

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE YORK COMMUNITY

We are all concerned about the consequences that the recent strikes have had for us at York. At this point, our first concern as a university must be the quality of the education we offer our students. The strikes affected courses in many Faculties, and it is now necessary to make up the time we lost in order to ensure the integrity of our academic programmes. After broad consultation, I believe the following policy on making up lost time to be the only fair and practical solution available to us that is consistent with our academic responsibilities. It has not been an easy task to develop such a policy. With 35,000 students, several thousand courses, over 500 Fall-Term exams and relatively little extra time or space available during regularly scheduled periods, it is impossible to leave matters exclusively to ad hoc private arrangements. Too many students will be seriously inconvenienced, or worse, fail to receive proper make-up sessions, if we do not operate out of a common problem-solving framework. At the same time, I appreciate that circumstances differ from Faculty to Faculty; accordingly, I have tried to recognize and rely upon local autonomy and decentralized procedures wherever possible.

This policy provides the time and space for missed work to be made up. As far as remedial action is concerned, I have seen and endorse the policy proposed by the Senate Executive Committee, a policy to be considered by Senate on Wednesday, November 14th.

POLICY ON MAKE-UP SESSIONS**(a) Faculties of Arts, Education (Pre-Service Courses), Fine Arts and Science**

The normal Fall-Term examination period scheduled for December 10-21, 1984 will be cancelled.

This period will now be set aside to provide the time and space necessary for rescheduling classes that did not meet during the strikes. In order to minimize inconvenience and disruption for students, classes scheduled for this period will take place in their regular rooms at their normal times. Of course, those classes not substantially affected by the strikes need not use the extra two weeks in December for instructional purposes.

Examinations in Fall-Term half courses scheduled originally for December will be shifted to an examination period between January 4 and 10, 1985; the two days prior to this exam period will serve as preparation days for students, and no classes will be held.

Mid-year examinations for full courses scheduled for December will not be held. Instructors may have students write equivalent tests in class, either during December or in early January after classes resume.

Instruction in the Winter Term will begin on Friday, January 11, 1985. Because of the week lost to the examination period, the Winter Term will be extended by one week beyond the date originally scheduled.

Final exams in the Winter Term will take place as originally scheduled.

(b) Atkinson College

The Winter Term will be extended to include the week beginning December 17 for classes where make-up work is required. The beginning of the Winter Term will be delayed until the week of January 14, and the reading week scheduled for the Winter Term will be cancelled for those classes where additional make-up work is required. All half and full courses beginning in January will be extended by one week.

(c) Faculty of Graduate Studies (Programmes in Arts, Education, Fine Arts and Science)

Due to the diversity of programmes and local circumstances, the scheduling of make-up work will vary from programme to programme. All such arrangements are to be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies. Winter-Term courses will not begin until Friday, January 11.

(d) Faculties of Administrative Studies, Education (In-Service Courses), Environmental Studies, Glendon College and Osgoode Hall Law School

Make-up work can be accommodated by a variety of measures within the existing schedule. No changes in the dates for Fall-Term examinations or the Winter-Term are required.

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

Instructors should inform their departmental chairperson or Dean regarding make-up sessions in order to guarantee the academic integrity of courses. In accordance with the CUEW contract, CUEW members who lost pay as a result of the strike will be fully compensated for make-up sessions authorized by the Dean.

Instructors should maintain scrupulous records of changes in due dates and course requirements. Such changes should be confirmed for students in writing.

Although holding make-up sessions in the regularly-scheduled time and place is the best way to ensure that most students can attend, some may have legitimate conflicts due, for example, to jobs or travel plans. In such cases, instructors should endeavour to make other arrangements, such as providing tapes of class sessions or summaries of work missed.

This make-up policy may necessitate changes in regulations to accommodate the measures we have had to adopt in these exceptional circumstances. I trust that Faculty Councils and Senate will be able to respond appropriately.

I recognize that these measures depart from normal practice at York and will inconvenience some members of the University. I regret this, but feel that this is the best way to safeguard the integrity of our academic programmes, while ensuring that our students are treated fairly and equitably. I am confident that, with your help, we can achieve these goals.

W.C. Found, Acting President

November 3, 1984

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Calendar**16 friday**

The York Catholic Community presents an "Oriental Buffet, Wine and Music" on today at 6:30 p.m., 8 Assiniboine Rd. (Grad Res), Apt. 104. A donation of \$3 would be appreciated. All are welcome!

20 tuesday

Students of Objectivism presents Nuclear Arms: a Defense, by Donald Heath, 7 p.m. Senior Common Room, Founders College. Contact Bill Poupore 661-1297.

21 wednesday

York Squash Club open membership meeting today at 5:00, 316A Tait McKenzie. Meet new friends, partners.

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Gay Alliance at York meeting held in South Ross 869 from 6 pm to 8 pm. Unspecified speaker. Be there!

The John White Society of Osgoode Hall invites all interested persons of the York Community to attend a lecture and question period given by George Jonas. He will speak about his two books Vengeance and By Persons Unknown. Today at 12:15 in Rm 101 (Moot Court) at Osgoode Hall.

22 thursday

Victory to the British Miners' Strike! Eyewitness account, 7:30 pm today, Metropolitan Community Church, 730 Bathurst St. (one block south of Bloor) Donation \$2. Sponsored by Trotskyist League.

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