



That's all folks!

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Okay so we jumped the gun on spring. But sooner or later there is going to be some warm weather on this campus. While you are waiting for the sun you can look at this picture. Bryan Johnson photo

All parties queried on education

By DENISE BEATTIE

CYSF president-elect Paul Hayden and current president Barry Edson were the York representatives at the Queen's Park student lobby last Thursday.

The lobby, which was called by the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) was attended by approximately 125 students from 16 different schools, from as far away as Thunder Bay.

Opinions concerning the success of the rally differed. Murray Miskin, chairperson of the OFS called it a success and Edson said it "could have been better organized".

Edson said many of the Members of Parliament who were supposed to meet with small groups of students did not show up. He believes that this shows that "many don't take the OFS very seriously."

Miskin, on the other hand, when discussing the meetings between students and MPP's, said the MPP's generally made an effort to see the students and discuss their concerns with them.

Miskin said that the students first met at 9:30 am, discussing the questions they wanted considered. They then divided into groups of three, usually by schools, and went to the legislature with the members. Sixty per cent of the MPP's had students with them, Miskin said.

Later the OFS executive met with the NDP caucus, including Stephen Lewis, for over an hour and a half, discussing such topics as tuition fees, summer employment and its relationship to student loans. Miskin said that OFS stated its concern that the NDP was wavering on its post-secondary education positions. Lewis, however, reassured them that the NDP is opposed to the recent increase and wishes to abandon all tuition fees.

The OFS executive met with the Liberal caucus in the afternoon and discussed details of OSAP's relationship to summer earnings and other technical details.

The climax of the day appeared to be at 2 pm, the period within the legislature when the opposition questioned the government concerning their educational policies. Lewis asked Davis three questions about their policies on summer job programmes and OSAP requirements but Davis responded simply by saying the details would be made public with the budget.

Miskin said that 20 minutes was spent going through post-secondary considerations and "not just because we were there".

Bethune rejects provincial federation

By DAVID SALTMARSH

In its college election held last Friday, Bethune College voted to stay out of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) and maintain the status quo on Council.

Of the 152 Bethune students who cast ballots, about 10 per cent of the College population, 80 voted to stay out with 54 voting to join OFS.

The Bethune OFS campaign was characterized by being low key almost to the point of non-existence. Bethune College Council Chairperson James Heffernan had insisted that the campaign be limited to statements published in the Bethune newspaper Lexicon, which was distributed the day before the election. OFS did distribute a leaflet around the residence and posted a small number of signs, most of which were removed by Heffernan because, he said, they violated the agreed to rules of the referendum. Heffernan insisted upon no OFS campaign because Bethune, unlike CYSF, could not match the campaign that

the OFS could afford to muster.

OFS Chairperson Murray Miskin expressed disappointment over the Bethune decision. "I'm not surprised by this", he said, "the Executive of OFS had considered asking the Council to cancel it (the referendum)". Miskin complained that Heffernan's restriction on campaigning did not give Bethune students a chance to discuss the matter. "If we ever hold a Bethune referendum again we are going to ensure there is adequate time for a campaign", he said.

Bethune College voted for a continuation of present policies and attitudes on Council by the election of a conservative Council. New Council Chairperson Bruce Terry easily defeated his only opponent, Robert Mikovich. Two incumbent candidates were defeated by very narrow margins United Left Slate (ULS) candidate Joanne Pritchard (Commuter Rep) and Third World Students Union candidate Vuyiswa Kei

(Representative at Large), both of whom were up for re-election.

Elected to Council were: Bruce Terry (Chairman), Naomi Liard (Vice Chairman), Stan Hunter (Senator), Vivienne Cameron (Commuter Representative), Ivor Picou (Residence Council Chairman), Eric Dupuis (Representative at Large), and Jon Rubenok (Treasurer).

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