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Workers at York, 238 cleaners, groundsmen and tradespeople, take a strike vote this Sunday after three months of negotiation with York management and the provincial labour board. Meetings broke off several weeks ago, and both sides are expecting a no-board report from the Ministry of Labour. After that the union, Canadian Union of Public Employees, local 1356, can walk out in two weeks. The union was asking for one dollar across the board hike plus 100 per

cent paid benefits, parity with the Toronto School Board and university workers in Windsor. Management now pays two-thirds of benefit costs and offered a six per cent increase to cover all union demands. Male cleaners get \$3.50 per hour, women get \$3.00 and trades people get \$5.90 per hour. Statistics Canada estimated for Excalibur recently that a seven per cent increase alone was necessary to meet the rising cost of living.

Budget planners talks of scrapping Glendon program

Out of sight and out of mind, Glendon College looked like it might have a shaky future when its budget was reviewed by the coordinating committee Saturday.

Glendon was scheduled to reach an enrolment of 1,450 by this year but the joint committee on alternatives which made its final report last term, predicted there would only be 1,286 by next year. This year Glendon retained approximately 80 per cent of its BIU income as compared with 59 per cent in the faculty of arts.

Earlier studies of Glendon admitted the college would require large additional grants to develop its unique bilingual program in Canadian studies — to build up a library and provide out-of-province scholarships. These grants were not available in sufficient amounts so many Glendon people feel it is unfair and unwise to question dropping the program so soon.

In fact, one professor, David McQueen, chairman of the economics department said Monday: "If they try to destroy the program, they'll have a hell of a fight on their hands."

Proposals to enlarge the unilingual stream or even move the bilingual program to the main campus were suggested casually by some members of the committee as avenues were sought to increase enrolment and make the campus more of a money-making venture.

The coordinating committee is now trying to cut more than \$3 million from the budget requests of the various faculties, the administration, and the physical plant to bring them in line with an expected revenue of \$43,574,000. Approximately a \$1 million deficit is planned.

The five-member committee was appointed before Christmas by the senate and former president David Slater partially as a budget advisory committee to the president.

It is hoped they will have a global budget suggestion for president John Yolton within the next week.

To expedite their review of the budget, vice-president of finance Bruce Parkes has prepared a preliminary proposal with cuts based on previous allocations with certain adjustments related to the amount of income generated by the faculty.

Enrolment at Glendon and in the faculty of arts is dropping off so Parkes and the committee are insisting these faculties should not

retain too much of the income earned through formula financing (basic income units) and thus over-tax growth faculties.

Many of the university's current budget problems were caused by the Ontario government's method of financing post-secondary education. Financing geared to enrolment encouraged the development of new universities like York, but now as enrolment falls off universities find themselves with not enough money to go around.

And much to the apparent consternation of the committee, money cannot be saved by letting faculty go. A senate resolution has forbidden it for this year.

Therefore, with money in short supply and most costs fixed the committee has little leeway for reassessing priorities.

So two of the members, John Buttrick, professor of economics and Joe Green, assistant dean of fine arts, both Americans, seemed to be pushing Saturday for a hurried review of the weak sister Glendon program.

21 faculty axed so far

Twenty one faculty on one year contracts have been told there is not enough money to keep them around York again next year.

Letters notifying them of the contract terminations were sent before the mandatory Feb. 1 deadline.

Vice-president Bill Farr said Tuesday 45 faculty received letters but not all terminations were for budgetary reasons: There is a planned annual turn-over of eight positions at Osgoode; eight faculty on leaves of absence from other universities did not intend to stay at York; and seven faculty were asked to leave for academic reasons.

Seventeen of those dropped for monetary reasons are from the faculty of arts which this year had approximately 450 faculty members.

This year no full time faculty will be fired for budgetary reasons following a university senate resolution to that effect, but the way the enrolment picture for next year is developing many faculty may yet face the axe.

Grade 13 applications show enrolment down again

Next year's enrolment picture does not look good for York.

There have been steady indications since December that the level of grade 13 applications is down from last year at York and across the province.

However Ted Olson, of the senate academic policy and planning committee said last week it is impossible to predict exactly how significant the drop will be.

Sandy McNeil of the admissions office said yesterday that although a strict comparison of grade 13 applications can not be made with last year's figures, applications to the faculty of arts have dropped from 6,478 to 4,955.

He explained that this year's figures do not include fourth choice applicants of which there were 260 last year.

With liberal and pure sciences lumped together applications are up from 1,586 to 1,868.

In fine arts, where applications were expected to rise this year, there has been a significant decline. To date 1,065 had applied last year, while only 740 have applied this year.

Glendon's bilingual stream has also taken a beating. Applications are down from 484 to 312. But the unilingual stream is up from 171 to 375.

McNeil said that applications may be slow this year because of a foul up in the ministry which prevented forms from reaching many schools on time.

We will have to wait until March 1 for an accurate picture, he said.

Olson was hopeful last week that the grade 13 short fall will be off-set

partially by non-grade 13 applicants attracted to York in relatively high numbers in the past.

He would not attempt to explain the decline in university enrolment because of the many factors influencing it, but pointed out that even high school enrolment has fallen off sooner than planners had expected.

"The declining enrolment is not something that York should lacerate itself for, because it's happening in the high schools also," he said.

Students underwhelmed by election

By MICHAEL KULISH

Council of the York Student Federation elections are coming up next week. In an attempt to gauge how concerned York students are with the responsibility of electing their 28 representatives, Excalibur asked 30 voters these questions: Are you aware of the elections? Do you intend to vote? Why or why not? Do you have any ideas or policies for the

future council?

Walter Passarella, Stong 1: "I really couldn't care one way or the other, but I don't think enough effort has been made to inform people."

Tom Matthews, Stong 2: "I prefer to wait until I hear the candidates' platform. York's problems are mostly the fault of the administrators and not the council. The council should concern itself

with the problems of student apathy."

Dave Courtney, Founders 3: "I live in my own little world and I guess most people do. I can't see how people involved in serious academic studies can find the time to become strongly involved with external responsibilities."

Gabrielle de Montmollin, MacLaughlin 1: "I will vote only if I

know enough about the people running."

Other Comments: "I don't know anything about this university."

"No one tries to get anything started and no one tries to inform us."

"I've seen all the election signs but I don't know what it's all about." "I'll vote if it's convenient."