

## N. York ratepayers to oppose TTC route on Grandravine Ave.

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The ratepayers of Grandravine Ave. have expressed their opposition to two new TTC routes that have been proposed, one for which for York University, because they do not want the buses running on Grandravine.

Early in the summer of 1976, the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF), proposed that, when the Spadina subway is

complete in September of 1977, there be two new routes in the York University area. One of the bus routes would leave the station at Wilson Ave., go along Grandravine, turn at Sentinel Road, and continue along to loop through the York campus. The other route would continue along Grandravine to Driftwood and loop through the Jane-Finch area.

Ward 3 Alderperson Marilyn

Meshberg told Excalibur that the TTC had sent out recommendations for the new routes to all affected ratepayers groups in the area in September and October. Although many of these groups replied in favour of these routes, the Grandravine ratepayers did not. Their reply came before the traffic committee for the Borough of North York last week.

Meshberg said she felt the residents should have a right to discuss the proposed routes before the traffic committee make its final recommendations concerning the routes to the TTC. "I asked the committee to postpone it for a month in order to have input from the residents. This year it is in the TTC budget to have the new bus routes. If we put it off for longer than a month, the TTC could postpone it indefinitely and tell us they have no room in their budget."

She said the residents on Grandravine are opposed to the new bus routes because of the amount of traffic they would bring. "It is a collector road. Traffic from the Jane-Finch area takes a shortcut through Driftwood and Grandravine to get to Keele St."

Angelo Grittani, head of the Grandravine traffic committee echoed Meshberg's words. "Nobody wants the routes. We have a very serious traffic problem and to put buses on this street would compound that problem."

## Report says schools are 'holding tanks'

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The report has been blasted by New Democratic Party's education critic Jim Foulds as "both studied and presented in a vacuum, unrelated to work experience.. or to previous learning experiences" of the grade 13 students profiled by tests at 67 Ontario schools.

Foulds also criticized the report for failing "to treat education in the context of the economy as a whole" and ignoring the relative success or failure of students leaving high school to join the work force.

"In many ways, by design or accident, post-secondary institutions have become 'holding tanks' to keep young people off the labour market because of the high unemployment levels," added Foulds. "This strikes me as a very expensive way to do it - it would make much more sense to have a government committed to full employment."

"As I understand how you do research, you have to narrow your view to see anything clearly," responded Parrott. "I don't think this study was designed to look at those areas."

The report did confirm earlier research that showed students from upper and middle class background with parents in high status jobs were more likely to succeed in school and graduate from university.

Parrott added, "I don't think there's any doubt that if you're fortunate enough to be born into one socioeconomic setting rather than another, you're more likely to get into post-secondary education. But there have been studies done that show even in countries like Sweden, when there are no financial costs to the students, the socioeconomic mix at universities is the same. So I think we have to begin somewhere else than at the matter of fees."

Parrott saw the most pressing problem pinpointed by the study as the need for better co-ordination between high school guidance counsellors and post-secondary admissions officers.

The report was first conceived in 1975 as the first part of an overall policy review of Ontario's educational system. Now responses to it will be solicited for several months before going to meetings of the provincially-based Council of Regents and Council on University Affairs. Parrott doesn't expect any solid recommendations back from these groups before May.

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"The student council's role is to help students organize to oppose government policy when it is not in the interests of students. The job is not to try and find ways to work within bad policies", said Marrone.

Graduate Assistants' Association (GAA) representative Ilene Crawford said, "Looking at unemployment is a factor intrinsic to the business of the university. I'd like to see the moratorium deal with issues that effect our situation here at York; not only tuition fees but also class sizes." She added that the eight per cent increase in total student enrolment has not been accompanied by an increase in the number of professors or teaching assistants hired by the university.

After Monday's meeting Edson said he was upset that more people did not attend. He said, "I wish more students will come out to the

meetings. What happens when people stop caring about what's going on, organizations on the fringe can move in and take over." He said that organizations like the ULS did not represent the opinions of the majority of students on campus.

GAA representative Crawford said that the meeting had made a start toward co-ordinating some differing opinions: It's obviously my hope that the moratorium will focus on the broader issues on class size, the cutback of services, the tuition fee increase and unemployment.

ULSer Mary Marrone's main objection to Monday's meeting was "we were presented with a fait accompli from the executive regarding the orientation of the tenth. It should have been up to the committee decide the direction of the moratorium."

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