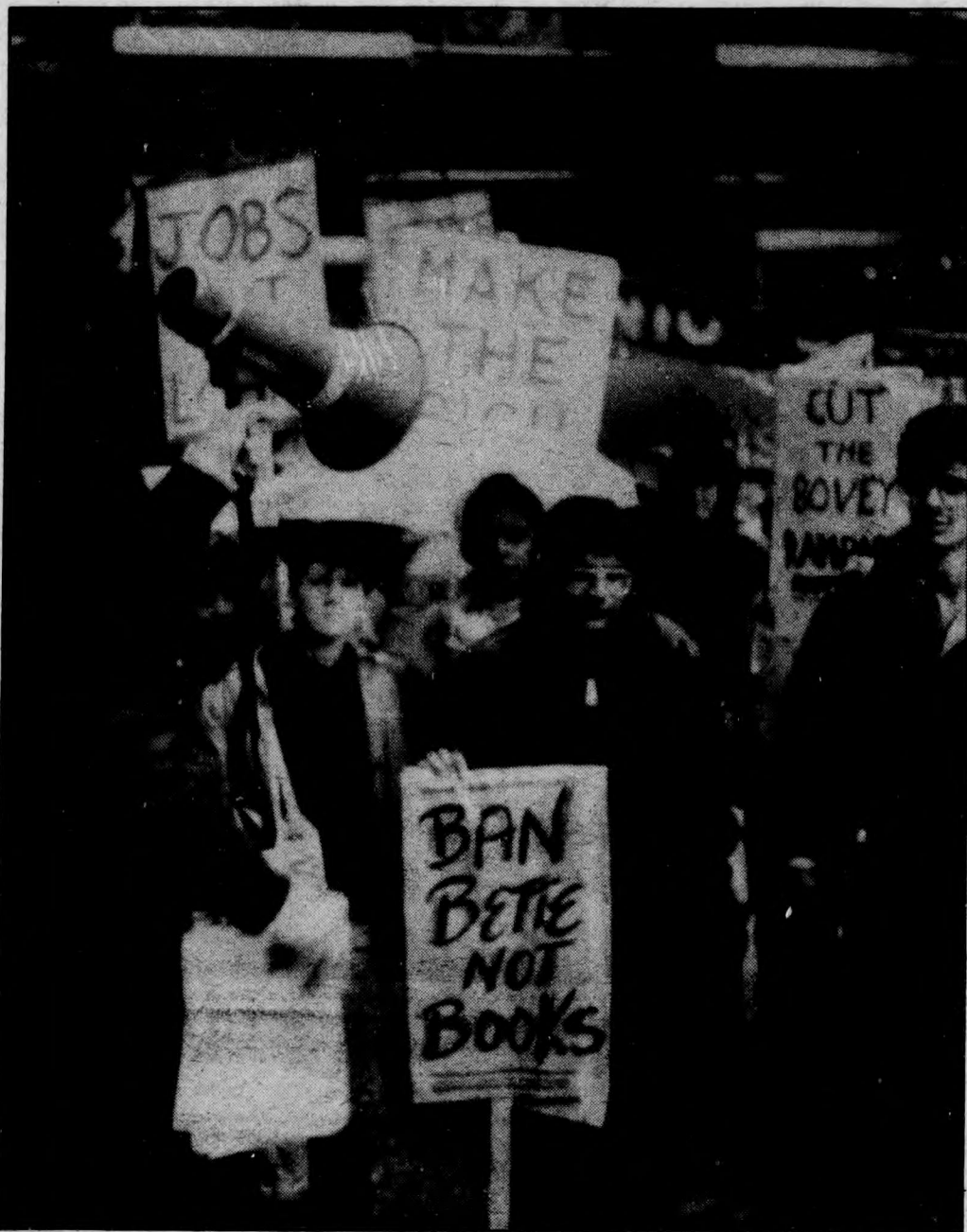


PROTEST

Students revolt against educational policies



SINGING IN THE RAIN: Demonstrators chanted their disapproval of Bette Stephenson's post-secondary education policies.

By ALEX PATTERSON

This past Friday, November 15, was declared a province-wide day of protest by the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

Across the province, university students staged protests against what OFS said is provincial underfunding of post-secondary education.

In Toronto, York and the U of T put school rivalry aside for a day and held a joint picket outside the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for a day and held a joint picket outside the offices of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities at Bay and Wellesley.

Some pre-picket publicity came to our campus when an unidentified student jumped on a stool in the Central Square Cafeteria and delivered a speech about the Bovey Commission, which was due to hand in its report to Minister of Colleges and Universities Bette Stephenson that day. The coffee shop orator said that the Bovey Commission would result in huge tuition increases and more overcrowding, and urged his audience to attend the rally at noon. Another supporter of the demonstration circulated among the tables and distributed a flyer with more information, inviting people to the "public disturbance" at the Mowat Block at Queen's Park.

Moderate to heavy rain didn't dampen the protestors' spirits in the least; the crowd was noisy and enthusiastic. The inclement weather did, however, keep it brief: the rally was over in less than an hour.

Bovey did not submit his report as expected, saying he needed another two or three weeks to complete it.

This was widely interpreted by the protestors as a tactic to take the wind out of their sails, but only served to agitate them more.

Monika Turner, Chairperson of the OFS, addressed those gathering, and admonished them not to give up the fight. Several other speakers aired similar views and started chants for "Quality and access, now!" along with "No more cutbacks!" and "Education is a right, not a privilege of the rich!"

STEVE PAYNE

Deterrence the best policy ex-prof says

By NADINE CHANGFOOT

World War III between the United States and the Soviet Union would be an unlikely event, said former York political scientist John Gellner at a McLaughlin College seminar last week. There is a possibility of nuclear war, but, "it is a faint possibility as long as deterrence is maintained," said Gellner.

"How likely is World War III?" was the question Gellner was addressing at McLaughlin College's lunchtime seminar series. Gellner taught political science here at York from 1971 to 1982. A noted columnist, he was a foreign correspondent for the *Globe and Mail* and other papers.

Gellner's main point in his seminar was that deterrence is the key factor to avoiding a nuclear confrontation between the two superpowers. He said the prospect of nuclear war "is one where deterrence is bound to work." The two superpowers, he said, "have unlimited power and where power cannot be taken out of their hands, arms control is useful." But, he said, "I would welcome any nuclear control or arms agreement."

Gellner said verifying nuclear weapons treaties would be impossible. "A nuclear weapon that can demolish a city can be hidden in an average size bedroom," he said. Even with satellite surveillance "one cannot make sure" that all nuclear weapons have been destroyed.

Gellner questioned why there is a "continuous outcry about the possibility of nuclear war," suggesting people focus more attention on conventional warfare.

"There are more conventional wars now... than before World War I," he said, adding that, in the Iran-Iraq conflict, "in June of this year the total number of fatal casualties expected was 680,000."

Next, the subject of nuclear war by accident was addressed. Gellner said it would be "impossible that this be done by a subordinate," the reason being that a subordinate does not have the code to deploy weapons. He said, "I'm utterly confident that even a Soviet pilot would not have such operational control."

OCUFA fights cutbacks and Bovey report

By JOSEPH COLLINS

The Ontario Confederation of Universities and Faculty Associations (OCUFA) is attempting to gain public support for the university system's fight against funding cutbacks and the system's proposed restructuring.

OCUFA represents approximately 10,000 Ontario faculty members of Ontario universities. The confederation was formed to lobby the government and inform the public about the concerns of university professors.

In attempting to receive more public support, OCUFA distributes pamphlets and other literary papers hoping their criticism against the advocates of university restructuring are heeded.

OCUFA Executive Director Howard Epstein argues that although the Bovey Commission has not yet committed itself to specific changes within the Ontario university system, "the very mandate and questions posed to the Commission by the government implicitly propose a radical alteration to the structure."

As examples, Epstein cited the shifting of resources from one department to another, and the emphasis of micro-technology courses at the expense of traditional arts and science courses.

University autonomy is at stake, Epstein said. He said that by offering financial incentives and effecting budget cutbacks, the provincial government is subtly encouraging greater university dependence upon the government. This symbiotic relationship is now being replaced by a largely parasitic one, Epstein said.

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Radio York wants funding increase

By GARY SYMONS

As part of their bid to become a licensed broadcasting station, Radio York is submitting a proposal for independent funding to the Board of Governors (BOG) Student Relations Committee.

Station Manager Jack Cales said if Radio York is granted the independent funding, they could install a carrier current system, and eventually a cable system.

The carrier current system requires the installation of a separate transmitter in each campus building receiving the signal. The station would then broadcast through the electrical system so that anyone with a radio plugged into an outlet could tune in to Radio York. Presently Radio York can be heard only in some campus pubs, common rooms and the bearpits.

A cable transmitting arrangement, which Cales hopes to establish with Rogers Cable Company, would spread the 'Voice of York University' into Downsview, North York, and possibly downtown Toronto.

Cales said the station has already applied for a CRTC broadcasting license. "Fingers crossed, we'll be licensed by next term," Cales said.

Radio York took its first step towards independent funding last March by launching a university-wide poll, during the CYSF elections, to gauge support for a \$2 per student levy. 80 percent of respondents were in favor of the levy, but the final decision rests in the hands of the BOG.

"We will not be basing (our proposal) on the results of our survey," Cales said. "We'll base it on the need for direct funding so we can afford to expand and develop high quality programming."

"The BOG doesn't really use referendums to make their decision," Cales explained. "It's a matter of whether the expenditures are justified."

BOG Student Representative Pamela Fruitman agreed the survey won't be an essential factor in the Board's final decision. "Usually the Board looks at all the evidence," Fruitman said, "and any survey or referendum can only help, but that won't be the deciding factor."

"*Excalibur* set a precedent for being the first non-college body to get the university funding," Fruitman continued. "This may act in



MARIO SCATOLONI

CUEING UP: I am a DJ, I am what I play.

their favor, but right now, other than *Excalibur*, only college councils get funding."

Excalibur was granted university funding after running a campus-wide referendum in 1982. But the monies were not approved by BOG until last spring.

Cales said the station has a good case for substantial independent funding. "If you look at other universities," he said, "they all have low power (transmitting) stations with budgets that make ours look like peanuts."

Carleton's radio station has the largest of all the Ontario universities with a \$250,000 annual budget, and most other campus stations range from about \$60,000 to \$80,000. Radio York will receive \$10,000 from CYSF this year in addition to money raised from college councils, fund-raising events and advertising.

"If we do get the direct funding, we'll try to become independent of CYSF because it's difficult to be an unbiased media source when you're not (independent)," Cales said. "Every at CYSF I've talked to agrees we should be independent, but we can't be until we're financial independent."

"It is an expensive proposition," Cales admitted, "but with a successful campus station the expenditures are justified."

Fruitman said the issue hasn't yet been discussed by the BOG's Student Relations Committee so she doesn't yet know how much support there is for Radio York's proposal. Also, she said, the committee is empowered only to discuss the issue, then make recommendation to the full Board of Governors, who will then make the final decision.

"Hopefully it will come up at the December or January meeting, but we can't reveal anything until the full board decides on it," Fruitman said.