

Frats illegal except for Osgoode

by Kandy Biggs

Fraternalities are illegal at York but one group has by-passed this ruling. Phi Delta Phi, a fraternity associated with Osgoode Hall since 1896, will be allowed to continue here.

The York Senate ruling states, "No York university student may be a member of a university social fraternity or sorority," (Jan. 12, 1962).

Last year when Osgoode's affiliation to York was imminent the fraternity issue was raised. Phi Delta Phi stated they were a professional club not to be considered on the same basis as a social fraternity.

A presentation was made to the Senate by the Dean of Osgoode, G. LeDain. "He led the

fight for us," said Gordon Kirke, president of Phi Delta Phi, adding, "He's not a frat brother but he was interested in our cause." Former dean H. Allan Leal, now chairman of the Law Reform Commission of Ontario and a Phi Delta Phi alum, also backed them. They won.

"Unfortunately we had to found our cause on the word 'social'," said Kirke. "I think we would have preferred the challenge of the resolution of the Senate."

Kirke feels the ruling is an unfair one. "We wonder where they derive their jurisdiction to hinder freedom of association."

"It's probably an illegal resolution," commented John Adams, president of YSC, adding, "Should the Senate have ever

made such a resolution in the first place?"

Phi Delta Phi is the first fraternity allowed at York. Will they open the doors for others?

Apparently not. Delta Chi, another fraternity associated with Osgoode, is still out in the cold. "As far as we know they've made no further decisions - we're not allowed on campus" said Don Hawkin, president of Delta Chi.

To enter law school a student must have a minimum of two years university education but generally they have a recognized degree. Active members in the fraternities range from 24 to 29 years of age. Both claim many prominent alumni in their history.

"Rushing" is open to all students in both fraternities and unlike some undergraduate ones there is no hazing, blackball voting, compulsory meetings or fines. The cost to belong is considerably less than undergraduate ones.

Activities at both of these fraternities include lectures by alumni and special guests, conducted tours to various institutions and of course many social activities. Thursday night at Phi Delta Phi is a stag affair when they invite girls from U. of T. and nursing residences. Why not York girls? "No prejudice—just laziness" commented Kirke. Hawkin, Delta Chi, considers his fraternity "generally a social outlet for the whole law school."

Their academic achievements are excellent. Last year the students who stood 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 9th were all from Phi Delta Phi.

One of the criticisms of fraternities is that a student will not get involved with extra-curricular activities at school. "This is shot down by our record," commented Kirke. He is co-editor of the law journal with another fraternity brother.

The president of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, Greg Cooper, is also a member of Phi Delta Phi. "I consider the type of student who would join a frat is also the type who would get involved with extra-curricular activities at school," said Kirke.

What are the advantages to joining one of these frats? "It depends on the individual," said Kirke. "Even though it is a professional fraternity it offers social activities and an opportunity to meet with other members of the profession." Hawkin also feels the chance to meet with other lawyers is an important function and the fact that a student has brothers one or two years ahead of him "gives him a chance to orientate himself in the law school."

Gordon Kirke commented "I completely agree there are valid reasons against joining a frat but there are valid reasons against smoking - its the individual's choice."

Both fraternities will remain downtown when the new Osgoode building opens this September. "It definitely will be an inconvenience," said Kirke, adding "We're hoping to draw on Bar Admission students who will be at the old school. Of course, we still plan to make the frat attractive enough that guys will come down here." Delta Chi intend to draw from the U. of T. Law School with the hope they will eventually be allowed up here.

There are questions which still remain unanswered: Is the York Senate infringing on an individual's freedom by this ruling? Will the existence of frats at York challenge the college system as the centre of socialization? Finally, why was one Osgoode fraternity allowed at York and the other one refused?

Cross Canada Campus

CUS hanging on, just barely

OTTAWA

The Canadian Union of Students came off with a draw in four referendums Jan. 24 — but they were only the first of a dozen planned in the next five weeks.

The union came out with wins at Mount St. Vincent and King's College in Halifax—the Mount was voting to join for the first time although King's was a member going into the vote—and lost St. Mary's, also in Halifax, and the University of Victoria.

With the announcement of an anti-CUS vote keeping Southern Alberta Institute of Technology out a week and a half ago, that leaves the organization facing four referendums this week, three the next, one in mid-February, three others not yet laid down and a big one early in March.

Left with 25 members as round two opened, the organization faced votes at Calgary Monday, Waterloo Wednesday, Edmonton Thursday and Winnipeg Friday.

The Saskatoon campus of the University of Saskatchewan votes Feb. 5, the next day both Queen's and York Glendon cast their ballots, and Lakehead goes Feb. 19. University of British Columbia plans a two-day referendum March 3-4.

St. Thomas Aquinas in Fredericton had originally scheduled a referendum Jan. 16, but moved it back to sometime in the third week of February. Selkirk College in Castlegar, B. C., and Vancouver City College, neither of them members now, both plan vote counts sometime.

Waterloo to switch structure

WATERLOO

The University of Waterloo is proposing a structural change that would replace its board of governors and senate with a single level body.

Administration spokesmen told a press conference Jan. 24 that the new body will be the final authority for both financial and academic matters, although an exact definition of its responsibilities is still to be worked out.

No date for the switch has been set, but the administration has indicated it hopes to have the system included in the University of Waterloo Act at the 1969-70 session of the Ontario legislature.

The new body would have representatives from faculty, administration students, alumni and the general community. However, the precise composition of the "board", one of the most contentious areas, has not been determined.

Pending more concrete details, both the board of governors and the senate have agreed to seat representatives from each other and from the students.

Student president John Bergsma called the announcement a step in the right direction.

Fees fight fomented at Regina

REGINA

The student council at this University of Saskatchewan campus is threatening to take the university administration to court in the fees fight here.

The council voted Monday that the administration return fees paid "in trust" by the campus before the squabble began Dec. 31 with the board of governors' statement that it would not collect student union fees because of the activities of The Carillon, the campus newspaper.

In another motion, the council demanded that books, records and funds of the student union building fund be returned by the administration by noon Friday.

The administration has been holding the funds - about \$90,000 - in trust for the council. Last year's council discovered that the money had not been invested as promised by administration representatives and subsequent action forced the university to invest the money.

Red tape stops Guelph pres.

GUELPH

It's official. W. C. Winegard, administration president of the University of Guelph, will not be running for student council president this spring.

But he almost did. A chunk of red tape was needed to rule him out.

It started several days ago in the offices of The Ontarion, the campus newspaper. Discussing the upcoming council elections, one staff member suggested that Winegard run.

It was meant and initially taken as a joke, but soon became a matter of serious discussion which picked up momentum. A nomination form was prepared and money was raised to pay his student council fees.

Informed by telephone that a movement had begun to draft him into declaring his candidacy, Winegard would not believe that the caller was serious and said: "That's the best joke that's happened to me all year."

He was still laughing when a five-man committee walked into his office and presented him with a nomination form to sign. He was told that his union fees had been taken care of and that the students who nominated him were serious.

All bets were off this week, though—somebody remembered that candidates had to be registered Guelph students in courses leading to a degree.

Winegard could have enrolled himself in graduate school but declined, and the matter was settled.

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