

Robert H. Winters, 59

York governor dies of heart attack

York lost one of its founding fathers last Friday.

Business executive and former cabinet minister Robert H. Winters, 59, suffered a sudden and massive coronary thrombosis in Monterey, Calif. He died as he was being taken to hospital by ambulance.

Winters, who had no history of heart trouble and who appeared to be in excellent physical condition, was in California for meetings with executives of the Caterpillar Tractor Company.

Winters was the chairman of Brascan (formerly Brazilian Light and Power Company), a huge corporation which controls 50 per cent of Brazil's electrical power and gas interests.

He had led a busy career which saw him rise as the son of a Lunenburg fishing schooner captain to become a cabinet minister under both Louis St. Laurent and Lester Pearson.

Last year, Winters fought to the final ballot before losing the Liberal party leadership — and the prime ministership — to Pierre Trudeau.

After that he returned to the business world, taking over as president of Brascan and reclaiming many of the directorships that he had given up for politics.

The Telegram reported Saturday that "despite his length career in top political and business fields, Winters personally felt his greatest achievement was his role as chairman of the board of governors in the creation of York University. 'It gave me tremendous satisfaction.'"



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York Briefs

Senate waiting for Laskin report

York's senate last Thursday voted not to nominate senators to the university court until it hears the recommendations of the Laskin committee on rights and responsibilities of members of the community. Mathematics professor Lee Lorch, a proposed nominee, said he was concerned over the document Order On Campus and preferred to see the Laskin committee's recommendations on campus discipline before sitting on the court. "In light of this document (Order On Campus) we don't know the atmosphere in which this court will exist," he explained. He also expressed consternation over a newspaper article in which "some of us were referred to as part-intimidated and part-stupid." He was referring to a column written by Atkinson College dean Harry Crowe in the Telegram last month in which Crowe stated his support for Order On Campus and criticized faculty who opposed it.

New Atkinson pres supports admin

Colin Wilson was elected president of the Atkinson College Students Association on a status quo pro-administration ticket in the association's annual elections Saturday. Pearl Chud, running on an anti-administration platform was re-elected vice-president. Mrs. Chud had appealed to the students for her right to speak out against Atkinson dean Harry Crowe's administration when and where she saw fit. Wilson voiced support for the administration and dared members of the press to quote him "as being generally in favor of the university presidents' working paper" Order On Campus. Wilson, who is not a member of the Political Science 352 class he claimed to represent for the election, was chairman of the association's constitution committee last year. Crowe, who attended meetings of the Committee of Presidents of Universities of Ontario where the working paper on campus discipline was drafted, has expressed his support of the document and condemned faculty opposed to it.

FAS council looks at discipline

Classroom discipline is being examined by the faculty-student relations committee of the Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science. Faculty council last Thursday voted to have the faculty-student committee study classroom conduct following an announcement by arts and science dean Jack Saywell that a student Thursday morning walked up to a lecturing professor and waved his fists at him. Harold Kaplan, chairman of the political science department, moved that the committee study the "question of the rights and responsibilities of teachers and students in the classroom." Ernest Lilienstein, a sociology professor, described the motion as "a panic response." He said the council could be creating an issue "where really there is no issue." Kaplan denied it was a panic response. "I've never been calmer," he said. Saywell, who suggested setting up the study, said he was not reacting to this one incident and had been "thinking about it for a while." The committee will report back to the council after its deliberations and its suggestions will be discussed. Saywell said it would provide "a forum for discussion more than anything else." Rick Blair, a student member of faculty council, emphasized examining "why a student would be hitting a teacher." Sociology professor Jeff Piker suggested that the committee's deliberations be public and extra effort be made to inform the university community of meetings.

No book renewals for undergrads

The library has changed its policy on book renewals. The new rules allow undergrads to take out books for three weeks with no option of renewal. Grads can take out books for three weeks with one renewal, and faculty can take out books with continuous renewal. The old policy of two week loans with one renewal for undergrads was scrapped because it did not comply with the needs of the library's new computer system.

Meeting called off—nobody came

A meeting of Faculty of Fine Arts students to review student candidates for faculty council elections was called off last Thursday when only about 30 students turned up. Robert Lingwood, a candidate for one of the seven student positions on the council blamed the bad turnout on professors who did not cancel their classes. The meeting had been called at a meeting Oct. 2 when students had wanted to hear the candidates before voting. Twelve students are running. There are about 260 students registered in the fine arts faculty. Resumes of each candidate and a ballot sheet were handed out to students taking classes at the time of the meeting.

Cars on fire routes to be tagged

Cars parked on fire routes and parking meters showing the violation flag will be ticketed from now on says safety and security director C. G. Dunn. "We have to induce people to keep off the fire routes," he said last week. Gate passes will soon be available to open the new automatic gates on parking lots circling the campus.