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Oh God, It's the Bookstore Again!

Oh god, it's the bookstore again. The York bookstore has bugged it up again, and the professors are the ones up in arms this time--not just the students.

Required books for Humanities 102A were ordered in May, but have not yet arrived. Meanwhile, Harried Prof. Sidney Eisen is trying to lead his discussion group without them.

Prof. Eisen deplored the situation, calling it "just dreadful". He said the major problem seemed to be a lack of communication between the bookstore and the faculty. Despite the early placement of orders, professors have not been told when books are unavailable or out of print.

A spokesman for the York bookstore, Mrs. Monica Church, said it was "too much trouble" for their staff to inform the

faculty of difficulties with book orders.

Students are complaining because not enough books are available for purchase. Mrs. Church replies that the bookstore gets an estimated enrolment figure from the professor of each course and orders books for about 80% of the projected number of students.

For third or fourth year courses, books are ordered for 100% of the students expected to enrol.

This procedure keeps the bookstore from being overstocked. Books, once delivered, cannot be returned to the publisher, even if unsold. Last year the bookstore incurred a loss of \$3500 from excess stock.

The fact remains that many books ordered by professors last spring still have not appeared on

the bookstore shelves. Students in Hum 305, Soc Sci 106, History 245 and History 403 are still waiting.

Mrs. Church says in many cases the person giving the course is at fault. Many requests for books were not received until this week. The irate students of one Soc Sci class were about to march on the bookstore--then learned that the instructor was the negligent one.

Mrs. Church blames government red tape for the hold-ups. Large orders of over \$50 must be processed through customs.

Books coming from the U.S. may lie forgotten for months while awaiting official clearance.

Meanwhile, the profs are bugged, the students are frantic, and seniors are getting rich selling last year's books at fantastic profits.



'Bookstore? Where the hell is Atkinson?'
Photo: Bart

Century II is late: Century III is still NON-EXISTENT

York's yearbook, Century II, will not be distributed until October 17.

The yearbook, originally slated for delivery early in September, is still in the process of being printed and bound, here in Toronto.

For the publishers, Yearbook House of Canada, the production manager stated that "the copy came in rather late--the deadlines were not kept at all."

Paul Culver, editor of the yearbook, agreed that the copy was about one month late. Problems arose in co-ordinating material from Glendon campus, as Glendon had a different set of editors. Additionally, the yearbook staff delayed final copy until the great debate, at the end of the year.

The publishers complained of having to make allowances in their production schedules and as a result--"it put our whole schedule out of kilter."

Apparently there has been a change of personnel at the publishers--a new production manager. He is not as concerned about publication of the yearbook

as the previous one had been.

In volume, our yearbook is the largest in Canada, yet high school yearbooks are being pushed ahead of ours in the schedule.

Normally publishers take 10 to 12 weeks on receipt of final copies. The final copy of Century II was sent to the publishers August 16th.

The yearbook was to be distributed at registration. Mr. Culver stated "In my opinion its their fault it didn't come out then."

When asked if a lawsuit would result, Mr. Culver replied "No comment--we are seeking legal advice right now."

Besides problems with last year's yearbook, the future looks grim for this year's edition.

Nothing is being done until there is a definite statement from SRC. No yearbook staff, except for a skeleton staff from last year, has been formed. Concerning this situation, Mr. Culver replied: "There's not much point in starting the yearbook until the college councils decide whether or not they want a yearbook--mainly because there is a

tremendous expense involved in the beginning--camera supplies, office supplies, and most publishing companies want a contract signed--and I wouldn't want to sign a contract without knowing I have council money behind me."

Mr. Culver was asked if he planned to take over editorship of the yearbook again this year. "No comment."

Y.S.A. - Glendon Dispute

York Student Agencies and Glendon College have clashed.

The point in question is the management and control of the Y.S.A. business at each campus.

The problem was brought into the open by the September 21st issue of Pro-Tem in which Jim Jack, 2nd year Glendon representative, was quoted as viewing the Y.S.A. as 'inefficient and disorganised'. Mr. Jack's Report on York Student Agencies was definitely misquoted but the question, nevertheless, is now on public view.

Any unfortunate souls who attempted to purchase a York jacket, sweatshirt or beer mug last year (especially at Glendon) were confronted by an organization somewhat lacking in management and business know-how. After a year of haphazard commerce, Y.S.A. had accumulated a debt of over \$2,000.

This year, Y.S.A. is under the new management of Jerry Zeidel (F IV) and Don Smith (F IV) who are attempting to piece the

INQUIRY

The Director of Student Affairs has announced a Committee of Inquiry, composed of one Faculty member and two senior students, to investigate the Debating Society debt arising from last April's Centennial debate, at York.

The Committee will consider the reasons for the loss, recommendations for repaying the debt and prevention of a future recurrence.

Both Mel Lubek, president of the society and former president Harry Lipskar, have publicly stated they will take no part in the inquiry unless it is held open to the public.

business back together again. If expectations are met, as Mr. Zeidel feels they will be, the debt incurred last year will be easily returned to the Student Councils.

Profits which remain after the debt has been paid will be turned back into the business as working capital for next year. Personal profit made by Mr. Zeidel and Mr. Smith is minimal; each makes \$1.00 an hour with a third individual, Nancy Despard, working at the rate of 75 cents an hour, best described by Mr. Zeidel as "slave labor."

A conflict has arisen between Y.S.A. and Glendon Council over the set-up which the organization will use at Glendon. This disagreement has led to the severance of Y.S.A. from Glendon Campus and plans by Glendon Council to form an independent business.

Unfortunate side effects have resulted from this split; most obviously the presence at Y.S.A. of a surplus stock of Glendon jackets. Discussions between the two groups have failed to achieve the desired result since Glendon lacks the cash to purchase the articles and Y.S.A. is understandably reluctant to extend the necessary credit.

Mr. Jack feels that the Glendon organization will have an advantage over that of York Campus because the former will be under the direct control of the treasurer of student council and all profits or losses will be absorbed by the Student Council. On the other hand, once the \$2000 debt is paid, Y.S.A. will absorb its own profits yet still rely on Student Council to back up its losses.

New-Style S.R.C. Proposed By Founders

Founders College Council has tentatively proposed that a College Co-ordinating Body (CCB) be established to replace the Student Representative Council (SRC)--but SRC isn't ready to vote itself out of existence.

Mel Freedman, President of the Founders College Council, told Excálibur:

"I shall fear SRC for the next few years because each college council will be coming up very fresh and very new. SRC would prevent each college from developing its own identity. The college system is a good one and the idea of a central government conflicts with it."

As an alternative to SRC, the Founders Council has outlined the organization of a two-level CCB.

The first level would consist of three committees: athletic, social, and cultural. Representatives from each college would serve on the committees and aim to co-ordinate the various activities planned by each college.

The second level would be the "policy-making branch". The president of each college council would serve on it, as well as specially elected college representatives. This level would make university-wide policy; the inclusion of the college council presidents in this branch would, according to Freedman, ensure that the policy would be acceptable to each college.

CCB would, however, hold a "closed vote", with each representative voting as an individual, should a stalemate arise because of college conflicts.

But Ken Johnston, President of SRC, said:

"I find Mr. Freedman's simplistic thinking regrettable. As far as I'm concerned SRC will probably be one of the most fundamental buttresses of the college system."

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