

Senate approves sanctions

No degrees granted if library fines unpaid

By OAKLAND ROSS

York students in their graduating year who owe more than \$25 in library fines will have their degrees withheld as a result of a decision reached during last Thursday's senate meeting.

The only qualification to the decision is that a student must be given the opportunity to appeal the withholding of his degree to the senate library committee not less than 72 hours before his graduation.

The decision was reached after a lengthy debate involving a maze of abortive amendments, sub-amendments, motions to refer back to committee, and repeated complaints from senators about "getting bogged down in trivial details".

Midway through the debate, York alumni senator Sid Kimel attempted to mount an opposition to the motion but, due to procedural confusion, his attempt failed.

After the meeting, Kimel expressed amazement at the lack of student protest against the decision.

"The whole deal is unfair to students," he said. "I've heard that the worst library offenders are faculty members, yet they are only subject to regular collection procedures."

Kimel added that the student senators voted in a block with senior administrators against a motion to

refer the motion back to the library committee.

"It looks like the administration has taken the student caucus under its wing and taught it how to think," he said.

According to the student senator from McLaughlin college, Ron Jacob, both President Macdonald and dean of arts Sid Eisen were surprised that the student senate caucus did not protest the new library sanction.

Jacob, who voted in favour of the motion because "the library is in such a godawful state," said that 12 of York's 15 student senators attended the meeting.

However, Excalibur discovered this week that only eight student senators were at the meeting. Those absent were Glen Hall from Glendon, Steve Parish from Founders, Eric Trimble from the Graduate Students Association, Steve Stein from the Environmental Studies Association, Dale Ritch from CYSF and John Spence from Stong. Winters College was not represented since it has not elected a student to senate this year.

Parish, Stein and Spence all admitted this week that they did not know that the motion to withhold degrees for library offenses was to be debated at last week's meeting.

They all said they would have opposed it had they known about it.

Parish said he gave up going to senate meetings long ago.

"The student caucus is a bunch of shit," he said. "If students are upset about something, they should make a stink themselves and not depend on the ass-holes in caucus to do it for them."

Of the eight student senators present at last week's senate meeting, only two, Anne Scotton from CYSF and Keith Montgomerie from Calumet, voted against the sanctions motion.

When he was contacted this week, Fernando Dias Costa, the student senator from Osgoode's Legal and Literary Society, could not remember whether he had voted for or against the motion, but thought he had voted against it. After checking his notes, he realized he had voted in favour of it.

He said that he felt the right-of-appeal clause, which was amended to the motion, would ensure that the sanction would not be abused.

Student caucus leader Alan Cox said this week that he voted in favour of the motion, although "to some extent it discriminates unfairly against students". He said he hoped that future changes in the library lending code would make sanctions

against faculty members more stringent.

However, the chairman of the senate library committee, Anthony Hopkins, denied that the new sanction discriminates against students. He noted that faculty members can now be penalized for library offenses by having their library privileges removed.

"Our committee worked several months on this; we examined as many ins and outs as we could," he said. "We wanted a library lending code and, in a sense, I don't care what it is so long as we have it."

Ken Horne, the student senator from Atkinson, also voted in favour of the motion.

"Now that we have the regulations, we can nibble away at them," he said. "But without them, we'd have chaos."

Although the motion to withhold degrees for library offenses has been accepted by senate, it may yet be amended. Sid Kimel said this week that he intends to introduce a motion at the February senate meeting which would limit the sanction to cases involving unreturned books.

"If the books have been returned to the library, then normal collection procedures should apply," he said. "Degrees should only be withheld if

the student fails to return the books."

Kimel said he was intentionally adopting a conservative stance on the matter.

"This motion (on unreturned books), might get through," he said. "A more radical one definitely would not."

At last week's meeting, senate also passed a motion recommending that the library adopt a formal "lending code". Some of the provisions of the recommended code are that "faculty members will automatically receive a loan period of 100 days on three week books", that "a graduate student may apply for... an extended loan permit", and that library penalties such as loss of library privileges, referral to a collection agency and prosecution should apply not only to students, but to all borrowers.

In other business, the senate approved a motion requesting that York's Board of Governors increase the number of senators on the Board from two to four, and that the Board make a summary of its actions regularly available to the senate executive. York chancellor and governor Walter Gordon was present at the meeting and spoke in favour of the motion.

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Radio York manager defies staff directive as new election looms

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

On the eve of station elections, the incumbent Radio York executive has declared it will ignore a decisive staff directive to cut back executive control of station members.

At a December meeting, the Radio York staff voted 23 to 3 to relax the station's strict policy regarding discipline. That policy included cards on which disc jockeys would have to write any ad-libs in advance, strict playlists and constant announcer scrutiny by the station's executive.

Current station manager Scott Marwood expressed little surprise at the result of the vote. "You know announcers would never vote for restrictions," he said.

Marwood, who says he wants to know what station members want, added, "There's a whole lot of dissent in this place because people don't like rules in a club. But they've got to remember that this is also a business."

"Rules are essential as far as the industry is concerned. The radio and record industries have advised me that what I'm doing is correct. If we had continued the way we were going, the record companies would have cut off our supply of albums."

"Station members here say they want a station run by the staff, but you can't do that with a staff of over 65 people."

When asked if he thought he and the station executive were obligated to carry out the staff's wishes,

Marwood replied, "No, I will not do what the station members want if that means the station will go down for it."

Although Radio York tapes its staff meetings, Excalibur was unable to obtain a copy of the minutes of the December meetings, but various sources, including Marwood, corroborated the intent of the motion.

When Excalibur first asked for a copy of the meeting's minutes, Marwood said, "Why should I give them to you?"

He agreed to supply the minutes, but later said he was unable to find them and that "they must have been thrown in the garbage".

Marwood is running for re-election as station manager at Radio York in an election to be held tomorrow. He leads a pro-professionalism faction, and is opposed by Bob Kasher (Homily), whose group is in favour of a more laissez-faire station policy.

Explaining his pro-professionalism attitude, Marwood said, "People come out of the station wanting to go into the radio industry, and we would not be acting in the spirit of an educational institute if we let them mess around."

"No one wants restrictions, but we have to impose them for their own good. After all, they elected us; if they don't like what we are doing, they can vote us out."

Marwood was acclaimed as station manager last year.

He was asked to comment on com-



A dizzying aerial shot of the Winters College dining hall during an outbreak of fantasy over the weekend. Full details of this Cosmic art convention appear on pages 11, 12 and 13.

CUPE decides on strike vote

By JULIAN BELTRAME

Direct negotiations between the university and CUPE reached a stalemate late last week, leaving a gap of as much as \$1.07 per hour separating the two parties, and union leaders are now calling for a strike vote.

Although a strike vote will be held Wednesday, it does not signify a strike, but serves as an indicator that the union rank and file support the negotiators' rejection of the university offer, empowering them to continue to seek a figure acceptable to both CUPE and the university.

The union's original \$1.05 across the board demand of three weeks ago has already been dropped to \$1.37, a difference of \$1.07 from the

university's 30 cents an hour offer to housemaids.

The university's offer increases for higher worker classifications, reaching a maximum 54 cents for third class tradesmen.

The money dispute, predicted by personnel director D.J. Mitchell early in January, will now go to conciliation. Both parties having discarded their jokers, it will be up to the conciliator to flush out the true cards held by the university and the union.

"We've had five per cent increases the last two years, and now they (the university) come up with nine per cent. That's not even as much as the cost of living," said Ed Gorton, local union president, explaining the union's rejection of the university

offer.

He added that the increase in health benefits asked for by the union was also turned down, and that no additional fringe benefits were included in the university offer.

Mitchell told Excalibur that the university offer reflected university president H. Ian Macdonald's policy on the budget.

"The president has made it quite clear that financial restraints have been placed on the university by the provincial government," Mitchell said. Faced with a \$1.6 million operating deficit, the university plans not to add to their woes with another deficit year.

Gorton was not surprised by the university's offer. "It's up to their usual form," he said.

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