

Toronto seeks big private funds

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U of T finally went public with its fundraising plans as Governing Council approved a five-year, \$100 million campaign.

The drive, the largest of its kind in Canada, will seek \$40.5-million for new buildings on U of T's three campuses, \$25.7-million for academic programs and scholarships, and \$25.8-million for research.

In its first major expansion drive since the early 1970s, U of T will raise money to build new residences, a new building for the Faculty of Management Studies, and new buildings on the Scarborough and Etimdale campuses.

Vice-President for Institutional Relations Gordon Cressy said \$12.6-million will go towards upgrading and rebuilding residences, \$5-million to the Management Studies building and \$3-million each to an academic building at Etimdale and a new hall for Scarborough.

The campaign will also fund existing projects, Cressy said. \$1.2-million is targeted for completing the Earth Sciences Centre, and \$1.8-million for the new law library.

The campaign will begin officially in January, when the campaign chair and the rest of the volunteer team are announced, but Cressy

said some contributors are starting early.

"Some companies are starting five-year pledges before we go looking," he said.

Although the drive is the most ambitious university fundraiser in Canada, Cressy said he is very optimistic.

He said the goal was set by looking at U of T's needs and "checking" with corporate leaders about how they would respond.

"We have to set a realistic target," he said.

The campaign will be managed

by Cressy, whom U of T President George Connell hired from Toronto's United Way campaign, and Connell himself.

"(The campaign) will be my highest priority," Connell said. "I am very much involved in it already."

Cressy said the campaign will appeal to donors' personal ties with the U of T.

"Do people have pride in the place they've attended? That's a long term challenge — to make them proud," he said. "We're going to try to personalize the 'ask', wherever the 'ask' may be."

Levenson leaves Council

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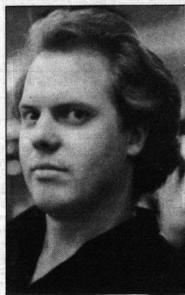
Arts councillor Martin Levenson has resigned his Students' Council seat.

Levenson has a Tuesday night class which conflicts with the Tuesday night council meetings this "prevents me from fulfilling my responsibilities according to the standards I've set for myself," said Levenson.

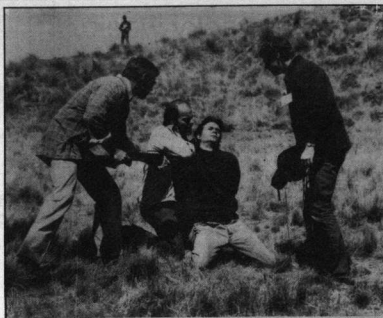
Levenson first became the arts representative in 1986-87 and then served as External Commissioner in

the spring of 1987.

While External commissioner Levenson led the Anti-cutbacks team of the Students' Union in a campaign that was marked by a great deal of friction between ACT and the Students' Union Executive, but also brought forth far greater student involvement than previous ACT efforts.



Martin Levenson file photo



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Brock bound Dean White

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reflection on Dr. White's interests in the practicalities and interaction between the university and the community. He considers that "People in the community should know what's going on in the university and the university must know what's going on in the community." This synthesis, especially in relation to business and employment, is one of Dr. White's main concerns. It has led to involvement as a board member of the Edmonton Convention and Tourist Association, as

Vice-president of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, as a board member of the Alberta Ballet, and

as President of Arch Enterprises (an employment service for the handicapped). His emphasis on community relations has even spread to the international forum, where he has promoted the U of A across many borders and has paid special attention to the integration of foreign students in the university.

Dr. White's advice on his departure is "we need to continue to be innovative and creative, especially in financially difficult times." He is sorry to leave the U of A but is looking forward to the challenges at Brock. He says he will remember his experiences as "exciting...like a kid in a toy store."

Christian awareness

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Christian Awareness Week, sponsored by five university Christian clubs, begins Jan. 27.

The event will feature lectures on various topics, including "The Mystery of Origins" (Jan. 27) and "Safe Sex...the Search for Intimacy" (Jan. 28).

The lecturers include Douglas Groothuis, a research associate at the U.S. Christian think tank Probe Centre Northwest.

Event sponsors are the Baptist Student Ministries, the Campus Crusade for Christ, the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the Navigators, and the One Way Agape.

The sponsors will be setting up a booth in SUB with information on "The 10 Myths of Christianity". Lecturers will also be speaking in up to 40 classrooms on campus at the invitation of the students and professors.

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