

Nat. Sci. will meet at 1 pm

Disgruntled Nat. Sci. students are meeting today at 1 pm in Curtis Lecture Hall J.

They plan to discuss further action after last Monday's confrontation in Nat. Sci. 177A between course director Bill Frisken and students.

Organizers say the meeting is open to all those who have any general education requirements in Natural Science, Social Science and the Humanities.

They want some form of student evaluation of the courses to show how ineffective the courses were so far.

Spokesman Jim Brown said he'd like to see student demands dealt equally with faculty considerations. Brown has charged that the Nat. Sci. 177A course is irrelevant and offers no practical solutions to the problems of pollution.

He said that some sort of union of elected course representatives was needed to press for student demands.

Students have complained in Nat. Sci. 177A that the lectures and tutorials are not inter-related well enough. Frisken said that he could not get his colleagues to come to lectures (to better coordinate lectures and tutorials) without some sort of scuffle.

There are 9,844 first year course registrations in the compulsory general education requirements. Natural Science has about 2,800; Social Science, 3,472; and Humanities 3,542.

The University of Toronto has no general education requirements or any compulsory arts courses.

York pension plan still has sex basis

"York has done everything in its power to take sex out of benefits," said R. MacPherson of personnel services at a Tuesday meeting of the York University Staff Association. He was referring to York's new pension plan for staff and faculty.

But staff members didn't agree. In the booklet York University Pension Plan, all references to death benefits are phrased for the widow, not the widower.

"Your widow will receive this benefit commencing on the first day of the month following your death and continuing for her lifetime or until she remarries."

Staff members said they had requested the term spouse be used. As it now stands, no husband of a woman covered by the plan is eligible for death benefits.

Because there are more females than males covered by the pension plan, changing the policy and extending the benefits to all spouses would cost York money, MacPherson says. "I don't know if the university could afford it," he added.

The Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women says, "We found that private pension plans in organizations we examined also generally failed to provide the same benefits to the spouse and children of a female contributor as those provided in the case of a male contributor. We believe this differential treatment should be eliminated."

This year's budget is fixed, MacPherson says, so no changes can be made immediately in the pension plan. "We'll be looking at it. Then, if we extend the plan to cover spouses, we'll be accused of discriminating against the single person."



NOW THERE'S A GOOD SLIDE

Photo by TIM CLARK

So who pulled the toboggan away? With the first snowfall of the season, Phil Cranley and Andy Pick donned their Nanook of the North snowsuits to ward off the Keele St. keen winds. It all began Monday afternoon with a snowstorm that lasted the

night and dumped some three inches of snow on the campus. Snow removal crews worked round the clock to open clogged York roadways. Meanwhile, York students pausing to enjoy the novelty of the white stuff were commenting what essays?

Here's how to rig a convention

MONTREAL — A new organizational twist was unveiled at the recent Quebec Liberal Party annual meeting in Quebec City.

The purpose of the manoeuvre was to defeat controversial resolutions in committee, before they ever came to the floor.

The tactic used was simple, but unique: Paul Desrochers, special adviser to Premier Robert Bourassa, had people with walkie-talkies planted in each of the committees.

In the natural resources committee, according to Gerald Godin in Québec-Press, Desrochers' plant had the words "does not pass" pencilled in next to resolution 138, which dealt with the nationalization of the province's mining companies.

He swung into action during the discussion of resolution 136, a watering-down of 138 that would have required mining companies to make fifteen percent of the ore they mine in

Quebec into finished products in the province. "There are long discussions on 136," the 'spy' reported.

A little later, he confided to his walkie-talkie that, "in a few minutes 138 will come up. According to the breakdown of votes on 136, I think about 20 people will be enough to defeat the resolution."

"A few minutes later," Godin wrote, "the anti-138 commando squad arrived — people of all ages."

Pierre-L. O'Neill in Le Devoir noted that some delegates protested the tactic. However, he said, "the truth is that the whole meeting was rigged. During the time the committee work was going on, a communications network linked by 'walkie-talkie' to a suite at the Château Frontenac served effectively to move about thirty Liberal election workers to the right places at critical times."