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Requested \$110,000; granted \$60,000

Scholarship committee to resign

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All seven regular members of the Senate Scholarship Committee will resign their positions today in protest over the failure of the board of governors to raise sufficient scholarship funds.

The scholarship committee, which includes one student member, had asked the board to provide over \$110,000 for scholarships for 1970-71, late last year.

The board decided to provide only \$60,000 for next year, at a board meeting last month.

The scholarship committee also had asked the board to increase the scholarship funds over the next five years to an annual total of over \$250,000 in 1974-75.

This amount of scholarship fund would bring the York scholarship funds per student close to \$18 by 1974. This year the board has only provided \$50,000 for scholarships,

an average of \$7 per student (including part-time students). The provincial average per student is about \$25.

"We're very concerned about the way our per student percentage of scholarship money has been going down," committee chairman Walter Carter said Tuesday.

He said the York average would drop to about \$5 per student next year if the board decision is not reversed.

The responsibility for raising scholarship funds rests entirely with the board of governors and other private sources at all Ontario universities. The board appears to have refused to approve the committee request because the board is unable to raise enough of the additional needed funds.

Carter said the board refused to accept the requested budget because the board could make no commitments for the future.

At Queens University the per student average for scholarships is close to \$65, \$25 at McMaster, \$24 at the University of Toronto, and \$20 at Carleton University.

The board decision effectively cuts off plans of the scholarship committee to establish special funds for Indian and poor students.

The senate itself distributes the budget for scholarship, but the board decides how much money is to be in that budget.

"The rejection of our request, a very reasonable one, was not a very realistic attitude of the board," Martin Stoller, the student member of the scholarships committee, said Tuesday. "It was a slap in the face."

"The board didn't even place a high priority on this year's budget, and wanted us to renegotiate it each year," he said. "We weren't interested in that."

"The committee analyzed the situation and found the board counter-offer of only \$60,000 was hopelessly inadequate," he said.

With such a poor scholarship fund available to new students, York has been getting a decreasing number of first class graduates, even though the high schools are turning out greater numbers of such top students.

From 1966 to 1968 the percentage of first class students enrolling at York declined from 24 to 10.5 per cent, while the percentage of grade 13 students with first class students rose from 17 to 23 per cent.

The scholarship committee decided to resign rather than attempt to distribute the "hopelessly inadequate" offer of \$60,000 from the board.

"It was kind of ridiculous to take that token offer from the board, so we're throwing it out to the senate to hope they can influence the board," Stoller said.

The committee expressed considerable disappointment that the board, which was involved in last year's abortive effort to "donate" a \$450,000 chapel on campus, was unable to find similar such donors this time.

The donor of the chapel is W.P. Scott, chairman of the board.

In an interview Tuesday night Scott said the low scholarship budget could not be compared with the chapel "donation" because

"that was a donation from a single person."

Scott, who is honorary chairman of Wood Gundy Securities and who holds directorships in Hawker Siddeley, Simpson's and Simpson-Sears, said: "I'm in favor of scholarships (but) there's no more money available."

"The board have not the ability to print money," the multi-millionaire said. "I suggest the committee go out and try to find the money themselves."

"Let them resign," he said. Board vice-chairman Allen T. Lambert said he regretted the scholarship committee's decision to resign.

"We're as concerned as anybody else to keep up the level of scholarships at York," Lambert said, "but there's only so much money to go around."

Lambert, chairman and president of the Toronto Dominion Bank and director of Canadian Westinghouse, IBM of Canada and Union Carbide Corp., said the only way the board could get more money for scholarships would be to increase tuition fees, "which we don't want to do."

"There should be a better way of trying to understand the problem and trying to work out a solution," Lambert, also a multi-millionaire, said.

"Just because we don't always get our way we can't just opt out, I don't think."

Canada books being sought by Soc. Sci.

Teaching staff in York's division of social science will be asked to submit a list of Canadian books, articles and publications which are relevant to their courses.

In a meeting of the social science faculty, Tuesday, acting-chairman of the social science division T.W. Olson said he was compiling a file of Canadian material.

Although he said he disagreed with the way EXCALIBUR has been dealing with the issue of Americanization, Olson said he felt it was an important problem at York.

"This is certainly a serious situation when we are not using all of the Canadian material we could be using," Olson said.

Humanities chairman K.H.M. Creal said Tuesday night "we haven't discussed this kind of question," and said "I have issued no instructions" about it.

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York's Murray Stroud dashes after puck last Saturday at Trent. The Yeomen won 6-2, giving them 10-0 wins-losses league record. See Page 19.

Playoffs admission condemned

It's going to cost you \$1 to get to see the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association's semi-final hockey match in the York Arena on Friday and another \$1.50 to see the finals on Saturday and the Men's Athletic Council doesn't like it.

At a meeting of the council Tuesday night councillors passed a motion condemning the idea of selling tickets for York games and condemning the precedent being set by charging admission for the games.

Squash representative Doug Owens said charging admission was against the philosophy of the university.

"We don't want to charge to get into university events," he said in an interview on Tuesday night.

Larry Nancekiville, secretary of the OIAA, said last week that the three clubs in the playoffs split the expenses of the playoffs evenly. "We're not out to make money," he said. "We just want to break even."

Laurentian University and Waterloo-Lutheran will play off in the semi-finals Friday night and the winner will take on York's hockey Yeomen Saturday night at 8 pm. The Yeomen drew a bye as a result of finishing first. York's league record is now 10 wins and no losses.

The decision to hold the playoffs at York was the Yeomen's decision. They feel that playing in

their own arena provides a great psychological and physical advantage. In fact, the Yeomen are undefeated at home this season — even counting exhibition games — with 13 straight victories.

Most of the money from ticket sales will be used to rent bleachers for the arena. There will be seating facilities for about 900 people at the games and standing room for another 400.

Ross approving discipline proposals

By BOB ROTH

University president Murray G. Ross has already implemented 15 recommendations of the Laskin report on student and faculty discipline, it was learned Tuesday.

The announcement came as a shock to Paul Axelrod, president of the Council of the York Student Federation, who Feb. 11 wrote to Ross asking that he not implement the report's 83 recommendations "before the council has expressed its views."

The Laskin committee was struck two years ago by Ross to examine student and faculty conduct at York. It released its final report Nov. 27.

Ross, in a letter Feb. 12, told Axelrod "it is rather late to initiate consideration of the whole report as parts of it are now in the committee process and other parts are about to be, or have been, implemented."

Axelrod is concerned that recommendations are being implemented at the same time that forums are being held by the administration.

Assistant vice-president in charge of student services John Becker has called for

such a forum at Glendon College Monday. "It's absurd," Axelrod said. "Is Ross serious? Is he really listening to people or is he just implementing it as he fancies?"

"We refuse to recognize these recommendations until the council takes a stand on them," he said.

Axelrod was upset that Ross has the power to do "whatever he wants whenever he wants," since the Laskin report "has failed to deal with the York University Act (the act of the Ontario legislature which gives Ross absolute power over student conduct)."

Ross replied the next day that "it is rather late to initiate consideration of the whole report as parts of it are now in the committee process and other parts are about to be, or have been, implemented."

Tuesday night, Becker, who is also secretary of the Laskin committee, said the 15 recommendations that have been implemented reflect or reaffirm university policies that are already in existence.

The concept of a university court system

has been approved by Ross, Becker said, but the details of its operations have not been finalized.

One recommendation approved by Ross calls upon the university to concern itself with student or faculty groups if they "engage in or incite improper interference with academic work or their conduct creates a reasonable apprehension of violence."

The report as it now stands calls for the university court to apply sanctions such as expulsion and suspension against student offenders but suggests that only "a reprimand and an apology or public retraction" be extracted from an administrator.

Axelrod's fears that Ross is about to adopt the whole report were aroused when he learned that the University has already instructed publishers to print a hard-cover edition of the report.

Becker said this did not indicate approval of the report by Ross, and said most recommendations are still open for discussion.