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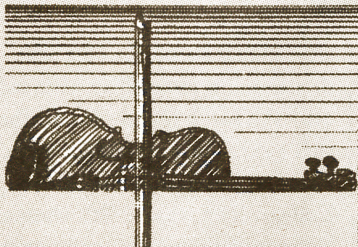
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Planning for 2000

IF *THE BULLETIN* FEELS UNUSUALLY heavy this time, it's because it is. Inside is a 28-page supplement with summaries of 18 academic plans approved this summer. *Pages T1-T28*

Adjusting to the times

THE POSITION AS UNIVERSITY employment equity coordinator will be eliminated. *Page 3*



Music sets record straight ...

... AND HAS NO REASON TO BE embarrassed. *Letters. Page 7*

Report Leaves Room for Academic Mission

BY MICHELLE NOBLE
AND JANE STIRLING

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS ARE studying the Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council's restructuring report to gauge the impact on U of T's health sciences education and research programs and on the quality of health care.

The report, issued Friday by a sub-committee of the health council examining the future of hospital services, recommends consolidating the activities and services of the University's teaching hospitals, establishing a new rehabilitation teaching and research centre and reducing the overall number of hospitals and hospital beds in Metro.

BRIDGE BUILDING



U of T Day is just around the corner and Ed Ross, left, and Scott Olan of the Department of Facilities & Services put finishing touches to a rudimentary bridge that graces the new natural site, Zoorwoods, outside Ramsay Wright Zoological Laboratories. U of T's annual open house Oct. 14 promises to be the biggest yet with numerous distractions, diversions and learning opportunities. The day is held to give neighbours, friends and anyone interested in academia a chance to see researchers and other University staff in action. See pages eight and nine for details.

ment. Yet all education minister John Snobelen (the government's purveyor of 'crises') could scare up was a measly press under-thingy, whose expertise was evasion of all questions asked. He also dodged questions about the government's plans for the education system.

Vaccari is naive to think the report coming out of the conference is going to get any further than 'nobelen's waste basket. Unfortunately for students, Vaccari is operating under the fallacy that by meeting with the members of the education ministry, he can affect change. In fact, the external commissioner is doing little more than providing ammunition to the government. Thanks to him, they can claim to have consulted with students, whereas he can only claim to have ignored been ignored by the ministry through no fault of his own.

While the Education in Crisis Conference is a noble effort on SAC's part to be heard, they have forgotten one thing... the students. There are 30,000 to 35,000 students who will be faced with crippling tuition increases next year, and many remain unaware of how drastic the changes will be.

Furthermore, SAC's policy of "not to participating in rallies because they bring out a distorted message" cuts off an opportunity for students to participate, without letting them decide for themselves which activities they want to be involved with. SAC has forgotten what protests are for. They are not designed so that student leaders can look pretty in the city's newspapers or in the lights of the TV cameras—they are there so that students who *choose* to can express their anger and frustration in solidarity with other students, and not have to care what anyone thinks.

But such displays of raw feeling are only effective with a populace educated about the issue, and must be one of a number of tactics along with others that include consultation with the government. But pressure must be brought to bear for consultation to work—any tactic attempted in isolation is doomed to fail.

The conference succeeded in educating a small number of students but did not engender much widespread participation. SAC TV is an interesting way of wasting money, not a way for everyone to participate. SAC should leave politicking to the politicians, and concentrate on listening to and educating their constituents. It is time for SAC to leave its ivory dome, and learn something about grass roots organizing.

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Animal rights

The ethical issue of obtaining the consent of human subjects in research, now being revised by the Medical Research Council ("Med council revises ethics code," Sept. 21), is an extremely important one.

Of special concern are the rights of people who are incapable of giving their free and informed consent, such as children and mentally incapacitated people, because of their vulnerability to being exploited and abused.

However, the ethical issue of consent should not stop with human subjects. The rights of animals in research are not addressed, except for welfare issues such as the size and cleanliness of cages.

The rats, cats, frogs, mice, crayfish and all the other species of animals being experimented on at the U of T cannot give their consent. Moreover, most of the research being conducted on non-human animals is not being done for the benefit of the individual animals' species. Violence against individuals who are not human is entrenched here at the university and in our society.

Just as sexism and racism constitute prejudice so does speciesism: the systematic exploitation and abuse of any non-human animal species. Torture and murder by any other name is no less of an atrocity, whether the experiment harms humans or non-humans.

*Susan Krajnc
U of T Animal Rights Advocates*

Zoowoods support

We cannot endorse the opinions of Jim Hodgins, former chair of the zoology landscape committee, as expressed in the article, "U of T greenspace replaces 'biological desert,'" (Sept. 21). Many of the statements attributed to him are misleading and need further comment.

The concept of "tearing out" trees is not part of the mandate of the zoology landscape committee. We are concerned that the growing habits of the Norway Maple may overpower those of the many native tree species

we have already planted and are trying to establish on the site. However, the question of a campus-wide balance between native and exotic species is under active discussion by the university's environmental protection advisory committee. How Zoowoods ultimately develops will depend in part on the recommendations of this group.

We are particularly distressed with the implications left by Hodgins' comments that the university's administration neither offered adequate nor timely support, and that Simcoe Hall was "slow" to respond to our proposal.

Indeed, Simcoe Hall, at least as represented by Dan Lang and Elizabeth Sisam in the Planning Office, Janice Oliver of business affairs, and Phil Garment of facilities and services, has been enthusiastic and helpful from the beginning. They have expressed that enthusiasm verbally as well as monetarily. Of the total budget for this project, over 50 per cent of the cost has come from Simcoe Hall and almost 30 per cent from business affairs and facilities and services.

Elizabeth Sisam deserves special mention for her hard work in putting together all of the funding, including a substantial private donation from Hugh Duthie in memory of his mother who was a student in the department of zoology.

Again, many of the comments of Hodgins do not reflect the sentiments of the zoology landscape committee and we hope that they do not jeopardize all of the hard work that has gone into making this a successful joint venture.

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Janet Mannone (Chairman)
Jacquie Bede
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Patricia Williams
Ann Zimmerman*

Equal but not the same

I would like to respond to the article entitled "The golden age of gender equity?" (The Varsity Student Handbook)

The author argues that feminism, as a movement demand-

ing change in society, is needed as much as ever because women continue to be under represented in certain fields of work. Does the author deny that women currently have equal opportunity to enter those fields? Surely she cannot because they do.

Even Margaret Wente, the regular Globe and Mail columnist on women's issues, concluded recently that women have indeed achieved real parity in the workplace. She recognizes that there remains bastions of male dominance such as CEOs (and, as the Varsity article pointed out, university professors). But these jobs will fall to women equitably in a matter of time.

However—and this is the point of the issue—this does not mean we should expect women to be near 50 per cent in every arena of work. Many who claim gender discrimination by simply quoting statistics assume questionable assumptions about the kind of work women and men choose to do. Perhaps there are plausible reasons why women and men are disproportionately represented in various occupations. Perhaps the sexes gravitate differently, but quite democratically, toward medicine, engineering, secretarial or construction work, and working less outside the home, to be more involved with caregiving.

The equal rights and opportunities that women have won as a result of feminism, thankfully, will continue to be enjoyed. It would be wise for feminists not to press for unequal favours, thus risking being sidelined in society as irrelevant.

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