

# Government going to freeze graduate research grants

By EVAN LEIBOVITCH

The Ontario government has decided to freeze all funding on new graduate research projects, according to a document released Tuesday to the legislature. The 61 page document outlined the legislature's responses to the report of the Special Program Review, otherwise known as the McKeough-Henderson report.

The original report, presented last November, discussed "ways and means of restraining the costs of Government through examining issues such as the continued usefulness of programs, alternative lower cost means of accomplishing objectives, and the problem of increased demand for services in an inflationary period".

In the government's response,

each recommendation was dealt with separately.

The government accepted 108 of the items completely and another 34 partially or only in principle. As well, 33 were rejected, and 12 were deferred, as well as one deemed not applicable.

Among the deferred were many of the issues dealing with post-secondary education, including those concerning the "percentage of education costs which should be borne by tuition fees". Also deferred were the proposals to negotiate with other provinces to phase out student grants in favour of loan-only schemes, and to set up a bursary programme to be administered by university and colleges.

Among proposals agreed to by the government were: to place a two to three year freeze on funds

to new graduate programmes; to discourage the use of academic achievement as a job screening mechanism; and to review the need for manpower training plans beyond those of the federal government.

In the introduction to the section on post-secondary education, the government made its position explicit, stating it "shares the concern that the user absorb more of the costs of post-secondary education". Specifically mentioned was "the Ministry has indicated fee adjustments may be proposed for 1977-78 and subsequent academic years".

In an interview Colleges and Universities Minister Harry Parrot, he said specific recommendations for his ministry would not be made until today, when Parrot will deliver a speech before

the legislature on that subject. Parrot added that many of the deferred recommendations of the Henderson-McKeough report would be clarified in today's speech.

During the question and answer session in the legislature, Toronto Sun columnist Claire Hoy said a \$100 tuition increase would probably be the major point of today's speech. Hoy noted that an increase of \$100 would probably be acceptable to the public, even the parents of post-secondary students.

York president, H. Ian Macdonald questioned why the freeze on graduate funding was agreed to Tuesday, when the other proposals had been deferred.

David Warner, colleges and universities critic for the NDP, said the freeze on graduate fun-

ding was a wrong approach in two ways. He said "this move backs up the government's lack of interest in research". As well, it was a detriment to the training of qualified Canadian professors.

"The Government will probably lift the freeze in two or three years," Warner said, "and then there'll be a mad scramble for the available money".

John Sweeney, Liberal MCU critic, was unavailable for comment.

Murray Miskin, chairman of the Ontario Federation of Students, said the organization was lobbying with the parties who might oppose the tuition increases. Miskin hoped that the increase could be defeated, but he said "there's no way that any of the parties want to bring down the government at this time".

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## Low turnout elects new student reps. in CYSF by-election

By IAN KELLOGG

Four per cent of the eligible York voters made it to the polls on Tuesday to elect Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) representatives in three colleges.

The winners were three independents, Brad Clarida of McLaughlin with 59 votes, Jaro Dick of Founders with 38 votes, and Francois Agostini of Calumet with 24 votes.

Vanier had two independents acclaimed, Patty McDoweld and Peter Donkers. Alice Klein of the United Left Slate (ULS) was acclaimed in Graduate Studies after her opponent, Brad Nixon, withdrew. In the faculty of Environmental Studies three independents were acclaimed, Bob Freeman, Barry Sookman, and Bernard Ferrier.

What these results mean for student politics at York is in dispute. Barry Edson, president of CYSF, first commented on the results proclaiming, "The ULS is dead!"

The ULS, the only political group on campus that consistently runs in student elections and

which now has five representatives on CYSF, saw two of its candidates defeated. Anthony Astaphan got 13 votes in McLaughlin while Peter Waite got four votes in Founders.

Edson said "since the ULSers are activists", the fact that they could only pull out 17 supporters in the two colleges shows "they are a basically defunct organization."

"Low turnouts usually favour ideologues", he said.

Paul Kellogg, co-chairperson of the United Left Coalition, disagreed. He feels the low turnout signifies "students are not aware that post-secondary education is under attack. The issues the ULS campaigned on don't appear to issues in the students' minds yet." However, he feels that when the tuition hike is announced today "students will have no choice but to take the issues seriously."

"Our future is at stake", said Kellogg.

The new representatives told Excalibur what initiatives they plan to take. Both Clarida and Dick said getting York out of the



Professor Ann Shteir was one of well-over 50 per cent of the York faculty to vote on the ratification of the first ever contract between their union (YUFA) and the university. Voting took place over a two day period and results were not available at press time.

Ontario Federation of Students and National Union of Students was their main goal.

It was the only specific goal for Dick. He said each student contributes \$2.50 to these two groups which "could be used for better purposes."

Clarida said he will also work for lower food prices from Rill food services.

Agostini said, "I really don't know much about the issues." He wants simply to be a representative "in tune with what Calumet wants." He told Excalibur his campaign had been, "If you know me, vote for me."

McDoweld said she wants "to safeguard the college system." She did not, however want to say why it needs safeguarding.

Danny Lam, an independent with 28 votes who lost in Founders said, "The election signifies the ULS has been soundly trounced."

Of his own defeat he said, "They'll be seeing me in the next election."

Peter Waite, who also lost in Founders felt "it was a personality vote." The issues he put forward did not generate interest he said. But Waite added, "I'm not going to lose any sleep over the election."

Tony Astaphan, who lost in Mac, said "I find the apathy and the anti-leftist trend in the election sickening. Students don't seem to realize their livlihood is at stake", he said.

All the candidates questioned said a larger turnout would have helped them.

## South African wines banned

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

All South African wines and brandies have been withdrawn from York's liquor outlets following a letter of complaint sent by 40 York community members to food services head, Norman Crandles.

The letter dated November 4, called for the immediate end of the purchase of South African products for distribution in campus outlets.

It said, "The case against purchasing from South Africa is so obvious and so generally supported that it would seem unnecessary to adduce any argument here. There is no reason why York University should help the balance of payments of a universally condemned apartheid regime, whose very existence and constant actions are offenses against all concepts of human decency".

The three pubs serving South African products; Marky's, the Cock and Bull and the Graduate Pub all agreed to discontinue their

sale, as well as return all stock on hand to their suppliers, when Crandles informed them of the complaint.

Crandles emphasized that neither his department nor the university was making a political statement by the action, "we were simply responding to a reasonable request".

He added that in previous years the university ended the use of Kraft products and California grapes in campus kitchens when asked to do so by students. He was not sure these bans were currently in effect but said the university would consider any "reasonable requests".

Professor Lee Lorch of the mathematics department, a spokesman for group opposed to the South African products said he was happy with the decision.

"This is a further example of the world-wide repudiation of the apartheid policies of the racist South African government," said Lorch.

"Every pressure which can be brought against a regime which is a blot on the whole human race is a support for those fighting for freedom in South Africa and for rights for its Black majority", he said.

Lorch said there were no immediate plans for further on-campus activities around the South African question but "this will not be an isolated action".

As we spoke, Lorch received a letter informing him of the imprisonment of fellow mathematician, Dr. Ismail Mohamed, in a South African jail. Mohamed has been held without charge since September in a prison in Paarl, the city for which many South African wines and brandies are named.

With this ironic twist Lorch reiterated the need for people outside South Africa to protest in support of those fighting to defeat the regime from within. "Only massive protest can achieve these ends", he said.

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