

Research grabs teaching money

Ontario's policy of formula financing means York is milking money from student grants to pay research costs.

That was revealed Wednesday at York's hearing with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada commission on research.

Research costs are disguised as teaching costs in budgets presented to the provincial government. This is most effective with doctoral students who bring the largest grants to York. The government's failure to consider research as a budget item is to blame, said faculty.

They recommended that the federal government and the universities, not the provinces, control and label certain grants to be used for research. This would change the image of research as some shady activity to be surreptitiously supported, they said.

"Provinces are controlled very much by local and sometimes quite petty whim and the Ontario Department of Universities and Colleges has no concept whatsoever of what research on the provincial, national, international scale is all about," said director of the Centre for Research in Experimental Space Science R. W. Nicholls in his brief. White recently said the provincial government wants "more scholars per dollar."

Faculty recommended more institutional grants for research centres across Canada. Research efforts between universities should be better co-ordinated for the most effective use of resources, they suggested. Research should be carried out in the universities and not in research institutes which are less suited to research and siphon off people and money from the universities.

Research is the lifeblood of teaching, the interfaculty committee said in their brief. They said fundamental research is essential, although it may have no obvious relation to the needs of the society at that moment. But it is a creative activity modifying knowledge, and teaching has more scope within this framework, they said. They cited

applied research as another kind of research with more immediate returns for society.

The final projected size of York gives it the right to indulge in a wide range of graduate work and research, faculty said. President David Slater said one-quarter of the faculty at York have external research contracts.

"This is a smaller portion than at other universities. In history, psychology, sociology, the university has attempted to complement rather than to needlessly duplicate the strengths and interests of other universities, particularly of the University of Toronto," he said.

Commissioner Alex Corry said York, vis a vis the University of Toronto, is not really the mouse with the elephant, but a healthy young rhinoceros, not quite so readily stepped on.

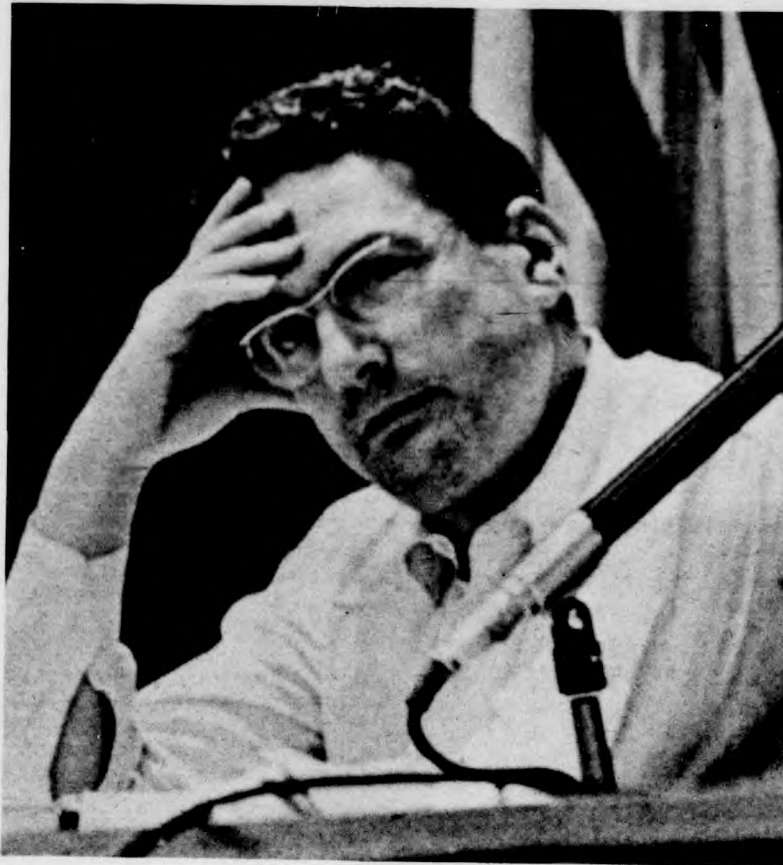
No students on tenure committee

A motion to seat students on the Tenure and Promotion Committee was defeated Friday at a five hour meeting, when senate approved a revised tenure and promotions report. This is the only senate committee without student members.

"Student representation on this committee represents a student's concern for the quality of instruction he's getting," said dean of arts John Saywell. One of the features of the new report is its emphasis on teaching as criteria for tenure and promotion.

Student senator Ed Moody argued that in the faculty of fine arts, students were seated on the tenure committee. "The input the students give to the committee is rational and well-accepted," he said.

According to the new report, the seven member committee must have two or more professors, with five or more members of assistant professor rank or better. Technically, students could still serve on the committee, but no special provision for them to do so has been written into the report.



MANDEL HERE TOMORROW AT NOON

Ernest Mandel, well-known Marxist lecturer is seen here at the Socialist Scholars conference, Rutgers University in September of 1968. Now banned from the U.S., Mandel will be at York tomorrow at 12 noon in Room G of Lecture Hall 2.

Despite Miss June-Mac loses \$100

McLaughlin social affairs lost about \$100 on the Power House and Chug dance two weeks ago even though Playboy's Miss June made a guest appearance at the event.

Social affairs spokesman Tom Ray said the dance had to compete against the Green Bush's cheap beer which was sold next door. He also felt that many students were studying for examinations, were turned off by Playboy's Leiko English's appearance and the concept of paying \$1 entry fee.

Ray refused to say how much he paid for the bands because "that's not anyone's business but my own," although he admitted they were below union rates.

He felt it was very saddening that few people supported the original but unknown bands.

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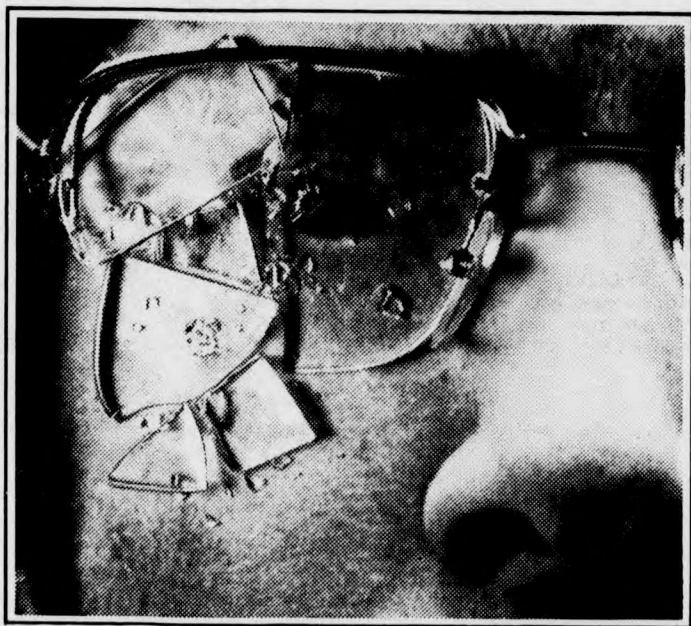
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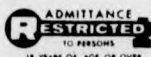
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