

Ontario NDP leader in Bearpit

Lewis slams Tory daycare, logging policies

By PAUL STUART

Ontario NDP leader, Stephen Lewis appeared on Radio York's Bearpit show last Wednesday, and he took the opportunity to explain his own party's policies and to vigorously attack Bill Davis' Tory government.

A large Central Square crowd gave him a warm reception and surprised host Rick Leswick by applauding him twice.

In response to questions on the NDP's education policies, Lewis said that a government of his would turn control of the universities over to students and 'academics'.

"It is fashionable to say that

students should pay," he said. "I suppose if there is a loan programme, then students should pay their way, although why they should be saddled with debts in perpetuity, I'm not sure.

"But we want universities to be universally accessible, with no bars financially."

One student asked what the NDP would do for Canadian companies having trouble keeping up with American companies.

"We would turn the money for multi-national corporations over to small Canadian businessmen". But Lewis refused to say that the NDP would give "no money at all" to a

multi-national company.

"Rather, I would say it's unlikely that we would give any money to a multi-national firm trying to locate in Ontario."

When a woman asked him about day-care centres, Lewis said, "I personally feel very, very strongly about daycare."

"The government has never cared about daycare, because it's an extension of women's rights, and whenever you talked about women's rights in the legislature, you'd think you were with the male jocks in the locker-room, with all the snickering that went on."

Lewis said Margaret Birch's proposals on day care were "destructive" in that they were designed to help improve day care centres but "they would reduce the staff-child ratio, and reduce the amount of money available for staff."

Lewis reserved his toughest criticism for the Ministry of natural resources because of its involvement in logging in Algonquin Park.

"I am unable to understand them, and find them just beyond the pale," he stated.

At the conclusion of the



Ontario NDP leader Stephen Lewis addresses a York NDP meeting shortly after his spell in the Bearpit last Wednesday.

programme Leswick asked Lewis what he saw in the crystal ball, regarding the 1975 provincial elections.

"I don't have a crystal ball," replied Lewis. "In 1971 I made all kinds of predictions that were ex-

travagant, inflated and unfailingly wrong."

"I think the party is stronger, partly because we're more involved in life in the province at its roots. But I don't know what 1975 holds; whatever it holds, we'll take."

Future library sanctions may hit faculty delinquents

By CHRIS GATES

The senate library committee has recommended faculty members be given an "automatic" extended loan period of 100 days on general stack books subject to the normal three week loan period, and that PhD students be granted the same privileges if they can secure the permission of their programme directors.

The issue of extended loans was one aspect of the revised library lending code discussed in senate chambers last Monday. The senate library committee hopes to have the lending code ready to present to the senate in December.

ONLY SUGGESTS

The senate can only recommend that the library system at York use the revised code. (The system includes the Scott Library in Central Square, the Steacie Science Library, the Osgoode Hall Law Library, the Administrative Studies Library, and the Microtext and the Leslie Frost Library at the Glendon campus.)

The lending code itself doesn't need senate approval to be implemented by the libraries but any sanctions that may be brought against delinquent borrowers by the libraries, including academic penalties, will require senate approval before the library system can implement them.

It was proposed at Monday's meeting that heavily used books be subject to a one week loan period while all other general stack books be loaned on a three week basis. The criteria used to distinguish "heavily used books" from "general stack books" was not made clear.

ALL UNDER ONE?

There was also uncertainty whether all libraries within the system could be incorporated under one code. There are differences in procedure among the libraries involving reserve collections and extended loans that will have to be clarified to avoid confusion.

For example, the Administrative Studies Library has no generally circulating material, (except for periodicals and journals) and only reserve material, subject to a two day loan period.

Reserve material at Scott circulates for two hours, one day or three days depending on demand, and sanctions, as mentioned, differ between the two with regard to overdue material. Delinquent borrowers who don't return the book at the desk are fined 50 cents a day at the Administrative Studies Library and \$1 a day at Scott.

DELINQUENT

If the proposed sanctions in the

committee's working paper are accepted by the senate, the delinquent user (tentatively defined as anyone with a book overdue more than 40 days and/or owing more than \$25 in fines) will be subject to the following sanctions: the user's library card/sessional validation card will not be renewed the following year; all library privileges will be revoked under a "black list" system; delinquent users will not be permitted to graduate until the material is returned or fines are paid; gross violators will be charged with theft, or may be visited by a collection agency; and the names of delinquent borrowers will be reported to their respective deans and principals, or to the president.

PRIVILEGED

It was repeatedly asked what sort of sanctions should be proposed to deal with delinquent faculty members. At present, they are allowed the extended loan period of 100 days on three-week books, but such privileges are sanction-free. What this means is that faculty members can borrow books indefinitely with no threat of penalty on overdue material.

The senate library committee stressed that sanctions will be discussed at a future meeting, particularly those that will apply to privileged faculty and PhD graduates.

Ryerson students win first battle

By GORD GRAHAM

TORONTO — The Student's Union of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute (SURPI) appears to have won the first round in its ongoing battle to stop Ryerson's administration from limiting its financial autonomy.

At an October 30 meeting, the Ryerson Board of Governors agreed that SURPI could re-negotiate the controversial "accountability" clause of its fee-distribution agreement signed with the administration in August.

The clause, which states that SURPI owes "full accountability for expenditures to Ryerson," was interpreted in September by acting president George Korey to mean the Board of Governors must directly approve all SURPI expenditures.

This interpretation was viewed as a blatant attempt to usurp the student group's financial rights, and seen as "precedent-setting in recent

times" by Bill Reno, special assistant to SURPI.

Reno traced "the main instigation for the hostility" to a July report, commissioned by the SURPI president, which criticized several financial blunders in Ryerson's ancillary services.

"Ever since then we've taken a lot of flak from upstairs," he continued.

Korey has apparently tried to convince the Board that since it is responsible to the Ontario government, it should control all student funds, as it now does all other college funds.

In a recent SURPI position paper, Korey was charged with "bad faith in negotiations", and his inflated notion of corporate accountability was attacked. Although SURPI agrees to have Ryerson auditors check its financial statements, it maintains that "accountability" does not imply "budget approval", even in the

business world.

Negotiations to clarify the accountability issue are slated to begin soon, with SURPI sure to take a firm position in order to protect its financial independence from further meddling.

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