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## Citizenship at York

### Senate vote on secret statistics

By DAVID CHUD

A heated debate arose at Tuesday's university senate meeting when some senators demanded that this year's statistics on the citizenship of York faculty and graduate students be kept secret.

One senator said making the statistics public "opens the ground for the witch-hunters" and senate should not "bow to the whims of the few rabble-rousers."

Following a forty-five minute debate, the senate, York's highest academic body composed of senior faculty and administrators, decided to postpone decision on the matter until today's regular meeting.

The meeting is at 4:30 in the ninth floor senate chambers, Murray Ross building.

Last year's release of the statistics created a controversy at York when it was discovered Canadians were a minority in many departments.

In sociology, for instance, 92% of Ph.D. candidates were non-Canadian. Many were American.

At Tuesday's meeting the student council distributed a memo charging the administration with "doing a great disservice to the members of the university community as well as to the public."

"Our energies should be directed towards seeking out and seriously analyzing the areas of study in which foreign influence is greatest. As students we are concerned with the content of education at this university, and as a starting point it is necessary to be aware of how citizenship and educational training of professors and aspiring professors are related to what is actually taught in the classroom."

"Furthermore, the lack of openness in releasing this data impedes rather than enhances the development of a spirit of cooperation and community within York University."

Harry Crowe, dean of Atkinson College, proposed a motion that the information be included in the report, but the motion was referred to today's meeting after long debate.

Earlier on Tuesday Slater, in explaining the reason for the confidential statistics, told Excalibur:

spoke several times in favour of making the statistics public.

Student Senator Norm Gibson argued, "This is a matter of importance to the senate and the university. The Ontario government asked for the statistics. If they are important to the government they should be important to this senate."

"I don't see how individuals could be determined by looking at the figures," Gibson continued, "but even if they could I don't see what difference it makes. Why should someone be embarrassed about his citizenship?"

Donald Solitar, mathematics department chairman, answered, "The government didn't ask for the

information for educational purposes. This is a political issue and they want the figures for political reasons."

Gibson replied, "I don't pretend to know why the Ontario government wants them. But are we going to start now excluding information that 'could be political' from the senate?"

The issue arose Tuesday when the Council of the York Student Federation protested the university's deliberate omission of the statistics in a brief prepared for the Ontario government's Committee on University Affairs.

Each year the university prepares such a brief requesting operating funds for the year. This year the CUA asked all universities for such faculty information as "country of residence in year previous to appointment, citizenship status at birth, country of first degree, country of last degree."

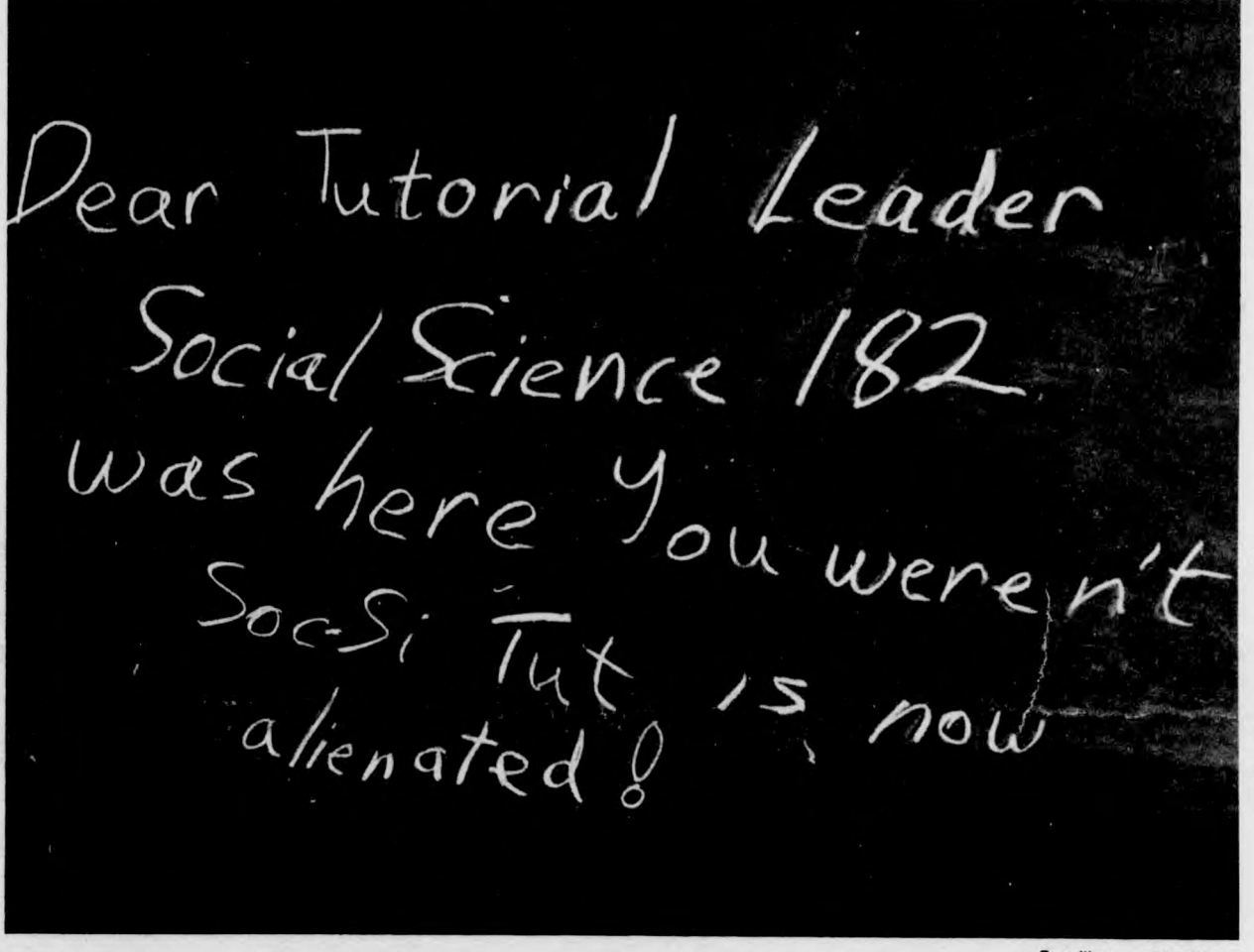
"The main consideration is the privacy of individual students and faculty members. As far as I'm concerned the only confidentiality that I feel strongly about is this one. Secondly, every individual is unique and we must be careful to group statistics into meaningful categories."

When reminded that in some departments the information could be obtained anyway, for example by any student member of the hiring committee in political science, Slater asked, "Don't you consider that odd?"

Later he said, "some departments don't give a damn about the privacy of individuals."

However, Slater said his mind was open on the subject and he would consider releasing the information.

At the senate meeting Slater



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In the draft brief, prepared by president David Slater and other top university officials, York said they would give the statistics for York as a whole, but would not break it down by department or discipline "for reasons of confidentiality."

### Saywell charges Kolko victimized

Dean of arts, John Saywell, Tuesday blasted the Canadian government for not granting landed immigrant status to radical American historian Gabriel Kolko.

Kolko, who received a tenured position with York's history department, is scheduled to teach this year.

Saywell charged that the "Ottawa bureaucracy" is denying the immigrant status needed to teach only because of Kolko's "radical politics" since he meets all apparent qualifications.

"My only conclusion is that the Ottawa bureaucracy said, 'Oh, boy, it's trouble and who needs him,'" Saywell said.

"We have no intention of letting it be and we will do everything we possibly can to exert pressure."

Saywell was more optimistic last week that the status would be granted, but said his source in Ottawa this week "didn't sound as positive as he had before."

"They (the government) never give reasons," Saywell said, ex-

cept that Kolko's remaining in Canada is "not in the national interest."

Kolko has been a constant critic of U.S. foreign policy and advocates "profound social change" in the U.S. which he says is trying to create "total world economic integration not on the basis of equality but of domination."

Saywell said he was "shocked" when Kolko was refused immigrant status.

"It had never entered my head that he would not be admitted into the country."

York has appealed the ruling and is presently awaiting the outcome.

Although scheduled to teach at York this year, Kolko would be breaking the law should he do so without immigrant status.

"We're not letting him meet with his classes," Saywell explained.

Should the appeal on immigrant status fail York will aid Kolko in applying for a work permit which would also allow him to teach, Saywell said.

### Vote on Glendon French

By DAVID STARBUCK

Glendon College Faculty Council will vote today on a motion to abolish compulsory French and suspend the prerequisite of Grade 12 French for admission to Glendon. It is generally expected that the motion will pass handily.

The compulsory nature of French studies at Glendon has long been linked to the continuous decline in enrollment since 1967. In addition student discontent with the French courses has steadily increased.

The stimulus for the proposed change came when David Slater, new president of York University, created a presidential task force to study Glendon College September 14. Slater implied that if Glendon officials could not quickly find a

way of resolving its enrollment difficulties, Glendon would be made into another faculty of arts college.

Several students circulated a pamphlet calling for a general meeting to discuss the implications of the task force. They believe that

the task force threatens the continuing unique nature of Glendon as a public affairs, bilingual, liberal arts college. They are also concerned that students have no meaningful participation in these decisions affecting the future of Glendon.

### Library workers walk out on heat

By RUTHIE CHUD

York library workers walked off their jobs Monday afternoon because of unbearable heat in their

building.

Following a mass meeting in the morning to protest the 90 degree heat the staff went home with permission of their department heads.

Library director Thomas O'Connell, who was not consulted before the walk-out, was unavailable for comment at press time.

Not only was the cooling system turned off in the library, as in the rest of the university, but the heating system was also tested over the weekend creating the excessive heat.

A spokesman for D.A. Dawson, Assistant Director of Physical Plant, said, "The date for shutting off the cooling system throughout the university was advanced this year to save money because the budget of the physical plant was drastically cut."

Monday afternoon physical plant consented to shut off the heating and tried to alleviate the heat by pumping in air from outside, which by this time was about 80 degrees.

### Yippie yowlings

(CUP) "Fuck Canada," shouted American Yippie leader Abbie Hoffman to a group of Alberta students.

"The whole world is at war with the USA. Canada is the only country in the world which has surrendered without a shot."

Hoffman was speaking to university students in Calgary and Edmonton Sept. 8-9 to raise money for the appeal trial of the 'Chicago conspiracy 8' when he made the charges.

He told Canadians their role was to aid American draft dodgers and act as a secondary supply base for them.

He envisioned Canada as a buffer zone for draft dodgers, a place to rest before heading back to "the belly of the monster."

A student in Calgary drew the loudest applause of the day when he protested that "the rebellion in the U.S. is not the same as what we're rebelling against and Canada is not the States."

Another audience member pointed out that Canada's difficulties are related to U.S. domination.

Several Edmonton students who heard the same talk felt Hoffman's attitude towards Canada was strangely similar to that of non-radical Americans.