) for undergraduate students, or the Graduate Students' Association (GSA).
- mandatory college membership for first-year undergraduates, with students having the option of maintaining or terminating their affiliation in second year.
- establishment of Special Student Activity Funds for both Faculty and College governments to encourage co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.

Arthurs also responded positively to student leaders' concerns about earlier drafts of the document.

His major changes include: the right for student governments to receive a direct per capita levy, as opposed to the present grant system (following approval by a referendum); measures to ensure that deans and masters consult their respective student governments concerning co-curricular programmes; and a directive which states that standards for student government and levy referendums are to be drafted.

CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt was thrilled by some of the changes established by Arthurs in the White Paper.

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