

## Mann's approach pleases students

Susan Mann may be the big unknown among the presidential candidates, but experience has shown she can overcome expectations.

In 1982 Mann became the first (and to date the only) woman rector in the 100-year history of Catholic-dominated University of Ottawa. During the eight years she held the position, faculty members say, she pushed quietly for progressive change in a very conservative university.

Her positions on labour policy, employment equity and, especially, student relations were original and innovative and frequently ran against the grain of the male Oblates in the other rector positions.

"She has opened up the can of worms on a number of issues," says Jane Fulton, a senior professor in Ottawa's faculty of administrative studies. "She's a quiet woman, but she's enough of a strategist to make things happen."

Fulton says Mann made many advances in the status of women at Ottawa, but her politics were far from radical.

"She may be a feminist but it is hard to discern any of the rough edges of feminism. She's modest in her approach to women's issues although she believes in equality."

And on issues of funding, Mann's positions tend to support the conservative status quo, according to students who have interviewed her. She is in favour of cutting department budgets in order to balance the books during times of underfunding, and she supports some private-sector research funding for universities.

But she believes in emphasizing the liberal arts in spite of government and administration pressures to the contrary, and reportedly says she would not bolster applied science simply to attract private-sector investment.

Ottawa students report excellent relations with Mann. Patty Barrera, president of the University of Ottawa Student Union, says she is "very cool" and extremely open to students.

"I think she's very pro-student. She's very



accessible, and I think she's got more than enough experience at being an administrator," Barrera said.

Fulton warned, however, that Ottawa is a much smaller university and that Mann may have trouble adjusting to the impersonal, 'hardball' politics of York.

"She does not deal well with the male bullshit" of upper administrators, Fulton said. "She has no experience with that sort of environment, and she may have trouble dealing with the power-brokering at York."

## Nelles speaks for admin status quo

If you look at it on the surface, Henry "Viv" Nelles is the compromise candidate, the 'just right' bear, the man in the middle. That's what the search committee wants you to think.

He's the one for the senators and board members who find Stephen Fienberg's corporate austerity unpalatable but don't want the *glasnost* and bottom-up management of Susan Mann. He's the one for people who want more of the same — more of the same, but maybe even less subtly.

A veteran of York's history department, Nelles appears to have equal numbers of friends and enemies there. His friends describe him as competent, knowledgeable and well-connected in Queen's Park circles. His history department enemies, if they would talk, spoke of bitter conflicts over the department's composition.

"He's associated with a group of faculty in history... who have a more elitist definition of academe" and who regard research as much more important than teaching, said a professor in another department who wished to remain anonymous.

People who have dealt with Nelles through the Ontario Council on University Affairs — an organization which acts as an interface between Queen's Park and university administrations — say he has a tough but professional management style based more on backroom negotiations than on consensus-building.

Students who have dealt with him through OCUA, however, have been rather less impressed.

"I don't believe he is someone who has student interests anywhere on his list of priorities," said Laurie Kingston, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students. Kingston cited a number of instances where Nelles had belittled student politics or student con-

cerns at committee meetings.

Kingston also said Nelles has spoken publicly in support of drastic tuition increases.

A number of York professors, both supporters and opponents, said the combination of Nelles' backroom style and the split support he receives on campus could lead to a more closed, less accessible administration.

At least one professor said Nelles' lack of administrative experience could wreak havoc during his first year in office. Others warned that he would attempt less than even Arthurs to appease the often divergent interests of York.

"He's a bright man, he's a competent man but his agenda is close at hand and it's with the government, with the administration but not with faculty or students," said another anonymity-requesting faculty member.

"He's a technocrat who probably would be working to give a hand to the big boys."



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