

Co-op takes over daycare task force

By MARILYN SMITH

After a meeting with daycare officials on Monday, York agreed to dissolve the daycare task force of John Becker, Stuart Keeley and Doug Anderson.

York also agreed to supply staff assistance and office space so the daycare centre can compile its own report. The original report dissatisfied parents at the York daycare cooperative. They charged it was incomplete and inappropriate.

Maria De Witt, secretary with audio-visual and parent in the centre, will work full-time on the new report for the next three to six weeks. This decision was reached at a Monday meeting between administrative and daycare representatives.

Elody Scholz, chairman of the daycare planning committee, says their efforts will be channeled mainly in a

search for funds. She says mortgage possibilities for the centre, entitlement money given to York through grants, and private donors are funding sources that will be investigated.

Beginning Monday, daycare representatives will have meetings with groups on campus who might have an interest in a daycare centre. This includes faculties, student councils, daycare staff, and the provincial field supervisor for the Daycare Nurseries Branch.

The aims are to organize a concrete plan of wants in the centre, with an eye to costs and design, and ultimately, funding. Scholz says they hope to have the report completed by the end of February.

Student services head John Becker, chairman of the now defunct task force set up last November at the directive of president David Slater, says his committee's report was a report on the factual background. He says it will be useful to

administrators.

Becker denied accusations made by Scholz that the report failed in what it was assigned to do. He said he and his fellow task force commissioners, Doug Anderson of campus planning, and Stuart Keeley of student services, stand ready to aid the new task force.

A guideline of the report has already been submitted to the campus planning committee. Becker says this was done to get some kind of estimate on the priority of a campus daycare centre in York's development plans.

The academic policy and planning committee will make the ultimate decision on the daycare situation. Becker says vice-president Bill Small thinks it is imperative to get something to APPC before the end of the month if provisions for expanded daycare are to be made for the next academic year.

Glendon fee strike backed by res council

By MARILYN SMITH

In an under the wire action last Wednesday, Glendon Residence Council voted to withhold \$200 of the second installment of residence fees. The action is in support of the Glendon Residences report issued before Christmas which recommends lower fees at Glendon.

The second installment, \$505 for the 21 meal plan, was due last Friday.

In a meeting with Tucker's residence committee last Friday, student services director John Becker discounted high fees as a reason for the 30 percent vacancy rate at Glendon. He blamed changing lifestyles for the empty residences. The two Glendon residences are not integrated.

"Any specific Glendon decision is only meaningful in the context of all the residences," Becker told Excalibur. He said this might mean a freeze in residence rates.

The Glendon report includes a student questionnaire answered by 80 Glendon residents. Ninety-eight percent of the residents said they find the fees too high.

"In a poll like that, anyone is going to respond that they're not getting their nickel's worth," Becker replied.

At the time of the residence council's action, only 30 percent of all residence students had not paid their fees. Students who paid their full fees in September, and those receiving student loans are automatically cut off from supporting the strike action.

The provincial government sends loans and grants directly to the university. Students must sign over the unpaid portion of their fees before receiving any money.

The Glendon action was begun by a group of francophone students known as the French Caucus. Residence council says their support lies with principal Albert Tucker's committee report to president David Slater. The report recommends a separate fee structure for Glendon with lower rates than the main campus. The document cites lower operational costs at Glendon. Physical improvements are also demanded.

Last November, 127 of the 429 available beds at Glendon were empty. At York, between one and 62 beds were empty in the various colleges.

It will be up to Slater and his finance administration to decide Glendon's fate. Glendon people are saying the very nature of the college is threatened by the residence crisis.

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Yeoman winger Frank Grace collides with a burly Western Mustang defenceman in Thursday's game here at York. The Yeomen won 7-3 in a hard-hitting contest witnessed by a capacity crowd. Photo by Tim Clark

and the need?

If you're curious about the need for Day care here, then read this little gem.

Dorothea Byczkowski registered at Glendon this fall after graduating from Cambrian community college in Sudbury.

A single parent, she deliberately transferred to the York campus to get daycare for her three year old child. But daycare director Jean Simmons told her there was no more room for three year olds.

Student services director John Becker couldn't help either. According to Byczkowski, Becker told her that York was "for university students to come to but not a progressive community."

Living off her fiance's student loan, she couldn't afford to send her child to any Metro centre — the prices were too steep. She couldn't get a student loan or child allowance because at 24, she wasn't considered independent. So the child stayed with her parents in Sudbury.

After four months of aggravating separation, the daycare centre finally agreed on Monday to accept and pay for the child's trip down. And Metro's agreed to pay up to \$500 in childcare aid to the co-op.

Her next hassle is with student awards director George Fontaine. Unless she gets a loan, she'll have to drop out. Her fiance's loan is running out.

Committee to look into campus press

The communications commissioner for Council of the York Student Federation Neil Sinclair has set up a committee to investigate "the roles, rights and responsibilities of a university student press."

Sinclair said he personally picked the group of three students, one professor and one administrator and did not consult the college papers or Excalibur.

He said he's looking for an "unbiased, objective study" but he hoped the print media would contribute position papers.

The administrator picked, information director Stan Fisher said "I understand that this committee is in no way going to investigate Excalibur's functions."

Newspaper Act means \$2 hike

The York University Newspaper Act of 1972 as proposed by Excalibur is on Page 5 this week with an editorial on Page 6.

As it now stands, the Act includes a \$2 fee increase which must be ratified by students in a referendum.

Excalibur editor Andy Michalski plans to meet with college council presidents at 1 pm on Friday to discuss the proposal. Council of the York Student Federation executive gave their tentative approval to the Act on Monday and it will go to a full council meeting.

Atkinson's Crowe quits

Atkinson dean Harry Crowe said Tuesday he plans to resign from his post June 30 and go back to teaching.

The college's first dean said he was quitting the deanship because he'd achieved in just three years each of the major items on the five year agenda.

He said the college had now developed its full ceiling of 22,000 course registrations, had overhauled its administrative structure, and built a seven storey office tower. He added Atkinson had eliminated Ontario's discrimination against part-time students and approved the building of a residence for part-time students.

Although a former socialist, Crowe came under attack two years ago for

allegedly hiring 40 pacifiers to insure that members of the now defunct York Student Movement didn't disrupt the college's orientation ceremonies.

In September, Canadian nationalist Robin Mathews called for an inquiry over the hiring of an American, Thomas Meininger as a Russian history professor at Atkinson. A Canadian, Jean Cottam, had also applied for the post and had better qualifications.

Crowe felt that Atkinson had done a good job at building the teaching strength of the psychology department. He felt it had been a weak department. Six of the seven psychology professors are American.

But he said Atkinson did not have a large problem with Americanization despite its rapid growth.



Harry Crowe

Wow! Airport noise for men not beasts

It's beautifully quiet these days with the air traffic controllers on strike. Toronto really is a nice city when you don't have to listen to jets all day - just like the animals.

A site near Toronto International Airport has been rejected for a proposed zoo because animals can't stand the continuous aircraft noise. So a contractor is planning to build 48 acres of townhouses instead.