

Canadians a minority in Phd programmes

Canadian Phd students are in a minority in five of the nine York departments that have doctoral programmes.

But in the 17 departments with Masters programmes, Canadians are a majority in 11 and make up 50 percent of the students in two others, economics and chemistry.

These statistics were released this week by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and represent full time students in attendance during 1970-71.

The number of Canadian students compared with landed

immigrants, U.S. citizens and others, varies considerably from department to department, a fact that does not show up in the aggregate figures. Altogether in the doctoral courses Canadians make up 54 percent of the students, while in the Masters courses they comprise 73 percent.

The science departments in past years have been heavily staffed by Canadians, but this year in chemistry only two out of ten doctoral students are Canadian, 14 out of 42 in research in experimental space science are

Canadian and one out of five in biology is Canadian.

In the arts faculty, the percentages of Canadian doctoral students range from 82 percent in history down to only 49 percent in sociology. In law only five out of fifteen masters candidates are Canadians.

In other masters programmes, the percentage of Canadians is 42 percent in the Centre for Research in Experimental Space Science (CRESS), 50 percent in economics, 64 percent in English, 45 percent in philosophy and 91 percent in

business administration.

When asked to comment on the low percentages of Canadians in post graduate sociology programmes, department chairman John O'Neill said York's doctoral programme is only one or two years old, so Canadians "would know less about it and go where they were already going," while Americans would hear about the programme and come.

"I am confident that these ratios will change drastically in the next few years," he said.

Prof. D.M. Nichols of the

graduate programme in biology feels that it depends how one defines a Canadian. Almost 100 percent of the graduate students in biology are citizens or landed immigrants, she said.

York's newly elected student president Mike Fletcher commented:

"We are producing too few Canadian graduates. And it seems obvious to me that in order to Canadianize those aspects of York which need it, we have to have more graduates."

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Seen here in the library is one of the unfortunate few who were unable to make it to the ski slopes during reading week.

Rejection of Indian course stirs students

By PAUL THOMSON
Roma Standefer's request to teach a full year course on the Canadian Indian was rejected for the second time last week.

At a meeting of the sociology department's anthropology section, her proposal was defeated by a 5-2 vote.

She is now taking her request to an executive committee meeting of the whole department this week or next.

Standefer argues that the sociology department needs more Canadian content.

However, Gustav Thaiss, the coordinator of the anthropology section in the sociology department said the section doesn't want to "go overboard to become a completely Canadian studies programme."

Standefer was given permission to teach a half year course on Canadian Indians next year, but she feels this will not give adequate attention to the Indian question.

At present she is teaching a full year anthropology course, in which she spends only three weeks on the

Canadian Indian. Standefer takes strong exception to the view that this course, along with a first year college tutorial with ten students and six lectures in the Canadian problems course in social science are dealing adequately with the issue of Canada's native peoples.

Student support for Standefer's position is growing. Various students have contacted both Standefer and EXCALIBUR offering to help obtain the course. Some have suggested starting a petition.

One student, Paul Stott, believes that the department has no business denying a full year course on Canadian Indians.

"The issue is not Canadian content necessarily, but if a prof is available and the students want a certain course, it should be available," he said.

In the humanities department last year, a course on the "counter culture" was set up after a professor expressed a desire to teach the course and students obtained a petition of 30 names in support of starting such a course.

Students upset in soc. sci. 176

By SHELLI HUNTER
The Council of York Student Federation is examining the functioning of a first year course, Social Science 176, as a result of student protests.

Students involved are not dissatisfied with course content or the professor but rather with final evaluation procedures. Originally Leon Kumove, course director, assigned a two day take home examination. The students felt this was unfair as their course is a

general survey of many complex topics.

The course doesn't touch on specifics, yet a knowledge of them would be required for the examination. This would involve in-depth studying for the students.

CYSF passed out questionnaires to the students asking what type of final evaluation they would prefer. One hundred and twenty students answered the questionnaire out of a class of 275. The results indicated clearly that very few of the students wanted an instituted form of examination.

The results were presented to Kumove who was asked to study them and then inform Tim Delaney, CYSF academic affairs commissioner of his decision as to what form final evaluation would take.

Kumove neglected to inform Delaney and reversed his original examination decision. Now the students will write an open book sit down examination. When questioned by EXCALIBUR Delaney insinuated that a student strike could occur if Kumove did not heed the students protests.

CYSF review is initiated

By KAREN HOOD
The most important action taken at Tuesday's Council of the York Student Federation meeting was to set up a committee to review the CYSF constitution.

The committee will be comprised of one member appointed by each of the constituent members of the CYSF (six colleges, MBA, Graduates) and six CYSF members. This was established by a

long debate during which the president was actually accused of "playing politics."

A bit of excitement was provided by Mort Roodman who asked to speak on a petition he has been circulating aimed at abolishing the CYSF. Council members refused to allow him to speak early in the meeting even though he couldn't stay any longer.

Another person speaking on a

project designed to create jobs for students had been allowed to speak earlier in the meeting.

The height of the debate occurred when the speaker ordered Mort to be silent or he would "appoint a sergeant-at-arms" to throw Mort out. Mort then left the meeting shouting "death to fascism."

The council spent most of the meeting setting up committees and working over procedural matters.

Tuesday's meeting also featured approval of sending a letter of support of the proposed strike actions planned by students at Waterloo Lutheran University and approval of initiating senate action over problems in social science 176. These actions were taken over the objections of members who did not wish the CYSF to use them as a basis for future policy.

Latest gov't figures

Big firms 76% under foreigners

OTTAWA (CUP) — A recent government report on foreign ownership of non-financial firms in Canada for 1968 indicates that slightly over 76 per cent of the country's major companies were under foreign control.

Of 362 firms with assets of \$25 million or more in 1968, 276 were under the control of a foreign country, mainly the United States.

The report noted that big firms grow faster than small ones, and big firms tend to be under foreign control.

"A study of foreign ownership and corporation size for the years 1965 through 1968 underlines the

importance to the Canadian economy of a few very large foreign-owned corporations, particularly those in the mining and manufacturing industries," the government report says.

Firms controlled in the U.S. made up 75 per cent of all foreign-owned companies, with British-owned companies a poor second with five per cent.

U.S. firms controlled 51 per cent of Canada's mining industry, 43 per cent of manufacturing, 19 per cent of wholesale trade, 17 per cent of retail trade, 12 per cent of service industries, 84 per cent of rubber manufacturing and 67 per cent of coal, oil and gas.

Full-time Phd students 1970-71

	Landed				Total
	Canadian	Immigrant	U.S.	Other	
English	10	6	1	6	23
History	14	0	1	2	17
Philosophy	17	6	1	0	24
Pol. Science	15	8	2	0	25
Psychology	52	20	11	1	84
Sociology	17	11	4	3	35
Chemistry	2	6	0	2	10
CRESS	14	18	3	7	42
Biology	1	2	2	0	5