

Corroding pipes in grad residences may be removed

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

York's four graduate residences are experiencing corrosion problems in their pipes which may necessitate replacing the entire piping system.

When the four graduate residences were built in 1972, galvanized iron piping was installed in the buildings as a cost-cutting measure.

Because the residences were privately financed through the Ontario Housing Corporation, and not by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities "there was pressure

to keep the initial costs down" said Don Dawson, associate director of physical plant in charge of building maintenance and engineering.

"In the flurry of building activity that was going on at the time, the correct amount of emphasis was not given to our recommendations and we were overruled," he said.

Dawson said galvanized iron was used for pipes larger than one inch in diameter. Copper, however, was installed for pipes one inch and smaller.

Dawson said that copper is the

university standard for pipes three inches and smaller.

After five years, the piping system began to corrode and soon leaks had to be repaired and sections of pipes replaced.

Dawson told Excalibur that when the corroded areas in the piping systems were replaced, 'dielectric fittings' were installed around the areas where the galvanized iron and copper pipes met to reduce electrolysis. (When galvanized iron pipe is used with copper pipe, the rate of iron pipe corrosion is significantly accelerated through electrolysis.)

But because leaks and rust in water are still present in the piping system, the York Physical Plant has approached several mechanical contractors to 'look into the situation.'

Dawson said last June that "we may be contemplating replacing the entire system with copper, but all the cards aren't in yet." He added that any solution to the corrosion problem would be a 'very expensive deal'.

According to Doug Townsend, a research scientist studying corrosion for the Ontario Research Foundation, most

galvanized pipe systems will not last six years before corrosion problems arise unless chemical inhibitors are used.

Another plumbing consultant was quoted in the Canadian Consulting Engineer several years ago as saying, "If water softeners and hot water are combined in galvanized iron pipe, the pipe will not last more than three to five years".

Dawson said that no anti-corrosive chemicals have been added to the water in the residences. Anti-corrosive chemicals have been prohibited in Toronto since 1973.

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CYSF votes no to by-election then reverses its decision

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

The Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) voted at its meeting on Thursday, October 28 to fill five vacancies on council through a by-election to be held November 23 although it took two tries to get an election declared.

Originally, CYSF president Barry Edson moved that by-elections be held on November 24 to fill the vacancies currently on council. CYSF generally holds a by-election each fall to fill vacancies and is directed by the constitution to do so.

Edson's motion was defeated in a move led by Vice-President of Social and Cultural Affairs, Paul Hayden who said he felt there were other means by which the council members could be replaced. Hayden had a proposal to have various campus bodies, primarily the college councils, recommend candidates to CYSF who would then choose the new representatives.

Hayden said he convinced some members to vote against Edson's motion to have an election so he could get his proposal on the floor.

Hayden and others felt a clause in the constitution that referred to the replacement of CYSF representatives would enable them to make the appointments.

Hayden argued for his proposal saying members of the college councils know the people in their colleges best. "Then we would know at least that we had people who would come," he said. Hayden felt the college council

screening of candidates, rather than elections, would ensure better representation. He did not want to see the many resignations that led to the current vacancies occur again.

Hayden also felt his policy "would save time and money".

At the meeting Edson continually supported the concept of by-elections but, according to Hayden, "Barry was going to vote against my motion not because he disagreed with it but because he felt it would look bad and the ULC (United Left Coalition) and Excalibur would complain."

Hayden added, "Barry was originally going to approach council with the idea," but later changed his mind.

Edson was unavailable to comment on Hayden's remarks as he is attending a conference of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) in Regina until today.

Andrew Madden (Founders), Al Dale (Stong), Keith Smockum (Winters), Robin Eaglesham (Winters) and George Clarke (Winters) all voted with Hayden against the original motion to have by-elections.

They were opposed by Edson and ULC members; Mary Morrone (Calumet), Michail debate that if there were by-elections (Graduate Studies).

Madden, vice-president of academic affairs, said in the debate, that if there were by-elections, it would mean council would have three elections in one year; board of governors, the spring general elections plus the

by-election. Said Madden, "It seems to me this is an extremely costly process.

"Secondly, the type of student who would be committed to functioning properly on council is also the sort of student who is very committed to his school work. I think that the timing of late November for campaigning would be very rough on the student who is concerned at that time that his papers are due."

Madden said he would like to see council consider new ways of electing council members.

Al Dale argued in favour of having council appoint the new members so the vacancies could be filled "as soon as possible".

ULC member Weisfeld said the board of governors election could be held at the same time as the by-elections. He said, "There are no reasons for delaying the by-elections".

Mary Marrone of the ULC said, "I'm taken aback by this proposal. There is 38 per cent of council that is going to be put in by appointment? What happened to democracy around here? That's ridiculous! Speaking as a commuter student, most commuter students have very little affiliation with the colleges. This would take away their opportunity to run".

After the original motion failed, Hayden discussed his proposal but did not present it as a motion. Two supporters of his, Madden and Eaglesham were then forced to leave the meeting due to prior commitments.

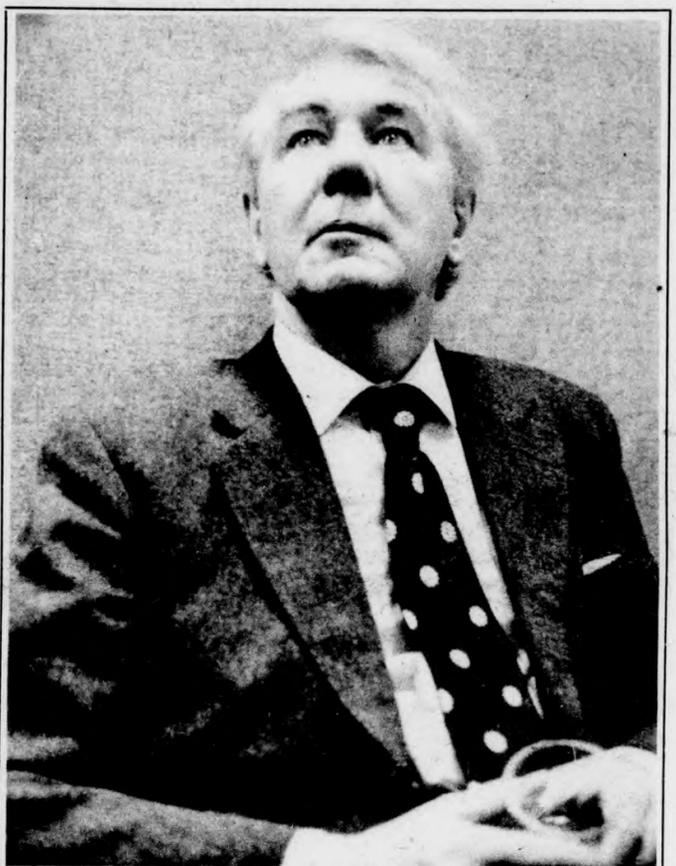
Edson then moved that by-elections be held on November 23. According to McLaughlin representative, Evan Leibovitch, who had been unable to vote on the original motion because he arrived late, it was clear with the departures of Madden and Eaglesham, that the new motion would pass, so everyone present voted for it to make it unanimous.

As a result, the by-elections will be held on November 23 to fill these seats; one in Calumet, one in Founders, one in McLaughlin and two in Vanier. Nominations will open November 9 with the campaign to start on November 16.

At the same meeting, Osgoode student Alex Ahee was elected to be Chief Returning Officer for the council, for the second year in a row.

Council also accepted the resignation of their secretary, Tara Fricker-Ballance, who cited personal reasons.

Paul Nayden was elected interim-president while Edson attended the AUCC conference in Regina.



Sir Michael Redgrave ponders the Excalibur logo at a reception following his performance in "Shakespeare's People" at York last week. See story on page 13. Ed Fox photo

Lakeshore teachers can't get York tenure

By KIM LLEWELLYN

The 21 ex-instructors of the non-defunct Lakeshore Teachers College are considering appealing a Divisional Court decision that they are not entitled to seek tenure for York.

Lakeshore Teachers' College, previously operated by the Ontario ministry of education, was incorporated into York University in 1971. The teachers were guaranteed four years of employment and notification as to whether they were to receive tenure at York at the end of three years. They did not, however, have a voice in this transaction.

York lived up to this obligation and notified the teachers before the three year period was up that they would not be considered for tenure.

The teachers claim they had a right for consideration of tenure and denial of this right was in violation of the York University Act, the rules of the university senate, the Statutory Powers Procedure Act and the Teaching Profession Act.

"Our complaint is not that we had a right to tenure but that we had a right to consideration," says Douglas Taylor, a former Lakeshore teacher.

Justice Samuel Grange agreed with these claims but said that the original agreement between York and the ministry in 1971 takes precedence.

Because of a recent case concerning Lakehead University's teachers' superannuation fund the Lakeshore teachers decided to consider an appeal. The ruling in the case was that a secret agreement, (such as the 1971 agreement between York and the ministry) could not take precedence because it violated the Teaching Profession Act and other statutes.

In 1973, when the teachers of Lakeshore were denied tenure consideration, eight of the faculty members were within five years of retiring. They were then offered one year, renewable contracts with the ministry of education, but have now been notified that these contracts will not be renewed.

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Premier lowers tuition fee proposal to \$100 increase

By AGNES KRUCHIO

Premier Bill Davis is reported to have yielded to political pressure and reduced the proposed tuition fee hike of \$175 for university, and \$100 for community college students, to \$100 and \$75 respectively. The report, written by Claire Hoy of the Toronto Sun Tuesday, could not be confirmed or denied by government officials.

According to the report, Davis made the suggestion to the provincial cabinet, because he was "concerned about the political ramifications of large increases." The increase would mean a 29 per cent jump in tuition fees for university, and a whopping 40 per cent increase for community college students.

Premier Davis was attending a

meeting when Excalibur attempted to contact him, but Carol Vaughn, administrative assistant to Harry Parrot, Minister of Colleges and Universities, said that "the whole package (of the educational budget) would not be presented for another month", and that "the minister had no comment" on the Sun story.

David Warner, (Scarborough-Ellesmere) educational critic of the provincial New Democratic Party, suggested the premier had made some simple calculations. "There are over 130,000 students in post secondary institutions, and except for 9,000, they are all eligible to vote," he said.

"Because OSAP is so inadequate, the pressure to meet

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