

'Drastic steps needed to reduce faculty'

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colleges and universities have suggested that it is unnecessary for undergraduates to be given the same range of course offerings as at present.

"Perhaps there are far too many courses resulting from faculty specialists 'doing their own thing'," they said.

Benson A. Wilson, assistant depu-

ty minister of colleges and universities, and deputy minister Gordon Paar, met with the COU committee on January 31.

Paar said the government was aware that drastic steps might have to be taken to reduce faculty numbers. "The easiest route to reduction is through the nontenured faculty," Macdonald told Excalibur. "If the reduction is to be spread

around, the whole concept of tenure will have to be thrown open."

Harvey Simmons, chairman of the York University Faculty Association, told Excalibur the report contained "nothing I hadn't already guessed at".

"The basic question is 'What can the faculty do about it?'"

"The report says the universities are going to get together with

various government bodies and coordinate their efforts to plan for the future. They've accepted the government thinking on cutbacks."

Simmons said the faculty could not accept Macdonald's request for co-operation in the future planning of the university, when "the priorities we're concerned with haven't been considered at all."

"Macdonald and the board of governors have absolutely refused to give us a living wage," said Simmons. "I can see no alternative other than some form of collective bargaining."

The report also notes the government's emphasis that it supports access to university for *qualified* students. It quotes colleges and universities minister James Auld as saying "I believe the universities' admission practices might well be reviewed".

Excalibur asked Macdonald if the thrust of this statement was to decrease the proportion of secondary school students who go on to

university.

"The sentiment among some university presidents is to get a lot tougher in terms of admission standards," he said. "Personally, I feel we've still got a long way to go in the other direction in terms of accessibility."

The report concluded that an increase in tuition is necessary "in order not to entirely prevent innovation in a time of retrenchment".

CYSF Anne Scotton called the report "a disaster in terms of students and the concept of post-secondary education."

"Its implications are frightening," she said.

Macdonald emphasized that the report is still in draft form. He said it will be going through changes in emphasis to insure that the meaning is not misunderstood, but he added "the gist of it is essentially there".

The final version of the report will be presented to a full meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities on April 3.

ULS will restructure constitution

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"I think we'll be able to broaden our base in the future," he added. He named Bethune as a college where the ULS is strong and said its impact has not been felt in this election, since Bethune is not a member of CYSF.

Outgoing CYSF president Anne Scotton called the results a "decisive victory for Ritch", and said he should take office.

"I have some reservations about Ritch's administrative responsibilities, such as the day-to-day activities of the council," added Scotton.

"Ritch has a responsibility not only to the small group of activists he has daily contact with, but also to the larger community which has different interests. Dale's poor attendance at senate meetings is indicative of his lack of interest in

these other areas," she said.

Ritch and the ULS haven't changed their tune since their election; the party still promises drastic changes for next year's students.

"We have to radically restructure the CYSF constitution to make it more democratic, and close all the loopholes," said Ritch Tuesday evening.

"We intend to have a very active, ongoing educational programme with guest speakers to talk on social and political issues affecting students."

- a restructuring of the CYSF council to make the executive less powerful;

- open council meetings in which non-CYSF representatives will be asked to vote on certain issues;

- by-weekly council meetings;

- decreased CYSF administrative costs;

- an orientation week with political as well as social approach;

- a better social programme than has been provided by any previous council;

- a fight against the recently announced 10 per cent increase in graduate residence rents;

- opposition to any scrip plan.

"I think the administration of York University is probably shaking in its boots over this result, because we intend to fight against any repressive policies put forward by the administration against students from now on," he concluded.

Equal pay legislation no help for most women

Seventy-five per cent of all working women hold jobs that are not affected by the equal pay for equal work legislation, the Osgoode women's caucus stated early this week.

These laws, the caucus said, do not affect women in jobs which men will not, could not or simply do not perform.

The National Association of Women and the Law, and the Ontario Women and the Law, launched a campaign for federal and provincial legislation to enforce the standard of equal pay for work of equal

value, to which these governments are pledged by international agreement.

"Equal pay for work of equal value" means that work of equal value to the employer's business would be paid for by an equal wage. Jobs can be evaluated on a point system for skill, effort and responsibility.

Under this system, executive secretaries in many cases would earn as much as a junior executive.

The Ontario Women and the Law is an association which has as its members women lawyers and law students in the Ontario region who aim to use political pressure to change the laws affecting women, and to encourage women to seek political or other positions of power in order to change the existing power structure.

Senate visitors sleep on overtime

CYSF has long been known for its lengthy and exciting meetings, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time, as the saying goes.

It seems that two CYSF members did not realize the last council meeting had been adjourned, because they had rolled up behind the tables in the senate chamber and gone to sleep.

When they awoke, much to their dismay they discovered that not only were they alone in the room but that they had been locked in as well. Of course, they had to create a quite disturbance to get the attention of security officers.

Regrets were expressed to George Dunn of security, and a warning was given to future heavy sleepers.

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GAA voting

Members of the graduate assistants' association may exercise their democratic rights in a pre-hearing vote, March 31 to April 3.

A future election primer

Courtesy of the Southwark Diocesan Gazette, this short primer should unveil the mysteries of politics which have, in these troubled times, become somewhat shrouded:

Socialism: You have two cows. Give one to your neighbour.

Communism: You have two cows. Give both to Gov't. The Gov't gives

you milk.

Capitalism: You sell one cow and buy a bull. Chop up other cow and sell shares.

Fascism: You have two cows. Give milk to Gov't. Gov't sells it.

Nazi-ism: Gov't shoots you and takes cows.

New Dealism: Gov't shoots one cow, milks the others, and pours milk down the sink.

Anarchism: Keep cows. Shoot Gov't. Steal another cow.

Conservatism: Embalm the cows. Freeze milk.

Citizen Smith

As the ballots were being counted and presidential candidate James Smith, with nine votes, looked like a possible victor, the reticent politician agreed to read his victory speech.

"I was a longshot yo-yo candidate," he told Excalibur over the phone, "and like a yo-yo, I came right back."