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Exam worries have left many students with their hands raised in anguish. Here one desperate student is about to consume a giant wakeup pill before beginning the tiring study ordeal.

No degrees or transcripts if fees withheld: senate

Students who haven't paid their tuition fees won't receive their marks, degrees or transcripts, senate decided last Thursday.

They will be able to pre-register, but will have to pay their fees before final registration in the fall.

The new rule rescinds a 1971 ruling that prohibited academic penalties for non-academic offences.

Vice-president Bill Farr made the motion saying the university is in serious financial state and 2,000 students have yet to pay their fees. Most had participated in the fee strike, which ended mid-February.

Farr said Tuesday \$98,000 was collected last week, but there was still \$772,000 owing to the university. The money has been rolling in at a rate of about \$150,000 a week, he said. Farr claimed "the financial state of the university is not a matter discontinuous with the academics of the university." Ironically, it was Farr who made the motion in 1971 to stop academic penalties for non-academic offences. The rule came out of recommendations of the Laskin report on rights and

responsibilities in the university. At the time, marks were sometimes withheld for \$2 parking fines.

Now, marks will be withheld if tuition is not paid — but not for unpaid parking, library and bookstore bills. Although some thought it would apply for this year only, the new rule apparently has no time limit.

The York student federation passed a motion Tuesday night condemning senate for its decision and demanded that it be rescinded.

"Such methods as collection agencies and small claims court are available for the same purpose," the motion said.

Three weeks ago, the board of governors announced it would not negotiate salary increases with faculty until it had more certain information about the university's financial state. Uncollected tuition fees was one area cited, along with projected government revenues and enrolment projections.

Senate is York's policy-making body — made up mainly of faculty.

CYSF vetoes Excalibur staff's editor selection

York's new student federation took office Tuesday night and its first external business was to reject the Excalibur staff's editor choice for next year.

No official reasons were given for the rejection but unofficially, several councillors said it was a protest against the paper and not editor-elect Brian Milner.

There was no debate on the motion to ratify Milner as editor. The motion was made, council called a recess to caucus, then returned to vote 10-6 against the editor choice.

Milner, a 1972 political science graduate from York who is currently studying journalism at Carleton, said he couldn't understand the move. Milner, who worked on Excalibur for three years while at York, was selected by the staff collective two weeks ago as the best out of the six candidates who applied for the job.

Michael Mouritsen, the new council president, moved to adjourn the meeting as soon as the rejection vote was tabulated effectively cutting off discussion. Speaking after the meeting as to why he rejected Milner, Mouritsen said he thought there was a better editor choice and that he'd heard "negative things" about the editor selection process from two Excalibur staff sources. He refused to elaborate or name his sources.

Just prior to adjournment, Marilyn Smith, the current editor, demanded that council give some reasons for refusing Milner. She said council had told her to tell the staff to pick another editor, but had given no reasons why they should do so.

Mouritsen then said he felt Milner wasn't familiar enough with York. Milner interjected to protest that no one has asked him about his familiarity with York, but he had kept close contact with the campus this past year.

New councillor Jack Layton called the closure before debate "the most flagrant breach of integrity" and newly appointed speaker Bill Bain agreed saying:

"Once again council has used procedural rules to serve its own political ends".

After the meeting, past finance commissioner Rodger Shute, who became social and cultural affairs commissioner Tuesday night said; "I'm not voting against the editor. But this was the only way I could speak out and make my weight felt against the paper. Present his name again next week, you might be surprised," Shute added.

John Theobald, ex-council president and the new external affairs commissioner, refused to comment as to why he voted against Milner.

Patti Bergman, the new communications commissioner in charge of council-newspaper relations, said she was upset over council's actions.

"The paper could be better, but this is no way to achieve that," she said.

Layton commented that the rejection and the way it was handled might well cause an irreparable rift between the two student organizations.

In a staff meeting yesterday, Excalibur staff voted to back Milner and condemned council for its "irresponsibility and undemocratic methods".

They complained that not one council member had bothered to come to an open house Monday to meet Milner and talk to him about the newspaper. The open house had been arranged through John Theobald who said he had notified council members.



BRIAN MILNER
editor-elect

Extra charge for daycare a "mistake"

The university has reversed its decision to charge daycare \$1,600 for rent on three apartments in the Grad residences.

Vice-president for administration Bill Small told daycare supervisor Maria DeWitt that the letter she received concerning the extra charge was due to a "misunderstanding".

The letter, from assistant vice-president John Becker, said daycare's rent subsidy would be frozen at \$7,400 for next year. However, in order to rent three apartments over the summer and meet the rent increase expected next year, daycare would have had to find \$1,600.

DeWitt now understands the rent subsidy will be frozen at \$9,000.