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Council censures board

CYSF councillor Polonsky to investigate Nat. Sci.

Academic affairs commissioner Joe Polonsky has been directed by the Council of the York Student Federation to attempt a last-minute salvation of the controversial Nat Sci 176A and B courses.

Polonsky was directed to appear in both courses tomorrow, to discuss with students their complaints and opinions on the two courses, and to help find a solution to the students' dissatisfaction.

With the unanimous approval of the CYSF at its Tuesday meeting, Polonsky said he will probably arrange a class vote on the final exam—whether there should be one at all, and if it should be a take-home.

The two Nat Sci courses have been the subject of disorganized criticisms of the profs lecturing, and rapidly falling attendance, and a general admission of complete boredom and frustration with the material presented.

The council also directed Polonsky to begin a feasibility study of the whole question of the necessity of compulsory gen-ed Nat. Sci. courses.

"In 176B, the pollution course, the problem is not that simple," Polonsky told CYSF. "Prof. Katz, the present lecturer is having to teach very advanced scientific stuff to freshmen, and it's way over their heads."

"He's probably just as bored having to teach them as they are listening," he added. "I'll try and work out something."

In other business the CYSF voted to support the Stop Spadina committee and has promised to grant the committee \$100 to cover part of their operating costs.

The council has also agreed to loan \$350 each to five York students who still have not received the second half of their student loans. The York accounting department has agreed to ensure that CYSF is repaid for the loans, as soon as the students get their money.

The board of governors says it has no money left to loan to needy students.

"We'll loan this money to the university as a conscientious objection to the fact that the board cannot/will not do it," Paul Axelrod, the CYSF president, said.

CYSF will consider similar aid to any other students whose loans have been forgotten or delayed by provincial government red tape.

The council also voted unanimously to mandate the CYSF representative on the York senate to present to senate a motion to allow three additional student senators next year to be nominated by CYSF itself. The senate has a proposal to allow these three seats to go to the academic faculties which are unlikely to have students elected to senate through one of the 12 students' councils which now have student senators.

The CYSF senator, Ross Howard, F4, said later that such a move would allow students, particularly CYSF and the college

councils to continue the present system of student senators being appointed from student councils, which are definite political bodies representative for students, instead of splitting up the senators into political and academic groups.

"We're going to coordinate closely with the other 11 councils which will be sending students to senate next year," Howard said.

"Our move in senate, if approved, will give us a year to carry on under the present system while we re-examine the whole question of student representation and representativity on the senate."

The CYSF also moved to censure the board of governors for their failure to grant to the Senate Scholarship Committee the \$110,000 that committee requested for scholarship funds.

"Due to the fact that the board is the only body at York which is responsible for the allocation of funds and priorities, particularly in the scholarship field," Axelrod said, "We're also asking the board to open up the books and explain itself."

4 lectures given up in pollution course

Natural science professor M. Katz agreed last Wednesday to turn over four of the seven remaining lectures in his 176B pollution course to speakers requested by a group of students who protested last week that the course was being "presented in a way that destroys already existing interest" in pollution.

Two of the lectures will be on "Big Business and Pollution," one will be on "The Social Ramifications of Pollution" and one on "Pollution and Society."

Four students from the course—Bryan James, Tom Reid, Steven Eckler and Alan Sheps—met Wednesday afternoon with the

two professors, Katz and McFarland, who are running the course, but Katz said there was no possibility the course outline could be changed that late in the year.

McFarland said many of the social aspects of pollution could not be dealt with in the course without sacrificing the scientific side of the course. "If it were my course there would be absolutely no room for flexibility," he said.

"There are too many activist groups such as Pollution Probe, who don't know a damn thing about the scientific background of the problem," McFarland said.

Sheps later phoned Katz at home and Katz agreed to give up the four lecture hours.



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Stop the school draft

Ivan Illich, noted educational explorer, started the 1970 Gerstein Lecture Series off with a bang Wednesday, March 4, when he told an overflowing Osgoode Hall Moot Courtroom that educational institutions (ie. schools) should be smashed.

He told the audience that basic social change can only come about if the under 16-year-olds around the world started a mass 'Stop the school draft' protest.

For those who want to communicate further with this dynamic intellectual, his mailing address is: Dr. Ivan Illich, Rancho Tetela, Apdo—479, Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Radio York connects with cable FM network

By BOB WALLER

After just one full year of broadcasting, Radio York today makes the medium-size 'big time' by officially joining the Rogers Cable FM network at 97.5.

The agreement follows about three months of negotiations between Radio York and Rogers, station manager Steve Harris said Monday, and involves no monetary commitments on either side.

The hookup will benefit Radio York in that it has increased its potential listening audience to the 180,000 Metro Toronto homes which could be hooked up to Rogers cable.

Rogers, on the other hand, will benefit because the content of Radio York is classified as Canadian and educational. The Canadian Radio and Television Commission recently ruled that Canadian and educational content of cable television and radio must be increased and guaranteed as a prerequisite to the granting of any new franchises.

Harris said that the cable hookup "is going to allow us and the university to communicate with the middle-class high school student whose family can afford to have cable service."

"That's where the greatest number of York's students come from. We think

that we will be able to give them an idea of what's happening on campus."

When asked if there was a danger that being on cable would induce an undesirable commercial radio trend into Radio York programming, Harris said "we expect and are attempting to improve the professional quality of our personnel—announcers, newsmen and engineers—but we'll still be students here. . . . Our lives are here and we will necessarily reflect that in our content."

Campus radio to get new studio

In conjunction with its move to Rogers Cable FM, Radio York is just about certain of vastly-expanded broadcasting facilities next year.

The university's space and allocations committee recently recommended to university president Murray G. Ross that the campus radio station be given what is now the Vanier College Art Gallery to replace their cramped quarters in Vanier's lower level. Ross is expected to approve the request shortly.

The new studio will cost from \$25,000 to \$35,000 to set up, according to station manager Steve Harris.

This expense will be met through a

Harris also stressed that even with the larger listening audience, and therefore potential market, Radio York had no plans to increase the amount of space sold for advertising.

"Right now we feel that one sponsor an hour with two paid spot commercials is the limit. Next year, rather than increasing the number of ads, we will rather inflate the cost to the advertiser."

Harris said that recently he and the Radio York executive had started

capital budget separate from Radio York's annual operating budget.

Harris said Monday that he is negotiating with potential donors outside of the university. He said that he hoped that perhaps \$10,000 to \$15,000 could be raised by people who want to see high quality campus radio develop.

Harris said "these people feel a need to encourage the development of campus radio. I think that they see it as a smart investment to develop experienced radio people from the university community."

The other capital would probably have to come from a bank loan, Harris said.

evaluating on-air people as to their ability in announcing. This has resulted in taking "unqualified" announcers—a couple of newsmen—off the air in order to train them until they have reached an acceptable level of competency.

"We're amateur, and people have a right to try their own thing but we don't want Radio York to be abused, not even unconsciously. I don't think that would be fair to our listeners."

Also, Harris said that he has started experimenting with the station's programming in order to "develop a balance that will have something satisfying for the greatest number of listeners."

In particular, Harris said he is trying to inject a "lighter programming, more bouncy, during the day—not CHUM AM stuff, but not heavy. Those people who want heavier stuff will still be able to get it after 7 pm."

Public affairs programming is tentatively scheduled to go to three hours a week from its present one hour.

Radio York is also planning to be on air after the exam break and during the summer for evenings from 6 pm to 1 am. Programming will include both music and news.