

New joint committee will carry on planning

According to W.C. Fields, there's a sucker born every minute, but at York it seems that committees approach that birthrate. The latest senate off-spring is intended to direct York through the present enrolment budget crisis but its effectiveness is not predictable.

Many sources agree it will all depend on the membership.

The co-ordinating committee, intended to carry on the work of the Joint Committee on Alternatives and approved by senate at a session last night, will be composed of five members, three to be elected by the senate and two to be appointed by the president, David Slater.

It will have three main functions. It is to complete studies begun by the JCOA and implement JCOA recommendations designed to trim some of York's expendable fat, find ways to operate more efficiently and bring back the students; to advise the president on budgetary matters keeping in mind senate determined priorities; and finally assist the president in providing for a permanent method of continuing these executive functions.

Although the JCOA brought the final proposal minus the membership clause to senate, a majority of the 21-member committee do not support it. The motion passed by a 5-2 vote in a Joint Alternatives meeting Tuesday night.

The committee had agreed Monday to a similar committee structure in an almost unanimous vote but that proposal made very specific reference to a membership that had the confidence of the committee.

Dean of arts John Saywell was suggested as chairman and Barry Richman dean of administrative studies, Cal Graham, student senator and Bruce Parkes vice-president in charge of finance were asked to sit on the committee. The senate was to elect a fifth member from the faculty.

But president Slater, who was not at the Monday meeting objected to

this proposal on the grounds that it implied a lack of confidence in his ability to be president. A special meeting was called for Tuesday night and he asked the committee to consider two possible alternatives and advise him on the results of their deliberations. He said he would then consider the possibility of resigning. He then left the meeting.

The sense of further discussions was that the president objected to having the membership decided without his consultation and to the implications of being asked to delegate significant management or executive authority to such a group.

His recommendations would have tended to pull the committee more under presidential control. The group learned after Slater left that Saywell would not agree to chair the

committee and at this point the other nominees refused to serve.

Some JCOA members expressed the doubt that their proposal might not pass through senate if that body did not have a significant role in determining the membership.

Two suggestions for the composition of the committee were rejected, discussion rambled, a revised version of the committee proposal incorporating elements suggested by Slater and worded so that the intent was clear the committees did not want Slater to resign passed by the 5-2 margin, adjournment was moved and the meeting ended abruptly.

In senate last night the proposal to have the president appoint two of the five members was supported by

certain senior senators whom sources say were in consultation with the president all afternoon. It passed by a wide majority.

The committee must report to

senate at least two times before it's disbanded in June.

A provision to ensure that a student would be appointed to the committee was defeated by senate.

Senate takes report JCOA work finished

After two months of marathon meetings, the Joint Committee on Alternatives yesterday presented its final report to senate. The bulky report included detailed breakdowns of budgets for this year and next along with a summary of how to save \$375,000 in administrative areas.

The committee based its budget projections on assurances that no faculty would be cut next year. The 21-member group has gone to the board of governors with plans for deficit financing next year, and reported that the board has agreed to consider this plan.

As the major reason for the budget crisis was a shortfall in student enrolment, much of the committee's report is an analysis of enrolment projections with area maps to show where York recruiting can best succeed. The report also includes a detailed transportation plan to link up the campus with the York Mills subway stop and various points in

the west end. If accepted by senate, the plan will go into effect next September and provide cheap direct transportation to the campus.

Senate has accepted the report and will discuss its details at a meeting next Thursday.

The committee began ground work in areas of computer servicing to set up central information centres at York. Campus services like the bookstore, food services and the residences are also recommended for further study.

Various academic programs, such as non-degree studies, decentralization of graduate studies to various faculties, and the determination of priorities are further emphasized in the report.



Make up of new committee brought York President David Slater to the brink of resignation earlier this week.

Slater demands loyalty oath Crowe refuses, college agrees

Atkinson college faculty have come out swinging in defense of their dean over an alledged demand from York president David Slater that Harry Crowe give him an oath of loyalty or face dismissal.

At a Monday meeting of Atkinson College Council, a motion was passed stating that the council "deplores the reprehensible attempt of president Slater to exact an oath of co-operation or loyalty declaration from dean Crowe." The council further forbade any Atkinson dean to make such an oath.

According to Crowe, Slater made the demand Sunday at a closed meeting of the Joint Committee on Alternatives with the rider that Crowe declare his support within five minutes.

Crowe responded by walking out of the meeting. Such a demand was "an insult to the office and integrity of a dean," he said Monday.

During the Atkinson council meeting, a letter from Slater was handed to Crowe. Crowe read it and commented; "democracy is a good thing. The five minute deadline has

now become a couple of months." Slater has refused to comment.

A struggle has been waging since October when it was shown the administration had miscalculated its budget and further recommended that 130-160 faculty be fired as economy measures. The Joint Committee on Alternatives was set up to draw up new initiatives and a budget.

Over the week-end, the committee continued its blitzing. While sessions were going on, Slater apparently met individually with deans and senior faculty and asked whether he should resign now, during the summer, or complete his seven to ten-year term. When he returned to

the committee meeting, he moved the session go in-camera and then declared he had "broad and general support" to continue.

He then proposed a steering committee to help run the university. The committee included some new innovations, but essentially endorsed the pre-crisis way of running the university — with executive powers in the hands of the president.

Some committee members asked for changed administration practices and more committee powers. Many expressed little faith in the current administration. A straw vote was taken, with a 12-7 vote in favour of Slater. It was then Slater made his loyalty demand of Crowe.

Computers know all little privacy — report

OTTAWA (CUP) — A federal government report says that computers represent a threat to society in their denial of people's right to privacy.

The report, released last week, was produced by government officials and outside experts and was conducted by the departments of communications and justice.

"By almost every act, from acquiring a passport to buying a car," says the report, "each citizen leaves a trail of data behind." This trail of data includes a great deal that is not necessary for the purpose at hand — information that might consequently be used against the individual.

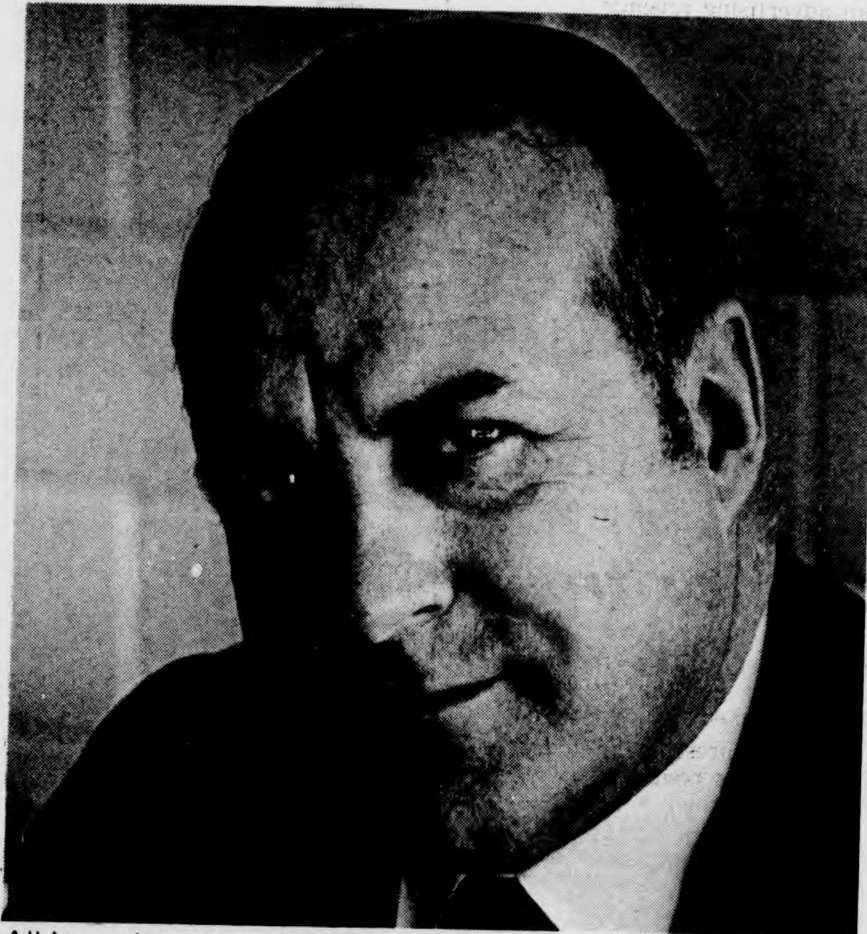
The report notes the "disparity in power between individuals and institutions". While institutions are utilizing computer technology to acquire increasing amounts of information about citizens, there is no

similar increase in the knowledge people have of these institutions.

The task force drew specific conclusions and made suggestions to facilitate the protection of individuals. One calls for specific privacy-protective rules to regulate the federal governments data banks.

The report also suggests the need for an ombudsman with the power to intervene in cases where the privacy rights of an individual may be violated, along with a "continuing surveillance agency responsible for monitoring the conduct of data banks within the jurisdiction of the government."

The task force also recommended some type of control over the trans-border flow of digital information. It cited the need for "Canadian companies and agencies making substantial use of data banks outside the country to register with an appropriate public body".



Atkinson dean Harry Crowe refused Slater's demand for a loyalty oath Sunday. Atkinson faculty backed Crowe.

GSA votes \$600 to daycare

By PAUL THOMSON

The Graduate Student's Association unanimously agreed last Thursday night to give campus daycare budget funds left over from last year as well as whatever surplus there is at the end of this academic year.

Last year's surplus amounts to about \$600 according to outgoing president Dave Millar.

Millar said the association had a "moral commitment" to donate at least that amount according to a decision last year that any

unallocated money would go to daycare.

Daycare spokesman Bill Crane told the meeting "all in all our financial picture is pretty bleak". Daycare's net deficit at present amounts to \$9,743, of which \$3,000 is a carry-over from last year, Crane explained that the extra expense this year came from daycare's expansion and new structure, with the kids divided into three sections according to age.

In addition daycare now has the expense of a full-time administrative supervisor. Crane said

expansion has made it impossible for parents to administer the centre themselves. He added daycare is now trying to get the university to pay the supervisor's salary on grounds that the centre provides an essential service to the university community.

The rest of the \$2,000 GSA funds went to the tenants' association in the graduate residences (\$160); the chess club (\$80); Waves magazine (\$40); and the York homophile association (\$50). In addition, the association plans to set up an emergency loan fund for graduate students.