

Second term fee strikers face uncertain fate

The tuition fee strike is on, student representatives say, but rank and file students are wondering what will happen if they agree to hold back their second term installments. Students will face various reactions as university administrations across the province react from middle ground in the fight between protesting students and the provincial government. For students awaiting second

term loans and grants, the attempt to strike will be difficult. The government cheques are sent to the university, and if a student refuses to sign over fees due the university, the university will not hand over the cheque. York awards officer, George Fontaine, has said the cheques will be returned to the government if students refuse to pay their second installment.

John Theobald, York student federation president, is formulating a plan to set up a loan fund at York to help students caught in this predicament. But he said the fund would come from York loan resources (which are administration controlled) or from a council bank loan.

John Becker, York's student liaison officer, said earlier this week York is taking the stance "business as usual". He said the administration would "wait and see" if the fee strike happened rather than "being burdened with a cumbersome policy over what might happen". But he admitted the administration has discussed the possibility and is now preparing some guidelines.

"Basically, we'll do what we did before when students refused to pay up — we'll try and persuade them to change their minds," Becker said.

Although some university administrations have threatened to de-register non-paying students, Becker said York has never de-registered students. York has a policy that explicitly forbids academic penalties for non-academic offences.

But Becker maintained that the university, like any service centre can turn to the small claims court or a collection agency in the event of non-payment.

Theobald is an acting executive officer for OFS. He said plans to mobilize the strike include a four-page newspaper, posters, and a day-long moratorium in January. At York, the council has agreed to spend \$1,200 for another four-page paper and mailing to York students.

The strike is called for January and students have been asked not to pay their second term fees. The

protest is against new government policies that are squeezing accessibility to post-secondary institutions through higher fees, increased loans over government grants, and a general cutback on education spending.

In the OFS October referendum, York voted strongly in favour of a January fee strike. In response to OFS requests, 83 per cent of York students paid their first installment only — an increase over 65 per cent last year.

EXCALIBUR IS DEAD

With this issue, Excalibur closes the 1972 publishing year. We will be back, however, with our first issue of our 1973 publishing year, on Thursday, January 11th. Advertising deadline for the first issue is 5 p.m. Monday, January 8, 1973.

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Dr. Jenovese will be on campus to discuss the following programme:

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on Thursday, January 11, 1973

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For appointment call

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Theobald halts by-law pledges paper study

York student federation president John Theobald has withdrawn his proposed by-law to put Excalibur under total council control. Instead, he has agreed to set up a committee to draft a proposal for a board of communications for the campus newspaper.

Theobald has also agreed to a study committee made up of one-third newspaper staff; one-third student councillors; and one-third York community members. He said earlier this week the new proposal would go before the whole council on Tuesday for approval.

Theobald met with the Excalibur staff twice last week over protests from the newspaper that the by-law was bad legislation and allowed little time for thorough study of its implications. The staff also

protested that some members would be out of town for a newspaper conference when the proposal went before council.

The by-law would have given council a majority representation, rights to veto any story judged "not in the best interests of the York community", and taken over from the newspaper staff selection of the editor.

Excalibur has asked for a board balanced between the newspaper, the council and the York community. Since a new constitution was passed last spring, the exact relationship between the newspaper and the council is undefined.

The council gives the paper one-third of its funds. The rest comes from advertising revenue.

CYSF finds capitalism pays

George coffee shop, the experiment begun last year by the York student federation, has proved a smash success. Recent figures show the student-run operation in the Ross building is netting \$50 profit a week for the council.

Council president, John Theobald, said Tuesday the money would go into the council contingency fund, originally budgeted at \$3,000. This fund is meant to aid campus clubs or

other council services in debt. Theobald said any cash surplus could go to finance council's summer operations.

The cash bonus is a boon as the original \$100,000 council budget has been cut back to \$81,190 because of fewer students at York this year. The council gets its funds from the \$27 compulsory student fees — \$10 goes to the central council, \$17 to the college councils.

Pranksters pined for tree

What's home-grown, green and costs \$75?

For some Vanier college residents, the answer is a campus pine tree chopped down for the festive season.

Late last Wednesday morning, two security guards patrolling the campus found the stump of a \$75 Austrian pine. They followed the drag marks, pine needles and footprints — all the way up to the ninth floor of the Vanier residence tower.

The residents had decided they wanted a Christmas tree for their

house party. Two men were assigned to get the tree — "no questions asked".

Security is pressing the students to pay up, but the residents argue they didn't tell the men to steal the tree.

"We had \$5 in the kitty to buy one," said one woman.

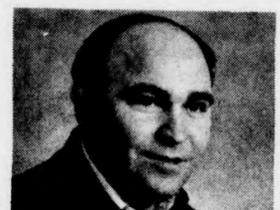
The residence council will decide who pays the bill, but in the meantime, the tree stands splendidly decorated in the ninth floor common room.

"We figured we might as well enjoy it," said one resident stoically.



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