

No censorship — Ross

York OK's Hawker Siddeley recruiting

by Ross Howard

The Administration has agreed to permit all industries, including those accused of supplying the U.S. effort in Vietnam, to use York campus for job recruiting.

In a statement Wednesday President Murray G. Ross

said 'the university is unwilling to censor various companies by prohibiting their entry to the campus,' (complete statement page 5).

Dr. Ross said it is obvious that most students want the job recruitment service provided by the Na-

tional Employment Service (NES) through the university, and these students have the right to continue this service.

He said it is far better to allow each individual to decide for himself whether to meet with certain company

officials or not, rather than for the Administration to differentiate between companies.

Last week the York University Committee to End the War in Vietnam protested a scheduled recruitment on campus by Hawker Siddeley Company. The Committee alleged that an affiliate of the company supplies planes to the U.S. in Vietnam.

President Ross consulted the Advisory Committee on Student Affairs about permitting this company and others to recruit on campus, and at the same time asked Hawker Siddeley to delay its recruiting.

In a special meeting last week ACSA advised the President to continue allowing employment recruiting on campus by all NES-supplied companies.

Hawker Siddeley, the company originally asked to remain off campus until a decision was reached, has not conducted any interviews at York. A spokesman for the company told Excalibur Wednesday no further date has been set for the company to come here.

Earlier this week, Bill Webster (F III) began circulating a free speech petition that had over 400 names by Wednesday night.

Webster said he will continue to circulate the petition until he has over 1000 signatures, if necessary, to prove York students resent any attempt to curtail the free speech of companies that want to recruit on campus.

In the statement approving the continued recruitment program on campus, Dr. Ross pointed out that faculty and students have the right to protest recruiting by

some companies, but warned that those protesting are expected to respect the rights of others, without interference.

At the University of Toronto a protest over recruiting by Dow Chemical of Canada two weeks ago led to a massive sit-in and several incidents of minor violence.

A protest of Hawker Siddeley recruiting at McMaster University last week apparently created no disturbance or reaction at that campus.

Montreal court clears lecturer of assault charge in McGill protest

Montreal (CUP) McGill political science lecturer Stanley Gray, chairman of the Students for a Democratic University, was acquitted in municipal court Friday (Dec. 1) of a charge of common assault.

Mr. Gray was arrested in the early morning of Friday, November 10 outside the McGill administration building while police, who later broke up a sit-in inside, blocked off the entrance to the building.

Constable Rene Villeneuve testified Mr. Gray kicked him in the right knee when he tried to push the crowd back from the entrance.

A photograph introduced as evidence by Richard Shadley, Mr. Gray's counsel, showed several rows of people between Mr. Gray and the police moments before the alleged assault.

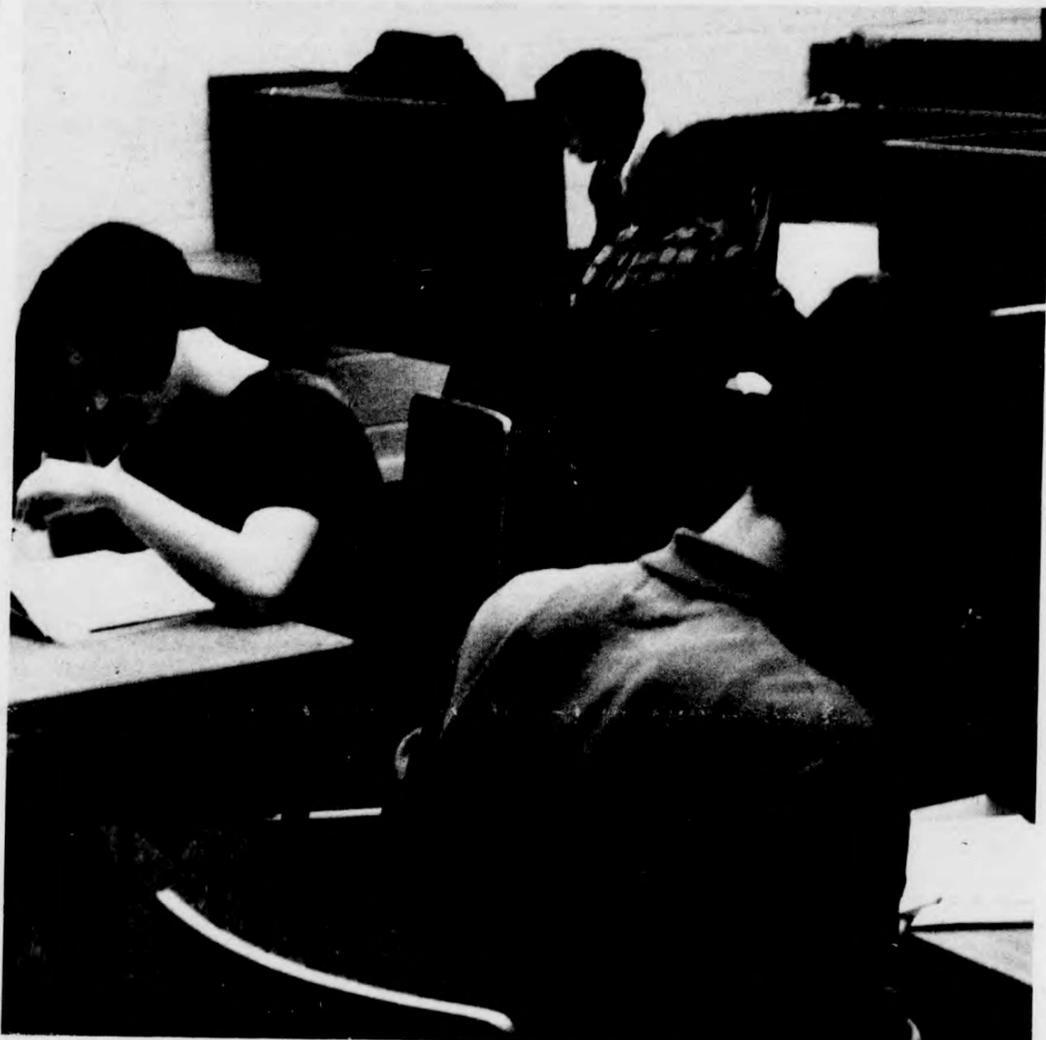
John Shingler, an assistant professor in the department of political science, testifies Mr. Gray 'did not strike anyone'. Mr. Shingler is a past president of the national union of South African students.

Judge Marcel Marier acquitted Mr. Gray on the basis of the photographic evidence, the reputable character of the defense witnesses, the small extent of the injuries sustained by the policeman, and the difficulty of 'determining credibility in such a free-for-all'.

Meanwhile, Judge Holand Langlois will deliver his verdict Wednesday in the case of Paul Joseph, a third year arts student who was also tried for common assault on Friday stemming from the same demonstration.

Constable Claude Mathieu testified Mr. Joseph had grabbed him by the lapels and hit him twice in the face moments after he had gone to help Constable Villeneuve with Stanley Gray. Constable Andre Delisle, the arresting officer, corroborated Mr. Mathieu's charges.

Mr. Joseph denied the charges under oath, saying 'I never laid a hand on anyone.'



Is it 'Our Father...' or is it 'Durkheim's suicide AnOmique?' Who knows, but one thing is obvious: our lovely, well ventilated and quiet study rooms are in use even by Excalibur staffers, so it just must be right to protest recruiting by Christmas.

Note forgives driver

Glendon student commits suicide on 401

by Linda Bohnen

A 19-year old second-year student from Glendon College died early last Saturday morning in a suicide attempt.

Joel Hendricks of Belleville was struck by a car on the Macdonald-Cartier Freeway. A note found in Mr. Hendricks pocket absolved the driver of any blame in his death.

Police believe Mr. Hendricks decided to commit suicide after his residence football team lost a match to another team. A note indicating this was found in his room.

An inquest has been called for January 9.

Apparently Mr. Hendricks had intended to catch a train home to Belleville but missed it. Later that evening he walked the three miles to the Freeway.

Henry Best, Director of Student Services, told Excalibur Wednesday if York decides to conduct an investigation into the causes of his suicide it will be set up by Principal Escott Reid and Dean George Tatham of Glendon College. Mr. Hendrick's suicide has prompted university and community psychologists and psy-

chiatrists to attempt to explain student suicides.

Dr. Neil Agnew, director of York's psychological services said, 'It wasn't an isolated cause. University students are probably the healthiest group in the nation except for their high suicide rate.'

Dr. Agnew blamed student suicides on the loneliness and academic pressures.

'Suddenly they are in the big league where it's tougher to measure up. You don't have the support of the home—a place where you can go and lick your wounds.'

Psychologist Rudy Heinzl of Mc Master University said the student suicide rate is considerably higher than the rate of the general population.

'Students are at the stage in life where they are facing enormous challenges and decisions in a highly-organized society which has very clear-cut criteria for success or failure,' he said.

'We live in a competitive society and some people pay the price for this--students are these people.'

But Dr. George Wodehouse, direc-

tor of the University of Toronto health services, disagreed that pressure to do well academically causes student suicides.

'That's so much bunk,' said Dr. Wodehouse. 'The universities don't cause suicides. They may simply bring the emotional problems a student already has to the surface.'

While mid-term exams may be a contributing factor to student suicides, Toronto psychiatrist Dr. R. N. Borsch said late November and December are bad times of year for every segment of the population.

'This is the rush season for psychiatrists,' said Dr. Borsch. 'And it's not just because of Christmas. As soon as the leaves begin to fall the rush begins.'

Dr. Borsch suggested the Toronto community reacts to late fall much the same as Californians react to hot late summer winds and Westerners to chinooks. The air is more heavily charged with electricity, which increases depression.

But as one York student said, 'I don't care what psychological terms they use, but when I feel lousy, I feel lousy.'