

Which Hunt?

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In its attempt to get closer to student, staff and faculty problems, grievances and questions at York, EXCALIBUR has an "Action Line" type feature, which appears below.

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Why should a student at university level — or at any other time, for that matter — have to take a course he finds boring, irrelevant or just plain stomach-churning?

This, essentially, is the question that a number of students are asking about the first year compulsory gen. ed. programme — and, especially, about the required natural science courses.

Two students, Paul Kidd and Don Lake, have asked if it's possible to get out of their nat. sci. course, 176A, and — in the process — out of nat. sci. altogether.

Kidd, who says he'll stay in the course, rather than take another "boring" course in his second year, called 176A and "applied technology course" useless to arts students.

There was "absolutely no choice on the nat. sci. course" at registration when he got there, Kidd said. Both he and Lake were interested in pollution studies but it was overpopulated.

Kidd is not your usual arts student. He suffered through physics, biology and chemistry in grade 13. Asked why he took arts, he said: "I'd had enough of science."

"Yes, there's technical material," McArthur said, "but a scientist must communicate with an unscientific community."

His half of the course, he said, deals with drugs, a topic "inherently interesting. . . one area that relates to everyone."

Kidd and Lake will have to wait for this "one area." But then even Kidd admits that "it makes it really hard on the professors who have to teach students that don't care."

Some of these students care so little that they won't even complain about something that affects their academic standing.

Or maybe — just maybe — nat. sci. 176A is such an easy course that they have nothing to complain about.

Anyway, that's the opinion of co-director Burt who referred to the ease of the curriculum and asked: "How can you fail the course?"

Even previous science experience is unnecessary: "The whole class is in the position of not having the full compliment of high school sciences," he said, ap-

U of T drives for 85% Canadian quota

TORONTO (Varsity) — A drive to demand a quota of American professors in Canadian universities was launched Monday from a table in Sidney Smith Hall.

The 85% Canadian Quota Campaign calls for a minimum of 85% Canadian citizens in university teaching positions in this country.

The Campaign, supported by the Council of Canadian Unions, the Graduate Students' Union, the Lakehead University Alma Mater Society and the Canadian Liberation Movement will be circulating a petition throughout college residences and cafeterias, from their headquarters in the lobbies of Sydney Smith Hall and the main library.

The campaign calls on students to use the quota test to find out who are the reactionary Canadian professors.

"One of the best ways to find out who are the Canadian reactionaries is to ask them what position they take on this important anti-imperialist issue," said CQC chairman Larry Haiven. "They usually squeal the loudest when their buddies are threatened."

The number of U.S. professors entering the country has risen in both relative and absolute terms. Between 1963 and 1965, one half the new jobs went to foreign citizens (mainly American). Between 1965 and 1967, this figure rose to 72%.

Haiven gives the reasons for a quota.

"It is in the universities that our teachers, artists, lawyers, engineers, doctors, scientists, reporters are trained. But it is also here that they are brainwashed. They are taught to depreciate the country, to worship the empire, that patriotism is passe, that Canadian history is worthless, that even to be Canadian is something worthy of shame. This must stop. The quota is the only method that will break this stranglehold and build Canadian Universities."

The Campaign does not call for the removal of all foreign professors, but to end all the frills used to attract American scholars, such as a two year tax holiday.

"Those who are serious and apply for citizenship show a certain commitment and can stay," noted a CQC spokesman.

The CQM questions the academic excellence of some of the American professors shipped off to Canadian campuses. (In some instances, these people are referred to as "the colonial service.")

Although universities have been able to pick up most U.S. scholars, those few radicals attempting to come to teach their northern neighbours have run into trouble.

Some, like Gabriel Kolko, who was offered a position at York last summer, have been refused immigrant status. Others have been harrassed, fired, blacklisted and deported.

Cigarette companies now sponsor bowling

NEW YORK (LNS) — What would you do if you were a poor American cigarette company and Congress passed a law which said that no more cigarette advertising on radio and television after January 1?

Cigarette companies shelled out \$219.5 million last year to get people to put a particular kind of burning leaf in their mouths. (That's over \$1 per American citizen.) What would you do — quit your job and start working for the Zig Zag paper company? Nooo — you obviously underestimated the ingenuity of the tobacco company executive's mind.

There are a number of other interesting possibilities. One is sponsoring sporting events like bowling, tennis and auto racing tournaments. On February 20 for example, the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. is sponsoring the Winston Salem Bowling Classic to the tune of \$80,000. You can be sure that there will be a lot of bill-board type backdrops and a lot of puffing in between the strikes and spares.

The American Tobacco Company is supposedly planning to rename its pipe tobaccos, Pall Mall, Silva Thins and Tareyton; the new packaging will look like the old cigarette boxes. And that new law on cigarette advertising on television doesn't apply to pipe tobacco. "Winston tastes good like a pipe tobacco should"?

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Don Lake didn't take any high school science to speak of. He has grade 10 and some community college experience only.

He doesn't think "arts students (should be) forced to take a science course." But Lake, who is carrying six courses, would rather get his nat. sci. subject out of the way now if that's the only option.

EXCALIBUR did an in-depth report on nat. sci. 176A, B last year. We discovered that there is no other option (to natural science) if the usual university committee route is tried.

CYSF tried it by the rules last year; now outgoing president Paul Axelrod says: "Tell them the only thing to do is kill the professor."

"They have to do something really militant," Axelrod said, dismissing the petition-committee methods as useless.

"If they're prepared to continually boycott the class, among other militant measures, then something might get done," he said.

But, according to the course directors, C.R. McArthur and J.A. Burt, the gen. ed. programme and nat. sci. 176A are just fine the way they are now.

parently unaware of Paul Kidd's existence.

What about a petition to drop natural science? "The rules are basically the rules," Burt said.

But B. Hill, assistant to the director of student programmes, provided the procedure: What he (Lake) would have to do would be to petition the committee on applications and memorials," but "personally, I don't think he does (have a chance) unless he can make a good case for himself. He has to explain why he should have that privilege over the masses of the students."

"I feel all university students should have background in the arts, social sciences, and sciences," she said, adding "I've had no university science, but I find my natural sciences both interesting and easy." She takes nat. sci. 171 and 175c, courses that were already closed to Lake and Kidd.

Lake, believe it or not, takes Modes of reasoning and likes it, so he's not your average lazy student looking for an easier path to a degree.

Maybe if everyone wishes hard enough compulsory courses will just fade away.

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Pentagon buy scab lettuce

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) — When Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee were fighting grape-growers for union recognition and a living wage, President Nixon had pictures taken of himself gorging on grapes and the U.S. Army did its bit toward breaking the boycott by tripling its purchase of grapes. Now that the United Farm Workers have taken on lettuce growers, the Pentagon is once more doing its best to break the strike and boycott.

Recent figures show that since the farm workers began their strike against Bud Antle, Inc. (a major California lettuce grower affiliated with Dow Chemical) the Defense Dept. has increased Antle's share of the lettuce market from less than 10 per cent to more than 30 per cent. Better yet, the Pentagon is buying Antle lettuce at a price well above the market price and above the price it pays for lettuce from other growers.

But the lettuce growers are hurting, and the boycott is growing. After the football bowl season has ended, perhaps President Nixon will come on with a "Salad Bowl Special" talk, munching on lettuce and warning against any "inflationary" wage boosts for lettuce pickers who now earn an average of \$1,900 a year.