

New CYSF starts work on campaign issues

The 1970-71 version of the Council of the York Student Federation was officially installed on Tuesday evening and immediately started work on many of the issues that were brought out in the recent campaign.

CYSF struck four committees to do fact-finding spadework on the parking problem, the bookstore, the quality of Versafood, and smokestack pollution.

The committees, each composed of two persons, will present their first reports at the CYSF meeting in two weeks. These reports are not expected to be exhaustive discussions of any of the problems but rather preliminary reports which will guarantee that the university-wide council do more than just talk about confronting these problems.

The committees are open to par-

ticipation from any York student. The present committee members are: parking - Paul Axelrod, Doug Owens; bookstore - Nancy White, Alan Shepps; versafod - Jim Scott, Karen Hood; and pollution - Tim Delaney, Alan Morinis.

CYSF mandated Vanier rep Doug Owens to investigate the installation of prophylactic dispensing machines in campus washrooms. Owens is contacting various condom manufacturers as to quality and expense of the service.

Vice-president (administration) W.W. Small and York's health services have given their sanction to installing the machines which are presently in use on about six campuses.

Winters rep Carolyn Fowler received support for a unique project which will go into effect after reading week.

Given the number of people who rely on hitch-hiking to travel to and from York, she decided to organize and facilitate the process by making nine 'hitch stops' on the road from the main gatehouse to Keele Street.

Each sign will indicate a general area to which the hitchhiker wishes to go. The rationale behind the plan is that it will induce drivers to stop more readily to pick up fellow students.

CYSF also endorsed the establishment of a committee to carry out a long range study and critique of the Laskin rights and responsibilities report. The members of the committee were not chosen.

At the same time, the council mandated its president, Paul Koster, to write university president Murray G. Ross asking that final acceptance of the Laskin report be deferred until the CYSF committee had completed its study.

The council appointed Winters rep Joe Polonsky and grad rep Nancy White as interim co-academic affairs commissioners in response to a request from students in Natural Science 176A (Science, Technology and Society) that CYSF involve itself in the student - prof course dispute which has been simmering all year.

The two commissioners will be present at the nat. sci. class tomorrow.

Finally, in an attempt to aid communication between the council and the students outside of EXCALIBUR and Radio York, CYSF authorized the pasting-up of a wallposter on a wall in one of the heavy traffic areas on campus.

The wallposter will not be for the exclusive use of CYSF, but rather for everybody. The point, the council stresses, is to provide a highly-visible campus-wide information and feedback medium.

Visiting professor's rank

Haggar gets job at Waterloo

WATERLOO (CUP) — Controversial political scientist George Haggar may find employment for the next few months as a visiting professor at the University of Waterloo.

Haggar began salary negotiations last Thursday with the Waterloo administration, after

receiving tentative — and somewhat grudging — approval for his appointment to the university's experimental integrated studies program, an interdisciplinary academic experiment at Waterloo.

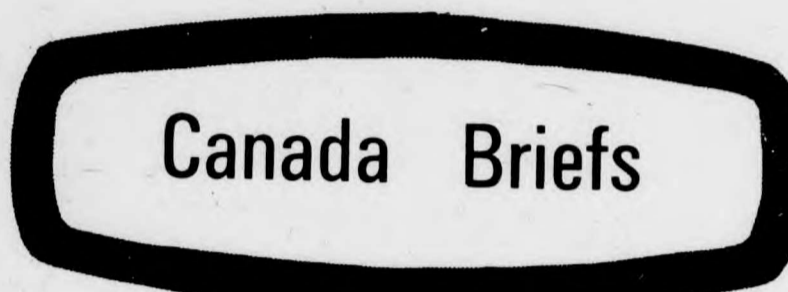
scientist is still waiting word from the Ontario Human Rights Com-

mission concerning protests he lodged last September against five Ontario universities, including York, charging they all refused him employment because of his pro-Arab, socialist beliefs.

The commission promised to report on his case by last October; so far no response has been forthcoming.

Waterloo students originally recommended that Haggar be hired full-time by the university, but their proposal was rejected. Last December, the integrated studies department recommended Haggar be taken on as a visiting professor beginning in January.

The Waterloo administration did not consider the student brief until Jan. 30, and then suggested Haggar should only teach one or two days per week.



Canada Briefs

Levitt's theft charge dropped

WATERLOO — A public apology in criminal court here last Monday gained freedom from charges of theft and possession for Cyril Levitt, a fourth year University of Waterloo sociology student. Levitt's lawyer arranged to have charges dropped by U of W administration president Howard Petch in return for the courtroom statement that Levitt had not intended theft of a letter from Petch's office. Levitt read the letter — detailing U of W participation in war research — during a student gathering in Petch's office Sept. 25, 1969. Petch had earlier denied that military research was done on the campus.

UBC turns down voluntary union

VANCOUVER — Students at the University of British Columbia roundly defeated the concept of voluntary unionism last Wednesday, voting by a two-to-one margin to retain their current, compulsory structure. In the largest voting turnout in the history of the UBC Alma Mater Society, 5,498 students voted in favor of compulsory unionism and 2,855 voted against out of a total student population of 22,400. "The vote is a clear example of student concern over having a stable union," AMS president Fraser Hodge said after the ballots had been counted. "Selling a voluntary union is like trying to sell an Edsel."

Lakehead students drop strike

THUNDER BAY — Final decision on possible strike action was delayed here last Friday by a meeting of 300 sociology and anthropology students in order to give the sociology department and Lakehead University president William Tamblyn time to reverse a decision not to rehire activist sociology professor Victor Wightman, and to reconsider the cases of two English professors dismissed at the same time. Students say Wightman was fired on the recommendation of his department chairman without consultation with other faculty in the department. A 300-name petition circulated earlier, mainly among sociology and anthropology students, had called for the administration to reverse the firing decisions. The petition said the three fired profs were "among the best teachers in their departments," and described Wightman as "student-oriented". A small, symbolic fire was lit in front of the campus computer centre last Thursday after sociology faculty members told a meeting of 70 students they were not consulted in the decision to fire Wightman.

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