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## Committee proposes

### Close cafeterias, single meal plan

By MICHAEL MOURITSEN

The University Food Service Committee (UFSC) voted Monday night to recommend a single compulsory meal plan of \$460 for resident students next year.

During a record four-hour meeting, the committee also recommended the closing of one servery and two dining halls in college complex one (which consists of Founders, Vanier, Winters and McLaughlin Colleges), the partial closing, with reduced service, of the Central Square cafeteria, and the closing during the summer of the Atkinson College cafeteria.

The UFSC, an advisory committee to the assistant vice-president of business operations, Harry Knox, consists of student, faculty and staff representatives.

At its meeting on March 18, the UFSC defeated, by a vote of 2-6 with six abstentions, a motion to approve in principle a compulsory meal plan for resident students next year.

Following that vote, the committee directed the UFSC secretary, assistant ancillary services director Norman Crandles, to survey other universities with experience in optional meal contracts.

Six Canadian and three American universities were polled by telephone, and Crandles noted that all universities adopting an optional meal plan experienced an immediate loss in food revenue of between 20 and 40 per cent.

#### VOTE REVERSAL

Mike Hennessey, a committee member, explained the reversal of last week's vote: "This week we were presented with figures and, for all the options, they showed much lower losses than if we dropped the compulsory plan."

Last week's vote was explained by the Founders representative on the committee, Ron Weagant, who said that members "wouldn't vote in favour of the compulsory plan without

knowing more information; it was an attempt to delay a firm decision on the matter."

Crandles presented a report which predicted a food service deficit next year of \$228,000 if an optional plan was adopted and if existing facilities continued in operation.

Resident students now are required to subscribe to one of four meal plans, ranging in value from \$420 to \$690. A discount is offered on all but the lowest plan. After approving the compulsory \$460 plan for next year, the UFSC suggested that some form of discount on the plan — possibly 5 per cent — be offered to students.

#### ESTIMATED DEFICIT

A recommendation to reduce the number of food outlets on campus has been before the UFSC for over a month. The Crandles report estimated a deficit of \$233,000 next year if existing facilities are continued with a compulsory resident meal plan. By closing Central Square cafeteria (except for coffee and sandwich service), plus a servery and two dining halls in college complex one and the Atkinson College cafeteria during the summer, the deficit would be reduced to \$75,000, the report said.

Most of the saving will occur in physical plant maintenance charges levied by the university, and in labour costs, according to the Crandle report. The one servery still open in complex one will be operated continuously, rather than opening just for breakfast, lunch and supper periods as is now the case.

Among the subjects to be considered at the next UFSC meeting on Friday will be the sale of food by college coffee shops and senior common rooms, outside catering for special functions, and the recipient of the catering contract for next year.

The current caterer, VS Services (Versa Food) has indicated it would like the food contract again.



Who says the glamour of show business is dead? John Arnold (left), and Bill Flowers dressed in full evening attire, present their candidates for last night's Founders beauty contest. The Founders'

Savage Superstar hockey team planned the controversial ceremony to choose this year's Miss Savage Superstar, despite flack from various opposed groups. The details appear on page three.

#### 10.5 per cent increase

### Faculty association obtains raise takes steps toward unionization

By ROSEMARY McCRACKEN

York University's Faculty Association (YUFA) has agreed to a 10.5 per cent salary increase next year.

The YUFA negotiating committee had been talking with the administration about salary increases since last October.

In February, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities announced grants which gave York University an extra \$1.5 million.

With the news of the increase in grants, YUFA immediately reopened negotiations with the university on salary increases.

#### BREAKDOWN

According to faculty association president, Dennis Russell, the proposed 10.5 per cent increase breaks down into a 7 per cent cost of living increase and a 2.5 per cent fund for "natural professional advancement which will

reflect the increased value of an experienced faculty member to the University." It was agreed that this latter increase would be allotted in favour of the lower-paid faculty members.

#### MERIT INCREASE

The remaining one per cent of the proposed 10.5 per cent increase comes out of a "merit" fund distributed at the discretion of the president of the university.

The salary increase has already been accepted by the university's Board of Governors. A YUFA ballot has been taken which shows 5 to 1 in favour of the increase and breakdown.

Russell cited several "loose ends" which have yet to be resolved. These include the question of a subsidized housing loan fund for faculty members as well as an anomalies fund.

Russell stated that YUFA is

"seriously thinking" about becoming a union. There have been several movements among Canadian faculty associations to form legal bargaining units. Notre Dame University of Nelson, British Columbia has already unionized its faculty members.

"We would still remain within the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT)," said Russell.

#### ABSOLUTE POWER

"At the moment our bargaining position is entirely a gift of the administration. The Board of Governors has absolute powers.

"A union could allow YUFA to submit to arbitration. I see this as the most positive step in unionization. We'd have the right to all the arbitration procedures laid down by the Ontario Labour Relations Act.

"If we had been unionized last year we could have taken the 4.5 per cent increase imposed on us by the Administration to arbitration," said Russell.

YUFA's steps toward unionization are at present very tentative. "We are in the process of revising our constitution in conformation with the Labour Relations Board. Then we will make application for certification. My guess is that we will not be ready for this until the fall," said Russell.

"Whereas unionization could possibly hurt support staff (some are claimed by other unions), the unionization of faculty could only bind us together."

#### ELECTIONS SOON

YUFA presently has an 85 per cent membership. YUFA elections will take place within the next month. The new executive will take office May 1.

Gabriele Paddle, president of the York University Staff Association (YUSA), said the faculty raise "just goes to show that the administration thinks the faculty is worth more than the support staff."

"They've got more ties with the university administration. They've got more ways of applying pressure. We've got no way of applying pressure... yet," said Paddle.

#### "Hang in there"

### Fun motto means more than meets the eye.

By WARREN CLEMENTS

The Romans had a word for it, but that doesn't mean York has to use the same word.

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Following Excalibur's recent investigation into the origins of York's Latin motto, *Tentanda Via*, Pete Kelly, director of student records, phoned up to ask what all the fuss is about.

"Literally it means 'the way is to be tried,'" he explained. "It's a gerundive agreement with the word 'est' (is) omitted.

"But that's the way the Romans said it. When you translate it, you should put it into your own idiom. If you were translating it into Scottish, for example, it would be 'Keep right on to the end o' the road'.

"A more modern translation might be, 'Hang in there'. Or 'reach for your objective, reach for your star'. The 'tua' (your) doesn't need to be in there.

"It's a hell of a fun motto, when you think of it. People think Latin is dead. I think it's immortal. It's just the way you look at things."

How, we wondered, did York get such a fun motto in the first place?

The next mail brought an answer from Asta Alender, administrative assistant responsible for graduation in Atkinson student programmes, who had scoured the files to find an undated press release written anonymously a few years back.

"The new motto of York University is *Tentanda Via*," it announced breathlessly. "It was selected as most suitable from over 200 suggestions made by various high school students in Ontario, and was submitted by John M. Court, a fifth year high school student of Islington."

Court's prize was a \$300 bursary at York, presented by York's first president, Murray G. Ross.

The three judges noted that the motto was taken from Virgil's *Georgics*, book three, line eight.

"It suggests," they wrote, "that youth must follow a course in which they acquire knowledge and sensitivity and learn to communicate accurately and effectively, thereby dis-

tinguishing themselves in the eyes of their fellow men."

The motto, they concluded, "most accurately describes the outlook and philosophy of York University and of the students who will attend it."

Hot on the Latin trail, Excalibur phoned up the Glendon campus to find out the meaning of its motto, *Alteri Saeculo*.

Nobody knew. Dean's assistant Kirsten Nielsen said all the college's stationery bore the York "*tentanda via*" letterhead.

But philosophy professor Henry Harris came to the rescue with the discovery that the Glendon phrase is a snippet from Latin poetry.

"*Serit arbores quos alteri saeculo prosint*," a fragment of Statius *Caecilius*, was translated by Harris as "He (the farmer) plants trees which will be profitable for another generation (than his own)." Presumably, then, the Glendon motto means "for the next generation."