

University NEWSBEAT

By the Department of Information and Publications

University Commission proposed to restate goals and objectives

In its meeting this afternoon, the Senate of York University will receive a resolution from its Academic Policy and Planning Committee (APPC) "that Senate lend its full cooperation to a five member University Commission on the goals and objectives of the University, to be headed by the President and to include two faculty members nominated and elected by the Senate."

The notion that the University should attempt to articulate its goals and the means of implementing them is not a new one. The background to the APPC resolution is examined in the following article.

The Commission on Goals and Objectives of the University may be viewed as the result of three separate but converging forces, each of which has called for definition of the University's goals and priorities during the past year.

The first of these is the importance which President H. Ian Macdonald has assigned to such an exercise. In his Installation Address in September 1974, he cited three major and overriding

priorities, of which the first was "to plan our long-term goals and objectives and to present them clearly and forcefully to both the public and governments." In his reports to Senate, he has continued to single out the need for a system to determine priorities as a matter of the first importance.

Second, the Council of Ontario Universities has called for universities to prepare statements of their goals and priorities, as a base for dialogue with the Government.

The third force leading to the creation of the Commission has been the work of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee of the Senate.

As early as its 1973-74 Annual Report, APPC had expressed its feeling that the University should explore "more thoroughly and deeply than it has for some time, what its academic priorities are and how it might continue to achieve them."

In the conclusion of the report, APPC encouraged the establishment of planning processes to determine the "possible shapes of the future, so that the questions of

choice can still be posed and answered in the most desirable manner for the University — during the period in which choice may still be open to it."

In the following months discussions were continued in the APPC, and by the Task Force on Academic Consequences of Budget Stringencies and the Task Force on Enrolment and Structural Projections.

RESOLUTION

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It was hoped that APPC could produce a draft of this restatement by this time to initiate the process of discussion, and that a final draft could be prepared by December for use in the 1976-77 budget allocations.

Instead, APPC has proposed the establishment of a five member commission on goals and objectives.

After a great deal of work and discussion during the summer months, APPC concluded that its constitution and its terms of reference would preclude it from conducting a sufficiently broad and thorough exercise.

In particular, it was felt that the question of academic goals and priorities should not be considered in isolation from other major factors such as social and administrative goals and priorities, and that the question of drafting a process for realizing goals and priorities necessarily entails an intensive review of administrative and financial matters that are not at the disposition of APPC or Senate.

The proposed five member commission will, it is believed, overcome these problems.



Bethune unveiled

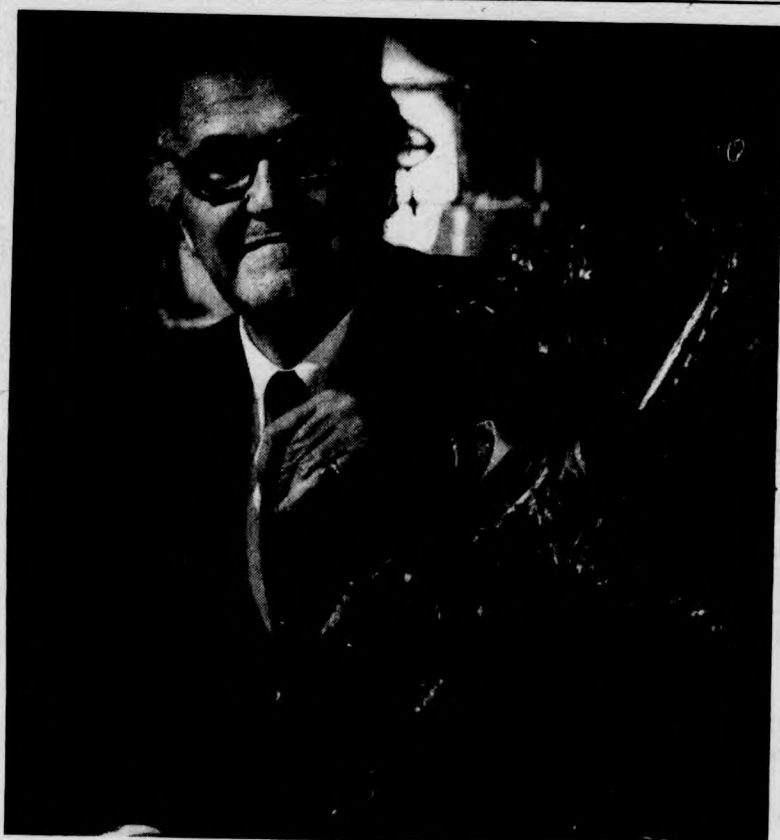
This Saturday a bronze bust of Dr. Norman Bethune will be unveiled at Bethune College by His Excellency Chang Wen-chin, Ambassador of the Peoples' Republic of China to Canada, and by the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

Sculpted by College Fellow John McCombe (Mac) Reynolds, the bust was donated to Bethune by the International Nickel Company of Canada, which does a substantial amount of trade in nickel and copper with China, and by Canadian Pacific Air, whose direct Canada-China flights are expected to be inaugurated this year.

The unveiling will take place in Bethune's courtyard at 5 p.m. Following a reception at 6 p.m., Ioan Davies, Master of Bethune, and student council president Alex Andronache will host a dinner in the dining room for 360 distinguished guests and members of the college.

The bust was cast in England, and is mounted on a plinth cut from a five ton piece of ore from the Sudbury district.

Among the guests attending the presentation and dinner are the Honourable William Davis, Premier of Ontario, David Crombie, Mayor of Toronto, members of the Montreal Bethune Foundation, including Dr. Wilder Penfield, members of the Bethune family, members of the Canadian China Society, and a number of Bethune's friends and associates including Henning Sorensen of Vancouver who was with Bethune in Spain.



Ignatieff to address Atkinson graduates

Dr. George Ignatieff, Provost of Trinity College and former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree and will deliver the Convocation Address at the Fall Convocation of Atkinson College on Saturday.

Approximately 400 graduands are expected at the Convocation, to be held at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Ignatieff was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and came to Canada with his family after the Revolution. He received his B.A. from Trinity College in 1935, was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship, and, following a distinguished career at Oxford, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1940.

He served in London, in Washington, and with the Canadian Permanent Delegation to the United Nations, as well as being Ambassador to Yugoslavia and Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in Ottawa.

In 1962 he was named Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council. He was appointed Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in 1966, and from 1968 to 1972 he was Canadian Ambassador to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva and to the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament.

In 1972, he became ninth Provost of Trinity College in the University of Toronto. A member of the Russian Orthodox Church, Dr. Ignatieff is the first layman to hold the office of Provost.

Eleven Rhodes Scholarships available

Eleven Rhodes Scholarships will be awarded to Canadians this fall. They will entitle the winners to study at Oxford University in England for two and possibly three years commencing in September, 1976. The value of each Scholarship is approximately £2,000 per annum. Applications for the 1976 awards may be made until October 25, 1975.

The Rhodes Scholarships, established in 1904 under the Will of Cecil Rhodes, are the best known of international scholarships. They have been the model for many similar awards in Canada, the United States and elsewhere. Rhodes Scholars proceed to Oxford where unique opportunities exist for general undergraduate studies and for advanced work in both the humanities and the sciences. The present stipend is sufficient to pay all expenses and to enable the Scholar to take advantage of excellent opportunities for travel in Britain and on the Continent of Europe during the three lengthy vacations of the Oxford year. Male Canadians, preferably in

their third or fourth year of university work, who are unmarried and between 18 and 24 years of age, are eligible for the Scholarships. Application forms and particulars may be obtained from the Department of In-

formation and Publications, S802 Ross Building, or by writing the provincial secretary, J.M. Farley, at Box 451, Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto M5K 1M5.

Over 600 Canadians have now held Rhodes Scholarships.

'Experience in learning and growing'

Parapsychology, Encounter, Art Therapy, Sensory Awareness, Family Therapy, Open Marriage, and Gay Loving and Liberation are just some of the topics to be covered in the 1975-76 E.G.O. (Education and Growth Opportunities) Programme at York University's Centre for Continuing Education.

Last year's highly successful Singles Workshop is being offered again this fall as a weekend workshop entitled "I'm Single and I'm O.K." and will be led by Connie Young, A.B., M.Ed.

Sy Silverberg, Director of the E.G.O. Programme, points out that the two main aims of the E.G.O. Programme are to introduce the growing number of new approaches to group work and personal change, and to develop increased self-awareness, better understanding of the ways others see us and more effective ways of dealing with each other, all through the demonstration and practice of carefully designed group experiences.

"The programmes are meant to assist people who want to get more out of life as well as to increase the helping skills of professionals" says Silverberg. "We do not offer psychotherapy, but rather experiences in learning and growing."

For more information on the E.G.O. Programme, contact The Centre for Continuing Education, 667-3276.