

University News

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Apologizes for ambiguity

Ross on discipline report

University President Murray G. Ross, in a letter addressed to "all members of the university," outlines his position on the issue involved in the publication, in *Calendars*, of a section on student conduct which implies that the Laskin committee's report on discipline was university policy. Text of his letter follows.

"There has been, in the past several weeks, considerable discussion about the Laskin Report, particularly the statement in the Calendar on student discipline and my position on the Report and its implementation. For the sake of clarity, may I outline to you my conception of the status of this Report:

"1. I would like to make it clear, first of all, that the Laskin Report has not been approved, accepted, or adopted in whole or in part by the University. The Report is now under discussion and judgment on its adequacy will come later.

There are in the main two aspects of the Report — (a) a body of law, and (b) a set of procedures for dealing with disciplinary matters. For reasons which I will set out below, I am, while discussion and debate on the Report continues, using the spirit of the recommended procedures to attempt to provide a greater degree of self-government in disciplinary matters in the University. This was the purpose and the intent of the statement on this subject in the Calendar — although I recognize it to be ambiguous, if not confusing.

"2. At the present time, the York University Act (Section 13, (2) (c)) gives the President 'power to formulate and implement regulations governing the conduct of students and student activities.' As long as this statement remains the law, the President has ultimate authority over student conduct. This is not a situation which endears itself either to me or, I am sure, to most members of the University community.

"3. In order that the above authority may be modified and controlled to some degree, I have said that until the University endorses, modifies, or rejects the Laskin Report on Rights and Responsibilities, I will be guided, in the main, in respect of Section 13 (2) (c) by the procedures recommended in the Report. This is not to increase the power and authority of the President in respect of student affairs; indeed, it is the opposite, for it requires the President to abide by certain procedures developed by a responsible committee of students, faculty, and Board members.

"4. It may be that, in the months that follow, discussions in the Senate, in the York Student Federation, in the councils of the various Colleges, will modify or perhaps reject the Laskin Report. If this is so, then the statement authorized in the Calendar will have to be modified or deleted. Until that time, however, the University must have some procedures in respect of discipline. It cannot operate in a void. And I am certain that few want authority left in the hands of the President. What I am suggesting is that until the various groups in the University make up their minds about the Laskin Report, I want to use that part of it which deals with



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procedures to condition and control the authority given to the President in Section 13 (2) (c) of the York University Act.

"5. There is a further step in the 'Laskin Report-process'. This has to do with the York University Act. The Act was passed in the Provincial Legislature in 1965 and it may well be that a new Act, or a modified Act, is required. But members of the University should know that the changing of the Act is a long term task. My own information is that, even if we had the draft of a new Act ready to present to the Legislature tomorrow, it would require at least two years to have it passed by the various committees of Legislature and through readings in the Legislature.

"It appears to me to be important to look at the Laskin Report in this light. Assuming that the York University Act will be changed in three years time, what guidelines should we use in the interim? The results of widespread discussion of the Laskin Report should give us these guidelines. But I hope that we can separate (a) the changing of the Act, and (b) the interim measures to be followed prior to changing the Act. These are two rather different tasks.

"What I have done (if I may repeat) is simply to say that while these discussions are in process I have limited the authority given the President in the Act in accordance with the procedures recommended in the Laskin Report. If I did not do this, the responsibilities assigned to me in the Act would require me to make up my own ad hoc procedures. The statement in the Calendar is ambiguous and for this, I apologize. But I hope you will recognize that the intent is not to inhibit discussion of the Laskin Report but to state frankly that we have moved and are moving away from some of the restrictive sections of the York University Act."

Joyce symposium next week

Canada's first James Joyce Symposium will be held at York, April 3-5. Sponsored by College E, the York 10 Committee, and the

James Joyce Society of Toronto, the Symposium will bring scholars and students from all over North America to the York campus.

Scholars participating in the seminar will include Father Robert Boyle, S.J., Marquette University, Wisconsin, and a visiting professor at Kent State University, Ohio; Phillip Herring, University of Virginia; Leslie Fiedler, State University of New York at Buffalo; Bernard Benstock, Kent State University; Donald Theall, McGill University; Thomas Staley, University of Oklahoma, and editor of the *James Joyce Quarterly*; and Janet Lewis from the English department at York.

Harry Pollock, associate fellow of College E and president of the James Joyce Society of Toronto, will present a mixed media production, "Nautsy-Calves", a dramatization of the Gerty McDowell episode in *Ulysses*. Pollock adapted, produced, and directed a performance at the Abbey Theatre for the second international James Joyce Symposium held in Dublin, Ireland, last summer and is preparing a new production for the third international symposium in Trieste next year.

Plans for the three-day symposium also include a song recital of Joyce's poetry and a display of original drawings by Aba Bayefsky.

For further information contact the College E office in the Temporary Office Building — 635-3063.

Faculty briefs

Members of faculty who received the PhD degree during 1969-70 include:

IRVING M. ABELLA, history, Glendon, December, 1969, from the University of Toronto. Thesis: "The Struggle for Industrial Unionism in Canada: the CIO, the Communist Party and the Canadian Congress of Labor, 1936-1956."

HENRY BEST, humanities, December, 1969, from Laval University. Thesis: "A Biography of George-Etienne Cartier."

RUTH GROGAN, English, January, 1970, from the University of Bristol. Thesis: "Poetic Theory and Practice of William Carlos Williams — A Study in the Myth of American Energy."

PETER J. LASKA, philosophy, September, 1969, from the University of Rochester. Thesis: "Kant's Theory of the Moral Will."

PETER M. MITCHELL, humanities and history, January, 1970, from Indiana University. Thesis: "Wei Yuan (1795-1857): Early Modernization Movement in China and Japan."

R. EDWARD OVERSTREET, administrative studies, August, 1969, from Purdue University. Thesis: "Social Exchange Processes in a N-Person Co-operative Game."

GEORGE B. SHAND, English, Glendon, December, 1969, from the University of Toronto. Thesis: "Stage Technique in the Plays of Christopher Marlowe."

JOHN PETER UNRALL, humanities, Atkinson, July, 1969, from Oxford University. Thesis: "A Study of Ruskin's Architectural Writings."

KENNETH LAURENCE McREA WELDON, administrative studies, October, 1969, from Stanford University. Thesis: "Stochastic Storage Processes with Multiple Slope Linear Inputs and Outputs."

On Campus

Thursday March 26

10 am — CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION. Meeting and discussion in Room 114 McLaughlin.

10:30 am — INFORMAL DISCUSSION. Sponsored by York 10 and the psychology department, Sigmund Koch, the University of Texas professor who lectured Wednesday afternoon on "The Encounter Group Movement and Its Image of Man", will participate in an informal discussion with all interested individuals in the graduate student lounge on the 7th floor of the Ministry of Love.

11 am — FILM. "The Group" in Room C, Stedman Lecture Hall. Admission free.

12-2 pm — SUMMER OF SERVICE. A meeting will be held in the Colloquial Room of Stedman for anyone wanting information about the summer volunteer projects with SOS.

1 pm — NOON HOUR CONCERT. Upland and Windmill, a rock percussion group, will play in the McLaughlin Dining Hall.

4:30 pm — SENATE MEETING. In the multi-purpose chamber, open to all members of the York community. Observers should obtain a ticket from Room S945, the Ministry of Love.

6 pm — CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION. Meeting and discussion in Room 112, Vanier.

8:30-12 pm — GREEN BUSH INN. Live entertainment for a 75 cents cover charge for non-members. In the Central Square.

Friday March 27

12-7 pm — GREEN BUSH INN. Live entertainment for a 75 cents cover charge for non-members. In the Central Square.

1 pm — NOON HOUR CONCERT. Upland and Windmill, a rock percussion group, in the Glendon College Old Dining Hall.

7-10 pm — BADMINTON CLUB. Staff, faculty and graduates, but NO UNDERGRADS welcome. In the upper gym, Tait McKenzie.

Saturday March 28

8 pm-12:30 am — YORK UNIVERSITY CHINESE STUDENTS SOCIETY EASTER MASQUERADE. In the Winters College dining hall. \$2 per person, masks available at the door.

Sunday March 29

2-4 pm — BADMINTON CLUB. Upper gym, Tait McKenzie.

7 pm and 9 pm — FILM. "No Way to Treat a Lady", sponsored by Winters College. 25 cents admission in Room D, Stedman.

Tuesday March 31

12:15 pm — METRO POETRY WEEK 1970. George Jonas, Harry Howth and John Robert Colombo will read their poetry in the Toronto Public Library City Hall Branch in the City Hall, Nathan Phillips Square.

5-7 pm — YORK UNIVERSITY STAFF ASSOCIATION. An important meeting of the proposed association will be held in Lecture Hall D in Stedman. All interested staff should attend to hear and vote upon the report of the committee appointed to frame a constitution for the association. George Eton of the division of professional studies, Atkinson College, will address the meeting. This will be your association and your individual support is vital.

8 pm — METRO POETRY WEEK 1970. Doug Fetherling, Elizabeth Woods and Joe Nickell will read their poetry in the Cedarbrae District Branch of the Scarborough Public Library, 545 Markham Rd., George Jones, Harry Howth and John Robert Colombo will read in the Don Mills Area Branch of the North York Public Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E.; David Donnell, Phyllis Gotlieb and Raymond Souster will read in the Forest Hill Learning Resources Centre of the Toronto Public Library, 666 Eglinton Ave. W.; Tom Arnett, Nelson Ball and York professor Eli Mandel will read in the Main York Public Library, 1745 Eglinton Ave. W.; and Frances Sparshott, Gwendolyn MacEwen and Douglas Lockhead will read from their poetry in the Mimico Centennial Library, 47 Station Rd. in Etobicoke.

April Fool's Day

You won't believe this, but:

12:15 pm — METRO POETRY WEEK 1970. David Donnell and Raymond Souster will read from their poetry in the City Hall Branch of the Toronto Public Library.

8 pm — METRO POETRY WEEK 1970. Doug Fetherling, Elizabeth Woods and Joe Nickell in the Toronto Public Library Eastern Branch, 137 Main St.; George Jones, John Robert Colombo and Harry Howth in the Richview Branch of the Etobicoke Public Library, 600 Islington Ave. N.; David Donnell, Phyllis Gotlieb and Raymond Souster in the Nordheimer Room of the Music Library, 559 Avenue Rd.; Tom Arnett, Nelson Ball and Eli Mandel in the York Woods Area Branch of the North York Public Library, 1785 Finch Ave. W.; and Francis Sparshott, Gwendolyn MacEwen and Douglas Lockhead in the Agincourt Mall, Sheppard Avenue East and Kennedy Road. More readings Thursday, Friday and Sunday. For information about times and places, drop into the EX-CALIBUR office.

8 pm — RICHVALE WRITERS' CLUB. Meeting every other Wednesday at 8 pm at 79 Denham Drive in Thornhill. A free, friendship club to discuss members' poetry and prose.

If you entered the 1970 photo contest pick up your entries now in Room 70, Temporary Office Building.

Effective April 6 until April 30 the library hours at Leslie Frost and at Steacie will be extended until 5 am every day. However, there will be no checking out of library materials after midnight.

University offices, the Tait McKenzie Building and the Proctor Fieldhouse at Glendon will be closed tomorrow, Good Friday. The libraries will observe normal operating hours.

Staff Association

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