# Rationing student access

### By NANCY PHILLIPS

In order to maintain the academic quality of their departments Mass **Communications and Psychology** are both considered mechanisms to ration access to their programmes.

The community was made aware of these proposed changes when the Faculty of Arts released its Academic Plan earlier this month. The plan was discussed in detail at a Faculty of Arts Council meeting last Monday.

In the plan, Dean Tom Traves stated that in order to meet faculty and student expectations for course selection, advising, and attention in the Mass Communication and Psychology departments, it would be necessary to ration access to their programmes.

"It is distressing to have to limit students' programme options in this fashion, but our commitment to

quality requires it for now," Traves states.

> Mass Communications Coordinator Fred Fletcher said that enrolment in Mass Communications is expected to rise to 900 students in the next five years, unless controls

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are implemented. He said financial considerations would make it impossible to hire enough full-time professors to meet this demand.

Mass Communications "has developed a scheme," said Fletcher, where "students would be required to achieve either a B in the core course, or a B average in the their first two Mass Communications courses in order to proceed to third year." Currently a grade of C+ is required to continue in any Faculty of Arts honours programme.

Fletcher said that the new requirements will likely be in place by next September, but they "would not apply to anyone already in the programme."

Fletcher would also like to see more sections of the core Mass Communications course, or the establishment of a series of different core courses which, if created, would begin in two years.

Chair of Psychology Kathryn Koenig said her department has not formed a policy yet, but one will be set before the end of the academic year. She explained that the increasing enrolment in Psychology must be controlled as the department can't keep hiring professors.

### Cliche of the Week

No Flies on Me - I'm alert; I'm functioning vigorously; I'm taking advantage of my opportunities. It is a farmer's image, drawing from the fact that flies settle more on a standing horse or cow than one that is moving briskly. The Detroit Free Press offered a definition in 1888: "There ain't no flies on him, signifies, that he is not quiet long enough for moss to grow on his heels, that he is wide awake." Even earlier there was the expression, "don't let flies stick on your heels," which appeared in an 1836 British publication.

## **Glendon comes to** terms with CYSF

### By GARRY MARR

The Glendon College Student Union (GCSU) and the Council of York Student Federation (CYSF) have agreed to a new working relationship.

After meeting early last week, **CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt** and (CYSF) President Barratt finalized the terms of Glendon's new associate membership with the CYSF.

The agreement was initiated by President Harry Arthurs' Student Government reforms. Earlier this year, Arthurs' Student Government reforms eliminated the Trust Funds which existed between the CYSF and four colleges - Bethune, Osgoode, Calumet, and Glendon - and ordered each of these colleges to establish a formal relationship with the CYSF.

The major points of the agreement include: THe CYSF will formally represent Glendon on issues common to all undergraduates; the President of the GCSU will sit on the CYSF

Constituency Committee - a body which addresses University-wide issues; Glendon will pay the CYSF \$1200 or 2 per cent of the total amount created when Glendon Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students pay \$13.50 for Central Student services; and Glendon now reserves the right to have representation on a number of University committes, such as the Food Committee or the Smoking Policy Committee.

"I am very happy that Glendon is now an associate member of the CYSF," said Hasselfeldt. "I hope the arrangement will facilitate greater co-operation and communication between the two councils."

'We finally have a clear definition of the relationship between the CYSF and the GCSU," said Barratt. "We now formally recognize what the CYSF can and must do for us, but most significantly, we have remained essentially independent.

The new agreement will take effect as soon as it is passed by both councils.

# Referenda guidelines drafted by committee initiated by White Paper

#### By GARRY MARR

A new committee has been established to formulate guidelines for University-wide referenda.

The committee - composed of CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt, **Glendon College Student Union** President Jennifer Barratt, Graduate Students Association President Lee Wiggins, and Provost Tom Meininger - was formed to address President Arthurs' White Paper concern regarding the standards for the conduct of referenda on campus.

After meeting earlier this month, Hasselfedlt, Barratt, and Wiggins met with Meininger last Thursday and presented him with a draft set of guidelines.

"The meeting went very well," said Meininger. "We have reached agreement on a substantial number of points. We should be completed

after two or three more sessions."

Both Hasselfeldt and Barratt were pleaed with the committee's inception and progress. "I am happy that a committee of this sort has been formed," Barrett said. "Referenda guidelines are needed. We never would have had the problems with Excalibur if referenda guidelines were in place."

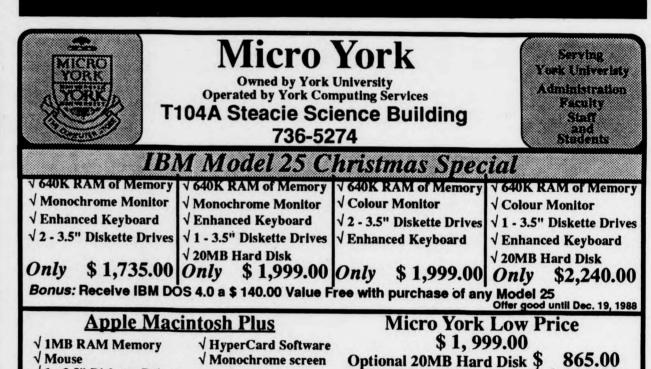
Glendon students heavily protested against the manner in which Excalibur conducted its October 20 referendum, and eventually had all their ballots disqualified.

Hasselfeldt said that a major point the committee discussed was the possibility of having a standing referenda committee - a studentrun body that would be in charge of hiring a Chief Returning Officer and ensuring that referenda guidelines

were followed.

Other guidelines proposed included: The organization of open forums on upcoming referenda on both campuses by the question initiator, all recognized student governments must be informed about a referendum at least 21 days in advance, campaigning for refereda must start at least 14 days prior to voting, and ensurance that advertising, ballots, and polling clerks be bilingual.

The committee will present its proposals to the Student Relations Committee early January.

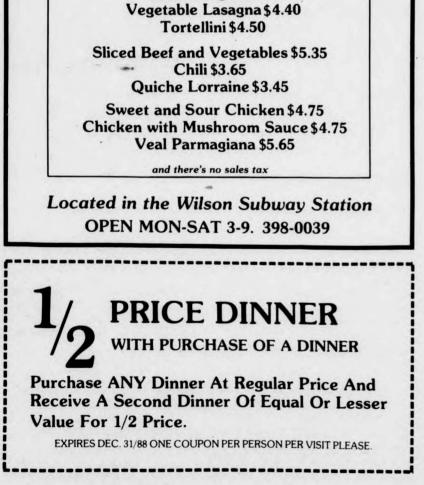


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