

Slater balks at open records

In a telephone interview, president David Slater said he would not require any faculty member to reveal the nature of research carried out at York and their source of grants.

When questioned about the military aspect of research, Slater stated faculty members were entitled to protection of privacy and stated "I'm no more going to tell a student to make something available (in research) than a faculty member."

In April, the minister of University Affairs, John White said York received \$250,000 from the National Aeronautic and Space Administration, the U.S. army and navy for unclassified research. This compares with the University of Toronto's \$491,200 and a province wide total of \$867,520.

In June, the senate accepted its research committee's advice to accept the guidelines of the Committee of Presidents of Ontario Universities that "neither sponsors nor universities attempt to enter into agreements which will formally involve universities in conducting academic work which cannot be published."

The CPOU also states any exception to this principle "should be subject to the most formal review procedures between the university and the agency concerned." It does not specify if researchers must divulge the amount and nature of the grant.

Sponsors can request a delay in publication prior to the research undertaken where it is "not inimical to the interests of the community at large."

The terms and conditions of the use of confidential data must also be specified in advance.

Slater felt the vast majority of research was carried out "by various research bodies all of which publish lists of the names of investigators and the nature of their work."

He claimed "In a lot of situations, we have no other information" and admitted "we're relatively new to the game of pulling it together."

Now collecting data on research, Mrs. Margaret Bowman, the assistant to the dean of graduate studies, stated "The information cannot be released without the authority of the person involved."

The senate sent back for further study the research committee's recommended criteria for establishing and reviewing Organized Researched Units. The subcommittee's report on ORU's stated "the nature and prospects for extramural funding" and "the expected service to the university, province or nation, and the community" should be part of the criteria in assessing the merit of a proposed ORU.

The subcommittee felt the ORU organization would join common research interests, provide an efficient structure to maintain large research facilities and increase ability to raise funds.

An ad hoc committee of three to five persons with at least one specialist from outside the university would review any new ORU proposals submitted by faculty.

The subcommittee proposed seven units (already established):

- Centre for Research in Experimental Space Science under professor Ralph Nicholls;
- Centre for Research in Environmental Quality, professor David Fowle;
- Institute for Behavioral Research, professor Fred Schindeler;
- York Transport Centre, professor Ivan Feltham;
- Administrative Behaviour Research Program, professor Robert Joyner;
- Capital Markets Research Program, professor Seymour Friedland;
- Kenya Project, professor Tillo Kuhn.

The senate has not formally approved the last three.

OSAP distribution hindered under new allocation

If your Ontario Student Awards Program money has not arrived for registration, then it is just "too bad" says York chief accountant John Heber.

The first installment of tuition fees must be paid at registration. That's \$310, and a real hardship to those who were unemployed or poorly paid during the summer.

Although Heber says there is nothing York can do, Glendon registrar Cy Pilley accepts whatever the student can afford until OSAP pays for the first \$310.

With students warned of York's July 1 deadline, student awards director George Fontaine had little sympathy for those unable to communicate with his office this summer, still, some 3000 York students applied in August for loan assistance.

Unlike other years, OSAP does not issue a certificate of eligibility until after a student registers. To get around this, late OSAP applicants must have \$300 in the bank to take out a loan to pay York until OSAP aid arrives. This Heber admits is "a bit of a hardship."

Last year, about half a dozen students who applied after the OSAP deadline received certificates of eligibility for aid to York which collected the fees by mid-September. Two years ago, about 50 York students followed this procedure.

It ended when authorities felt students abused the system by registering at university and then withdrawing with a refund when OSAP had paid the fees.

Students unable to pay the first

\$475 of residence costs can pay \$180 until OSAP aid arrives.

The secretary of state's Special Committee on Youth recommends a major revision on the Canada Student Loans Plan to reconsider requirements for parental contribution and summer savings as a criteria for loans. OSAP combines CSLP funds with provincial bursaries to aid Ontario students.

Glendon grant boosts French

Glendon's struggle for bilingualism continues thanks to a \$100,000 provincial grant. The college asked for the non-formula grant from the Committee on University Affairs to bolster the French programs at the college.

A recent decision created a unilingual stream in an attempt to salvage sagging enrolment figures. The grant enables Glendon to implement strong bilingual features in the college.

Francophones receive a special boon with a \$25,000 fund allocation for bursaries. Francophone enrolment is down this year because of the implementation of unilingual studies. The new bursaries may encourage more French students to come to Glendon.

\$45,000 goes to Frost Library, and \$25,000 to French language training programs. \$5,000 is available for field study trips to Montreal and Quebec.

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York workers could strike over demands

The first phase of contract talks between the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 1356) and university officials ended in deadlock last week possibly setting the stage for York's first strike of inside workers.

First the two sides will meet a conciliator from the Ontario Department of Labour to try and resolve their differences. If talks break down, the union can strike in 14 days.

With workers more militant than in 1969 when a union strike vote defeated by one vote, strike action seems almost inevitable.

The real stumbling blocks to a settlement are wages and the size of workload (especially for cleaners).

The CUPE local wants an increase as high as 50 per cent over present rates of \$2.50 an hour for men and \$.06 for women. Groundsmen get \$2.50 now, while plumbers — among the elite of the maintenance staff — average \$4.15 an hour.

CUPE represents maintenance, service and plant operations workers — over 250 drivers, groundsmen, cleaners, maids and skilled tradesmen at York and Glendon campuses.

A six member negotiating team has met nine times with administration officials since April. Nearly half the points of contention have been settled, but at least 20 are still unresolved.

One residence maid pointed out she made "around \$270 a month, less than some women on welfare."

CUPE representative Jim An-

Mitchell claims chief obstacle non economic

Although union spokesmen say otherwise, chief administration negotiator Don Mitchell stated the chief obstacle to a settlement is not mainly money.

The director of personnel services felt there were a number of points — both economic and non-economic — which separated the two parties from agreement on a "complicated package".

Some union spokesmen stated York had threatened to employ a private caretaking firm to undercut union labour.

But Mitchell disagreed. At no point in the negotiations, he said, had the administration threatened to employ a private cleaning firm.

Although he was not now contemplating the idea, he did not rule out its possible use in the event of a strike. When asked how long York would hold out, he said he couldn't answer that but felt "students would pick a few things up if the situation got out of hand."

Like union officials, Mitchell refused to comment on York's latest wage offer or the union's counterproposal.

Vice president Bill Small was unavailable for comment. According to Mitchell, talks are going on between Small and president David Slater due to the "large dollar implication" of the contract.

person described York as "somewhat behind other educational institutions in CUPE."

University of Windsor employees are now negotiating a new contract. Last year, men received

\$3.80 and women \$2.78 an hour. North York board of education now pays \$3.57 and \$2.74.

Anderson claims the real crunch comes with the present talks at the Department of Labour.



Sam Pagnelli is one of the many CUPE workers at York who may go on strike in two weeks if negotiations do not improve.

SFU unrest continues

President Kenneth Strand of Simon Fraser University has dismissed three SFU professors charged with going on strike and "abusing the trust of students."

In reply, the executive of the faculty association passed a resolution expressing non-confidence in the president and the board of governors.

Manfred Machauer, president of the association, resigned to demonstrate his opposition to Strand.

There were 131 opposed to the motion of non-confidence and 83 in favour of it, indicating continued faculty support of Strand.

Last May the Canadian Association of University Teachers discussed a motion that

warned "faculty members teaching at Simon Fraser University, or considering appointments there . . . the safeguards of academic freedom that can normally be anticipated in Canadian universities do not exist at Simon Fraser; . . ."

This motion passed by a substantial vote. At the time Mackauer was not in agreement with the council. When he later revised his position, the CAUT offered its full support to the SFU faculty.

The motion referred to the dismissal of professors Arthur Felhammer, Mordecai Briemberg and Saghir Ahmad. The three were awaiting a second hearing on charges arising from a succession of strikes at SFU.