

York closes in p.m. for rally

By Agnes Kruchio

Afternoon classes at York will be cancelled March 16 and the university will be operating on a skeleton staff so that York's 30,000 students, faculty and staff can participate in the anti-cutbacks demonstration planned for that afternoon at Queen's Park.

The demonstration will be preceded by a rally at noon, at Burton Auditorium, and at 1 p.m. buses will be available to shuttle people down to Queen's Park. Thousands of people from post-secondary institutions all across Ontario will be participating in the demonstration, protesting the education policies of the Ontario government.

CYSF president Paul Hayden, anticipating that there will be more people than seats on the buses, is attempting to organize a car pool to accommodate the overflow.

The decision to cancel afternoon classes was made by the Senate Executive Committee and announced by Michael Lanphier, chairman of the senate on Tuesday. Cancelled classes will have to be made up before the first examination in each faculty, he told *Excalibur*.

Lanphier was acting on an overwhelming vote two weeks ago by senate, which recommended not only cancelling courses, but shutting the university down completely so members of staff, faculty and students as well as administrators and members of the

Board of Governors could participate in the demonstration.

"It was explained to us (by student president Paul Hayden) that there indeed was going to be a demonstration and a fairly well organized one at that," Lanphier said.

"There will be representations from other universities, from what we understand," he said. The demonstration will be "visible" legitimate protest as far as legitimate protests go," he noted.

Students would be encouraged to attend, he said. It will be not only "legitimate" but a very "worthwhile demonstration," he said, and added that he himself will "probably" take part.

Administrative staff will have until tomorrow to inform individual departments whether or not they will take part in the demonstration next Thursday, but will have to make up the time before the end of the month. Otherwise they will lose their pay for that afternoon.

When asked why the university will not close down entirely, as senate had recommended it should, vice-president Bill Farr said the decision (not to close the university) had not been made by him. "But," he said, "my guess would be that it is bad politics for York to close entirely with the people the University is trying to influence at Queen's Park."

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Mary Krytiuk, a member of the York Ukrainian club, serenaded passers-by in Central Square earlier this week. The instrument is a bandura; it has 55 strings and is the Ukrainian national instrument. Bryon Johnson photo.

Technicality leaves Pinder off ballot

By Mark Boudreau

Harvey Pinder, student representative on York's Board of Governors, who had filed nomination papers to run for student council president, was removed from the ballot on Tuesday. Garfield Payne, Chief Returning Officer, ruled that Pinder's nomination was invalid on the grounds that "he was not a member of a constituency of CYSF since November 1, 1977."

Shortly after Payne's announcement it was confirmed that *Student Action*, the group that had endorsed Pinder for president, would run Mary Marrone as a surrogate candidate. In simple terms this means that a vote for Marrone is a vote for Pinder.

The issue surfaced on March 3, two days before the end of the nomination period, when CYSF passed a retroactive rule stating that "no student could be nominated for the position of constituency representative or president unless that student has been a member of a constituency since November 1, 1977."

On checking statements made by nominees and nominators, Payne found that according to the March 6 computer print-out Pinder was registered as a Bethune College student.

Last Friday, Pinder launched a protest on the grounds that he was taking a college tutorial in Calumet, automatically making him a member of that college and a constituent of CYSF.

Both Virginia Rock, Chairperson of the Petitions Committee dealing with college affiliation, and Eric Winter, Master of Calumet College, confirmed the above.

Winter went on to state that the whole issue was "a technical problem due to an administrative slip-up."

Despite the support of Virginia Rock and Eric Winter, Pinder's appeal was refused on the grounds that "students are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of their registration records..."

On Tuesday, March 7, Pinder went directly to the Registrar's Office to see if the matter could be cleared up.

A letter was sent to CYSF by Mr. Bider, Registrar, confirming that "Mr. Harvey Pinder is considered by the Registrar's Office to have been enrolled in Calumet College since July 25, 1977."

Later in the day, at a Conduct of Elections meeting, Payne refused to reverse his ruling stating that he had "heard no rebuttal by Pinder regarding his decision."

In a final attempt to reverse Payne's decision a second letter was sent from the Registrar's Office to CYSF stating that the "Registrar has been informed by Professor Eric Winter, Master of Calumet College that Mr. Harvey Pinder is a member of Calumet College. Mr. Pinder has been a member of Calumet since July 25, 1977."

The above letters and a formal rebuttal by Pinder were forwarded to Payne. "To maintain open, free, and democratic elections," stated Pinder, "your decision should be corrected in light of my actual

college membership".

Just before the *Excalibur* went to press, Payne released a statement reaffirming his position that Pinder "is a Bethune student...My earlier decision stands."

On hearing Payne's announcement Pinder stated, "The continued attempt to exclude me from the choice of candidates' students have, is mind-boggling. It means that the decisions made by the Masters' responsible are being ignored. Instead Payne believes a computer."

Presidential candidate Arnie Bell said he thought Pinder should be on the ballot. Candidate Daniel Chodikoff would make no comment.

Presidential race dropout Andrew Cardozo said CYSF's March 3 ruling "smells fishy, undemocratic."

Bad omen

A report by the Ontario Universities Application Centre shows applications for enrolment for 78-79 are down from last year at every one of Ontario's 15 universities, save Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, which is showing an increase of 4 percent.

Hardest hit is the province's smallest university, Trent, in Peterborough, where the decline was 27 percent. Other casualties are Brock and Ottawa, 15 percent; Windsor, 12 percent; McMaster and Guelph, 10 percent; York 8.8 percent; Laurentian, 8 percent; Waterloo, 7.2 percent; Carleton, 7 percent; Toronto, Queen's and Western, 6 percent; and Lakehead, 5 percent.

Unless there is equalizing late enrolment, the drop in applications will mean lowering of admission standards or aggravated financial problems for most of the schools.

Mac Students occupy OSAP office

By Harvey Pinder

The Student Aid Office of McMaster University was occupied by twenty students on Tuesday. They are demanding that the provincial government improve its student aid program.

The occupation was triggered by an article in the *Globe and Mail*

about a confidential report on the proposed new student aid program. The Ontario Federation of Students obtained a copy which indicates that parental contributions will increase, that living expense allowances will drop. Overall the OFS has condemned the new plan as retrograde. The occupiers are demanding that

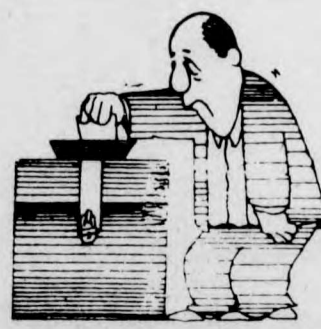
the parental contribution be no more than in the old OSAP; there be no time limit on receiving aid; that independent status qualification be 12 months in the work force compared to the new program with 36 months. They also want a five year freeze on tuition hikes.

The occupation is peaceful, with those inside planning to leave in the morning. They then plan to hold a large rally just before a Senate meeting which will consider the closing of McMaster for the March 16 Demonstration at Queen's Park. Earlier last week there was an occupation at Trent university which lasted for a week and which demanded that the university close for March 16, in addition to particular Trent demands. The Senate of Trent has decided to close the university for March 16.



Rally

Next Thursday, the University will be closed so community members can voice their concerns about the crisis in post-secondary education. There's a rally at noon in Burton Auditorium. At 1 buses will leave there, destination, Queen's Park. If you're going by car and have room, please get in touch with CYSF or the No-Cutbacks table, both in Central Square.



Election

All candidates meetings today at noon in Stong dining hall, at 2 p.m. in Curtis "E", Friday at noon in Winters SCR, and Monday at noon in Vanier dining hall. Voting is next Tues. and Wed. (March 14 and 15.) For how and when, see page 12.