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Ad hoc committee decides against mystics courses

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An ad hoc committee has unanimously decided to recommend against the regularization of Professor Chris Holmes' "mystical" teachings into the psychology curriculum.

The ad hoc committee was formed in order to evaluate Holmes' special topic courses entitled "Mystical Psychology and the Psychic Sciences" and "Mystical Views of Consciousness and Creation." The advisory committee consists of psychology professors Dr. David Bakan, Dr. Kurt Danziger, and Dr. Matt Westcott. The committee was formed, and approved, by both Professor Holmes and Dr. Kathryn Koenig, the Chairman of the Psychology Department and was instructed to issue a recommendation on Holmes' courses to the Psychology Undergraduate Committee.

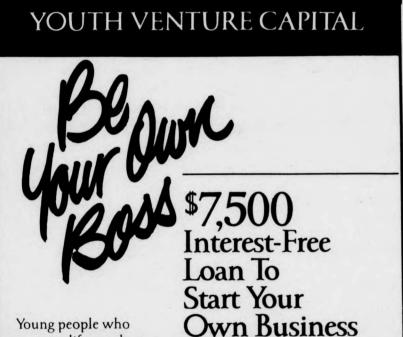
According to a memorandum issued to Holmes, the advisory committee arrived at their conclusion because Holmes courses "did not appear to fill a need recognized by the Psychology Department . . . had limited reference to recognized psychological topics" and were dealing with subject matter at a level that was not "appropriate" for the psychology curriculum.

"The decision is totally ridiculous," Holmes responded. "The professors on the committee had five months to review the course and

only one half of one class was attended all term. You can't evaluate my teachings on one hour of observation. Ask any of my students and they will tell you that you have to work with the material. Furthermore, to my knowledge, none of the committee members made any effort to talk to the students. This decision exemplifies the narrow-mindedness of the entire Department."

Committee members Danziger and Bakan refused to comment on the decision although Dr. David Rennie, Director of the Psychology Undergraduate Programme, did state that there will be some form of student representation when his committee makes their decision. At the moment, Holmes' courses are already experiencing enrollment levels beyond departmental limits and an Excalibur petition included over 900 signatures of students concerned about the fate of his teachings here at York.

Members of the Undergraduate Studies Committee will make their final decision later on this month. If they reject the committee's recommendation the issue will be brought before the Executive Committee in the Psychology Department. An acceptance of the advisory's recommendation, by either of these committee's, will result in the cancellation of Holmes' mystics courses for next year.



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