

BOG Report

A \$60,000 special bursary fund has been created by York President H. Ian Macdonald. Last spring the University increased tuition by 13 per cent but the President promised that funds would be available for any student for whom the Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) did not supply the additional funds needed to pay the tuition hike.

Bursaries are awarded on the basis of need without reference to academic standing. Anyone who wants details should go to the Student Awards Office in Room 110A Steacie (for you newcomers that is just across the hall from the Science Library).

TD Bank

J.A. Boyle, President of the Toronto-Dominion Bank joined York's Board of Governors for his first meeting last Monday, September 8. He got a less than warm welcome from student representatives because of his bank's change in policy, which resulted in only one-third of the usual number of student loans being negotiated at the Central Square Branch.

Mr. Boyle was unable to supply any explanation at that meeting however the whole issue has been referred to the Board Student Relations Committee. Let us hope that the bureaucracy of the TD Bank and the Board Committee can move swiftly enough to do us some good this fall.

Labour Relations

For you jaded veterans of repeated strike threats the current round of conciliation talks and tough bargaining stances may appear to be something of a sham. Let me dispell your illusions.

Vice-President of Employee Relations, Bill Farr, in the open Board Meeting said that he expects "...grave difficulties in meeting their demands..." He was referring to the current negotiations with the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW, formerly the GAA).

I will be writing a more complete analysis of the potential strike situation for my next column in two weeks time. In the meantime, may I suggest you give some serious thought to what you would do if there were a strike at York this fall.

Bored with the Board

Chairman of the Board, John Proctor, announced that he was going to consult with the Executive Committee to see if the Board Meetings are at a convenient time for Board Members and if they thought fewer meetings of the full Board would be a good idea. Now personally I am willing to meet any time the Corporate giants wish to do so; I mean I'm only a poor student with lectures to attend and jobs to go to while these people are busy running Ford Motor Company, Bata Shoes, General Foods, Noranda Manufacturing and the Toronto-Dominion Bank.

But less meetings? Really, how can anyone suggest such a thing. It is already painfully clear that the Board meetings are a public circus set up for our entertainment. All the decisions are made by the Executive Committee behind closed doors. A Committee from which student and faculty members of the Board have been repeatedly excluded. The last request was turned down just last June. The monthly open meetings of the Board must be kept, so there is some semblance of reporting to the members of the University on the formation of administrative policy.

Peter Brickwood

Crack a pack of Colts along with the beer.

Rum flavoured. Wine dipped.

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