

Fees up, rally on Tuesday

The Ontario Treasury Board hands down its report Tuesday and the education budget guesswork can stop. University students across Toronto have planned a mass rally at Queen's Park at 1 p.m. to protest the changes in loans and tuition fees.

University of Toronto professor Phyllis Grosskurth said Monday Ontario Treasury Board documents recommend hikes in undergraduate tuition fees to \$935 and \$975 a year. The document also gives the loan ceiling as \$1,000, she said.

Chuck Hanley of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations said Monday he couldn't see a rise in tuition fees this year but that they would probably come next year.

Grosskurth said the recommendations came down from the Treasury Board to the Committee on University Affairs but were approved by the Cabinet in November as ways of cutting back on education costs.

CUA is an advisory board to the government. Grosskurth quit the committee in the fall saying they were not advising, only rubber-stamping Treasury Board decisions.

Another leak from government sources states that graduate fees will rise from \$485 to \$728 for next year. This is accompanied by cuts in graduate grants from \$3.5 million to \$3 million.

The grad cut-backs are part and parcel of other recommendations given to the Ontario Committee on Student Awards by the Treasury Board recently.



Some people may be studying so hard in the library that they begin to think they're caged in, or at least their view of the library has become somewhat distorted. Photo by Lerrick Starr

Sept. election called but ULS to impeach Theobald



John Theobald



Bryan Belfont

The Council of the York Student Federation president elect John Theobald announced yesterday that he will call for a new election in September.

He said this was in view of the recent controversy over alleged election irregularities.

Although he called on the losers — Bryan Belfont of the United Left Slate, Phil Petrelli and Chuck Brand to work with the new CYSF this summer, ULS campaign manager Ron Andrews said 619 names would not be difficult to get to impeach Theobald as president.

Andrews demanded how Theobald could legitimately take office when 1,256 people had signed petitions for a new election.

Grad rep John MacCallum said no petition for election was legally binding but only a referendum was.

ULS spokesman Tony DeFelice said there was no way a three-man rump (Theobald-MacCallum-Sinclair) could over-rule CYSF president Michael Fletcher's earlier decision to hold an election March 29 and 30.

He felt the ULS had no choice but to impeach Theobald.

CYSF communications commissioner Neil Sinclair said if there was going to be a new election then it should be a "good" one. And that was impossible this spring.

He wants CYSF to set up a task force to look into election procedures at York and the best way of tabulating the Atkinson vote.

He felt CYSF would now permanently set aside a fixed amount of the budget to properly run any elections. He said no election was going to cost under \$1,000.

Fletcher had agreed to a new election after Belfont had produced the petition of 1,256 names calling for a new election.

No quorum was present at Monday's meeting. However the decision was finalized by the CYSF executive Tuesday.

Other interim solutions to the dilemma of the election results included a summer council of all contenders and a new election in the fall. CYSF rejected this and said too many new students would be just coming into York at that time.

ULS gets 1,256 on petition

The United Left Slate got 1,256 people to sign the petition calling for a new Council of the York Student Federation election.

CYSF president Michael Fletcher told a crowd of about 100 at the Central Square bearpit that "Those 1,200 or 1,600 people had damn well turn out to vote."

He later said he doubted that the turnout for the second election would be any higher than the first.

Both Fletcher and ULS presidential candidate Bryan Belfont blamed student apathy for the poor turnout two weeks ago. About 2,000 people voted or roughly 14 percent of the electorate.

Fletcher said he had tried to create student interest by working to build up CYSF and promote student oriented activities such as Winter Carnival.

Belfont said students should be made aware of local political issues and that CYSF meetings should be changed to 2 p.m. Thursday so that students could attend more easily.



Phil Petrelli



Chuck Brand

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Senate rejects brief to Wright Com.

The senate refused Tuesday to accept an administration written brief as its submission to the Wright Commission on grounds of its inadequacy. Instead the senate told its delegates to protest the shortage of time given to respond to the Wright Report and to demand another hearing. The York hearing was scheduled from 11 a.m. to 12 noon yesterday. Details were unavailable at press time. Faculty objected to the York brief saying it didn't explore and develop a sound critique of the report. Glendon economics professor David McQueen objected to "the ineffable snottiness" in the tone of the brief. The senate's representative on the Council of Ontario Universities Howard Adelman, said the committee had set a May 4 meeting with the Wright Commission and that York should meet with the commission just before that. Adelman said he had information that it was not the commissioners but ex-chairman Doug Wright, now deputy minister of social development who was setting the commission dates.

Film on U.S. deserters here

WCKT TV in Miami hopes to make a documentary on U.S. military deserters and draft dodgers in Canada next week. Any such people interested are invited to phone the secretary of the Council of the York Student Federation secretary by tomorrow. The reporter making the film is A.C. Nesbitt.

Hoppe settles with York security

Carter Hoppe says he's settled most problems with York's security after an incident March 15. He was physically held to the ground by campus cops Harry Larkin and Paul Brewer when he demanded to leave with his impounded car. Larkin and Brewer had reportedly done it for his own good because Hoppe was really drunk and angry that his car had been towed away for illegal parking. He refused to pay the \$5 towing costs which he termed as York's "legal form of blackmail." Safety and security director George Dunn later told Hoppe that when students refuse to pay the costs, the security police usually let them go. The cops also asked them to sign a statement that no damage has been done to the car. Hoppe has only one final step to finish — he owes York about \$100 in parking tickets.

York goes after non-union labor

Non-union workers employed with cleaning firms at the minimum wage may be used for maintenance in all new York buildings administration vice-president Bill Small said Tuesday.

York's support staff system will also undergo an overhaul. The moves are all part of an austerity program brought on by government cutbacks in university spending. York is tightening up across the board but the physical plant and support staff will be hardest hit.

Small said York is about to put out tenders for cleaning firms and if the prices look good then a cleaning firm will take over the new business administration building.

Under its present contract with York, the Canadian Union of Public Employees local 1356 cannot contest York's move. Any strike action before the contract is up Dec. 31 would make the union liable for \$1,000 a day and every worker \$500 a day. The contract only stipulates that cleaning firms cannot go into buildings already operating.

In the support staff side of things the pooled secretarial service already in operation will find itself supplemented by an IBM system that corrects and types out reports at 790 words per minute. A steno pool with specialized areas of operation and contracts shorter than 12 months are other plans. As old staff resigns, new people will not be hired on to take their place.

Both CUPE and York University Staff Association officials are alarmed by York's plans.