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## Prof shortage to hit Ontario by mid-'90s

by Brian Gold

If current trends continue, there will be a significant shortage of Ontario university professors by the mid-1990s.

Enrolment at Ontario universities has increased by approximately five per cent per year over the last five years, while faculty has not increased proportionally, said Bob Kanduth, spokesperson for the Ontario Council of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA). Five years ago, the ratio of faculty members to students was 15 to one; in 1989, the ratio was 20 to one, said Kanduth.

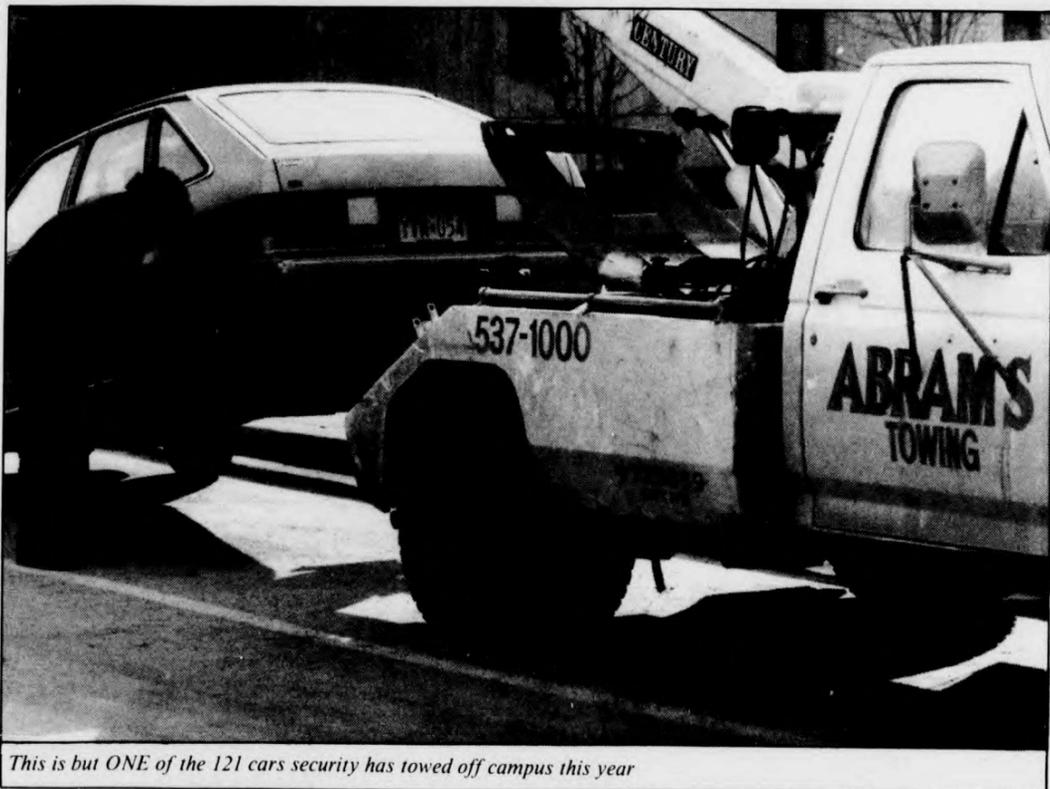
York vice-president (academic affairs) Kenneth Davey said York is already "about 200 positions lighter than we should be compared to the average of Ontario universities for tenure stream positions." He said that York currently has only about 1,050

tenure-stream positions. He feels that too many courses are being taught by part-time faculty that are not as committed to York nor on campus as much as tenured faculty.

Davey said York has "two strikes against it" because it is an "underfunded university in an underfunded system" and it is located in Toronto which is expensive and not attractive to young people from outside the city.

According to Davey, York will be reaching its peak demand for professors around the year 2010 because it is a little behind the rest of the Ontario system. He added that the professor shortage is continent-wide. This will have a significant impact on underfunded York as it tries to

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This is but ONE of the 121 cars security has towed off campus this year

Jason Schwartz

## Frat AIDS benefit flops after mix-up

by Daniel Wolgeleenter

Organizers of a fraternity AIDS benefit dance which used the Council of the York Student Federation's (CYSF) liquor license are upset that an administrative mix-up caused the event to be relocated at the last minute and turned it into a money-loser.

The dance was scheduled to take place January 18 in Stong Dining Hall but was forced to relocate the day before to Bethune Dining Hall after a booking problem.

The event, organized by the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, was attended by about 75 people, mostly from fraternities, sororities and the CYSF, according to the fraternity's philanthropic chair Jay Kowal. He said the event cost the fraternity about \$200 and did not raise any money

for the York Council on the Prevention of AIDS (YCPA).

Kowal said the dance had a poor turnout because the fraternity could not advertise for it until the day of the event. He said they could not advertise because the event's location could not be confirmed.

"We should have cancelled it and put it off for a month," Kowal said. "Right now we're talking with [YCPA chair Ron Kelly] about staging another event."

CYSF president Peter Donato said the event had possibly been sabotaged by the administration which had previously refused to give a liquor license to Sigma Alpha Mu. Donato said the scheduling mix-ups caused him to scramble to find alternate accommodations for the event in Bethune Dining Hall after the fraternity found out the Stong Dining

Hall was unavailable.

"Something is fishy about all this," said Donato. He said Stong Dining Hall was unused that night.

Donato claimed to have made the booking for the hall in November with college secretary Olga Cirak after the CYSF decided to help Sigma Alpha Mu host the event by allowing the fraternity to use the CYSF's liquor license. Donato said Kowal was with him when he made the phone call.

Cirak denied the booking ever took place and said that all dining hall bookings before January should have been made with Hospitality York. She said that no one checked with her until the day before the event to confirm whether the room was booked.

Deborah Hahn of Hospitality York said that the student coun-

cils were supposed to book dining halls with the colleges and everyone else was required to book through Hospitality York. She said that when she spoke to Donato in November, he said he would book it through the college.

University beverages manager Paul Leonard said that although the hall went unused, it was too late by Wednesday to keep the event in Stong. He said Marriott requires at least 48 hours notice to close the Stong Dining Hall early, while Bethune closes early anyway.

As a result, he said, Bethune was available for the Thursday event, so he booked the event there.

Stong master Alan Koretsky denied the booking confusion had anything to do with Sigma Alpha Mu hosting the event.

University policy states that fraternities and sororities are not recognized as official campus organizations. The event had previously been postponed because of the administration's refusal to grant the fraternity a liquor license.

Last term, the CYSF voted to give limited support to fraternities and sororities in their quest for official recognition. Obtaining the liquor license for the benefit was the CYSF's first show of support for fraternities since the motion passed.

Donato said Sigma Alpha Mu had squandered an opportunity to show that fraternities could be a positive force at York.

"I think that these guys had a chance to show their worthiness and they didn't. I think it showed they're a bit disorganized," Donato said.

## Osgoode part of USSR-Canada law link

by Jacob Katsman

Soviet law students and professors may soon have the opportunity to discuss issues of federalism in Osgoode Hall and McGill law schools, two of the most prominent legal institutions in Canada.

Osgoode dean James C. MacPherson, accompanied by York professor Marc Gold and McGill professor Irwin Cotler, used Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's recent visit to Moscow to establish the first Soviet-Canadian links in public law and legal education.

Interested in legal research and student exchanges, the Canadian delegation was successful in establishing a formal memorandum of understanding with the Moscow Institute for State and Law, the top legal research institution in Russia.

The memorandum specified a two year exchange in which six Soviet law professors will come to Osgoode and McGill to do research and then six Canadian professors will do the same in the Soviet Union.

MacPherson hopes the exchange will lead to a book, to be published in both Russian and English which could be of "... lasting significance" to both countries.

An opportunity for students to study the Soviet and Canadian legal system is also an integral part of this exchange, said Gold, director of Osgoode's Centre for Public Law and Public Policy.

"In a Marxist-Leninist system, law was never thought of as a limit on state power but rather as an instrument of state power. Now the Soviet students are eager and prepared to re-think

the role of law in the Soviet society," said Gold. "The Soviet Union has a well developed legal system in low level courts, but the system tends to break down on the higher level criminal cases, especially in cases having any political significance," he added.

Both Gold and MacPherson noted that issues concerning human rights, criminal law, the rule of law and especially federalism, were topics of interest during their lectures at the Moscow State University, the Institute of International Relations, and Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations.

"The question of federalism came up again and again," said MacPherson. "The Soviet students wanted to know how we in Canada deal with our national and racial minorities. Was our judiciary independent from the

state; did Canadians have confidence in their judiciary; and what is our policy on the use of force."

"I was surprised with the sense of easiness these previously controversial questions were being asked," said Gold. "The professors did not even twitch when these questions were being put forward. I don't know what happened in that room before we came, but I did have the feeling that there was sincere openness in the country, and that it was OK to ask these questions."

In 1979, the Soviet Union expelled Cotler for defending Jewish dissident Anatoly Sharansky, but now Cotler calls Gorbachev "the number one dissident in the Soviet Union. If he would have said the things he is saying now during Stalin's time, he would have been sent far

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