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Question 1: Have you been following the news about the students' uprising in China?

Question 2: Do you think there could be an issue that could make York students protest?

analysis

from college to university: it's not an easy change

Every year many college students apply for admission to university. According to the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), 3,737 Ontario college of applied arts and technology (CAAT) students applied for admission to universities in 1987 alone.

Transferring from college to university, however, is not easy. Many college students find that universities do not provide adequate information on the transferability of college credits. According to the OFS, only a few universities (Windsor, Waterloo, Lakehead and York) have established clear criteria for evaluating college credits. At York, evaluation of college courses is based on the type of program, the average grade attained over the course of study and the duration of the program itself.

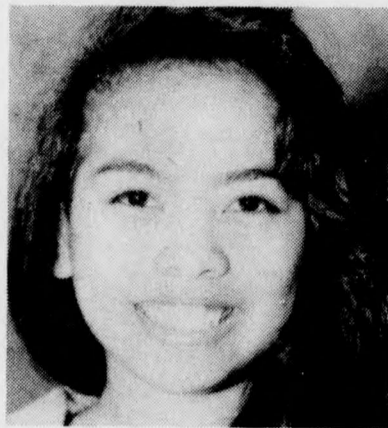
According to Barbara Lynch, a senior assessor at York admissions, students can get up to six credits if they have finished a three-year diploma, and up to four credits if they have finished a two-year program — provided they have maintained at least a B average.

Students with a C+ average can receive up to four credits for a three-year program and a maximum of three credits for a two-year study period.

The above procedures, however, only apply to college liberal arts and sciences programs. A student in a technical program — which the university does not consider academic — only receives a maximum of one and a half credits, even with a B or better average. Most college students fall in this category, since the technical fields are often what attracted them to college in the first place.

Besides administration difficulties, college students face financial obstacles when applying to university. The Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) only grants money to students for eight semesters, or roughly four years, after high school. Whether or not college students can receive financial aid before going to university, they can only receive help from OSAP if they have been out of high school for less than four years.

In January 1989, a committee of teachers, government officials and OFS representatives was formed to assess the problems faced by college students, and to investigate the restructuring of college education. While waiting for the committee's recommendations, college students will have to bear existing obstacles if they plan to pursue a university education.



Genevieve Acuna, Psychology 1

1) All I know is that at some school, some soldiers went in and decided to join up with the students.
2) We're pretty neutral compared to China. It would have to be a very strong issue.



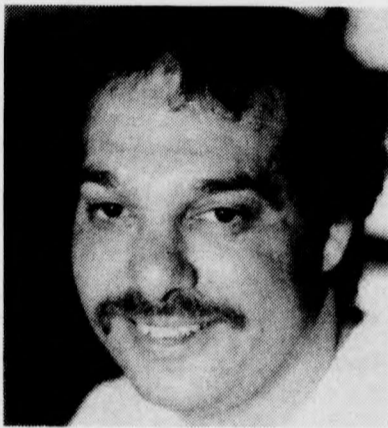
Kathy Gale, Anthropology 4

1) No.
2) Certainly. If it was an issue that was from the heart.



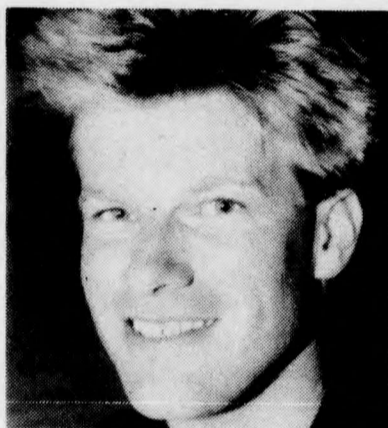
Lisa Circosta, Sociology 1

1) No. I think they want a new Prime Minister.
2) I don't really see students at York as being strongly together. It would take something very big.



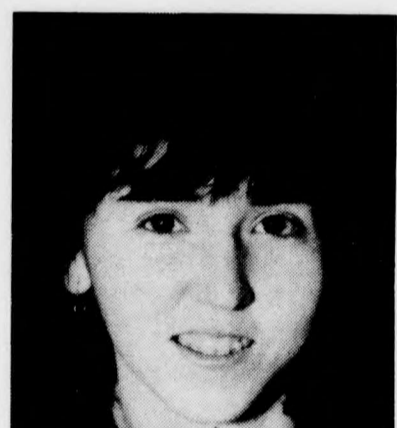
Howard Kaye, Economics 3

1) We have no choice. It's the first thing on every newscast.
2) Maybe for people with an emotional bond, like the Chinese students. It's not for me personally.



Jozef van Brussel, Visiting student from Holland

1) Yes. I was in China for six weeks last year and I think they are completely right.
2) Yes. I heard that there was a demonstration of students at the Chinese embassy in Toronto.



Sherry Normandeau, Economics 3

1) Just through TV.
2) I find York students are pretty radical. I think more than just Chinese Students would protest.



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2. a person, and his/her dependents, who is a refugee claimant in Canada. The claim for refugee status *must have been made, to Employment and Immigration Canada prior to January 1, 1989.*

These new regulations are effective May 1989, and are applicable to the Summer Session 1989 and subsequent academic sessions. *These regulations are not retroactive to any previous sessions.*

If you believe you qualify for exemption under these categories, please contact the Registration Office, C130 West Office Building, telephone 736-5155. Office hours for telephone enquiries only are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Office hours for in-person enquiries are 10:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. During the months of July and August, inclusive September 1, 1989, this office closes at 3:30 p.m. on Fridays only.

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Winter/Summer Session 1990:	February 28 June 29	- complete session - Second Term only

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