

See page 9 for AGAINST LEARNING: EDUCATION AS ART, an in-depth article about the quality of university education in the contemporary setting. P.S. Happy new year, Christmas, Hanukah.

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## Referendum approves campus recruiting

York students have voted five to one in favor of all on-campus recruitment by industry.

This was the result of last Tuesday's referendum held by YSC.

War companies were approved by a margin of 1226 to 294, and general recruitment was accepted by a majority of 1257 to 273.

"I'm surprised," was the reaction by York President Ross. "I thought it would have been a much closer vote."

But the York Students to End the War in Vietnam Committee were much more upset by the outcome.

"The referendum was poorly worded. Introduction of the alleged 'free speech' issue clouded

the real issue, and didn't let people get to the real issue."

"We can either demonstrate or resort to physically stopping those going to see recruiters," said spokesman Dave MacCaughna, "but we won't let the entire issue rest here."

However campus recruiting will continue to operate for those who wish to utilize the services offered.

Recruiting had previously been halted on campus at the request of Henry Best, Director of Student Services, who had been approached by the local Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

Last December, when the anti-war people protested recruiting by Hawker Siddeley, President

Ross decided to continue to allow employment recruiting on campus by all companies supplied by the National Employment Service.

Once YSC had decided to conduct a referendum, Best pointed out that in effect, they would be accepting or rejecting all NES companies through this vote, since there could be no discrimination on the part of either the government or the university.

There was an active paper war

waged between groups in favor of and those opposed to the questions posed in the referendum. The issue of free speech was bantered back and forth, with both sides complaining that the other was infringing on the rights of students.

Over 2,500 students voted in the referendum held in the four college common rooms. General consensus was that any and all companies should be allowed to recruit, and that any moral deci-

sions should be made on a personal level by individuals, and not by the student body as a unit.

## ... CRASH!

by Mike Fletcher

At 12:40 last Monday afternoon, a car ran over the curb and struck a lamp-post on campus near the Steeles entrance.

The driver, a Mrs. Fraser, a member of the staff, suffered a cut over the eye and shock, but what shocked a witness, Gavy Greenberg, "is that the damn rent-a-cop who was sitting in his booth 200 feet away didn't lift a finger."

A student volunteered to get a doctor, but was not able to as the guard's booth does not have a phone.

Only comment from the guard was, "Yes, I saw the car go over the curb . . . it was going quite slowly. No, I don't know if there was any injury; you'll have to ask the doctor."

Dr. Wheler, a campus physician, went out to the accident to tend to the woman, and later commented that he "was surprised to see her sitting in the car. The guard hut would have been warmer and more comfortable."

The doctor didn't arrive until 20 minutes after the accident, and the police 5 minutes after that.

"Accidents occur about once a week on campus on the average," commented the Director of Security, Mr. Thomson, "although there will be periods of three or four weeks when none occur."

"They're like bananas. They tend to come in bunches."



Lucky York children get to sit on Santa's knee and chew the fat about the good old days when all they wanted was universal accessibility. Now poor old Santa has to pull two entire colleges out of the bag, and he might have his problems.

### Next year:

## Modes to be dropped

by Frank Holt

The controversial freshman course Modes of Reasoning will likely be dropped from the list of required courses for all future first year students.

Dean of Arts and Science John Saywell revealed the change in Modes is now under study by the General Education committee; likely to take effect in the fall of 1969-70.

Under the new proposal for York's General Education program freshmen will take a natural science, a social science, a humanities course, and a special tutorial.

This tutorial would be college-oriented on a pass-fail basis instead of grades. Saywell feels that subjects could achieve more depth under this system. The tutorials he added, would be based on student-faculty interests.

Saywell's comments were backed by Prof. MacFarland, who said that the nature of the

course should be changed. Although he was optimistic about the idea, he stressed that it was only in the preliminary stages and that several problems must be dealt with before the plan goes into effect.

These problems include the administration, financing and staffing of the program.

Saywell said that he wasn't sure that the colleges could handle such a plan. The main problem, he said, was a shortage of available faculty in each college.

Under the proposed system, a freshman could enter university and not be required to take a modes of reasoning, or a math course unless they wanted to.

According to Dean Saywell, the general education committee was sympathetic to the modes students problems, but it just wasn't feasible to change the course this year.

"You simply can't change a course for 1800 students in the middle of the year," he said.

### Have a Merry Xmas.



Founders, Vanier, Winters, and McLaughlin; there they are. And they are all empty, as of Friday. School's out 'till next year.

Scott McMaster