

Elective transfers halted College system aborts

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It seems the hapless college system at York, once only an embarrassing failure, is now working vigorously against students' best interests.

In a memorandum to all college administrative assistants, Peter Kelly, Associate Registrar (Systems and Records), advised that all student applications for college transfers were to be halted "for the time being".

The reason for the halt, as stated in the memorandum, was that too many students were attempting to

register in college electives affiliated with a college to which they did not belong.

Kelly, who at first denied that he knew why the halt was being instituted, said he was only acting "on instructions from by boss".

Later, however, when confronted with the memorandum by EX-CALIBUR, he admitted that the halt had been instituted "to keep order".

Many students, effectively inhibited by this administrative checkmate from taking the college elective of their choice, are being forced to settle for their second, third and often last choice, depending on the electives offered in their own college.

In light of the short history of the college tutorials, this administrative blockade seems almost bitterly ironic. Created as a liberal panacea for the abortive Modes of Reasoning course, the college electives were meant to offer students an opportunity to explore fields of interest not

otherwise offered in their general education courses.

What the college elective planners didn't foresee, evidently, was that the students' interests would have to be sacrificed on the already very precarious altar of the college system.

Kelly denied, however, that such a situation existed. He stressed that the college transfer halt was initiated to "prevent future disappointment of students" who might switch colleges and then be refused admittance to the elective of their choice.

When reminded that students must first receive permission of the faculty advisor before registering for the electives, Kelly commented "possibly".

He also said the decision to halt college transfers might be overturned during a forthcoming meeting of the Council of Masters.

If it is, then the college system will be back where it started. Just an embarrassing failure.

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