

York reacts to new discipline guidelines

By BOB ROTH

A mass meeting has been called for tomorrow at noon to protest the "get tough" guidelines on student discipline issued last week by Ontario's university presidents.

The report, issued by the 14 member Committee of Presidents of the Universities of Ontario, calls for "immediate suspension" for "obstruction of the normal processes and activities essential to the functions of the university community."

York's acting president Dennis Healy and Atkinson dean Harry Crowe represented York. Healy who held York's vote supported the report.

An ad hoc committee of York students and faculty have called for a mass meeting tomorrow at noon in Winters college common room to demand "that the administration publicly repudiate the document, Order On Campus . . .

and explicitly repudiate its use as a working paper for the York community."

The ad hoc committee sent letters to both Healy and Crowe yesterday inviting them to attend the Winters meeting tomorrow.

The committee, comprised of people from various student coun-

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cils, faculty and members of the York Student Movement has also demanded in a leaflet "that the administration explain why it participated in the preparation and approval of this document when the question of the rights of members of York University was already under formal study by a

student-faculty committee of this university."

Tuesday night Winters college council also issued a statement denouncing the report and warning "we intend quickly to initiate college-wide action toward the understanding of and rejection of the paternalistic assumptions underlying the paper as well as its repressive implications."

The Ontario presidents' report lists as "illegitimate and unacceptable activities:"

— violence against any member or guest of the university community;

— deliberate interference with academic freedom and freedom of speech (including not only disruptions of a class but also interference with the freedom of any speaker properly invited by any section of the university community to express his views);

— theft or wilful destruction of

university property or of the property of members of the university;

— forcible interference with the freedom of movement of any member or guest of the university;

— obstruction of the normal processes and activities essential to the functions of the university community.

Healy said Tuesday the report was "a working paper" not necessarily binding on York.

But he said measures as outlined in the report would prevent "exactly what happened to Jack Saywell."

(On Sept. 11 YSM challenged Saywell when he spoke at a Winters college sponsored forum on "The Faces of Toronto.")

The report calls for immediate suspension of students who refuse to cease "obstructive behaviour."

To decide whether there is violence, a threat of violence or an obstruction of normal activities "the president will have available to him an appropriate standing committee of faculty members and students chosen by the Senate of the university," the report says.

"If, after suspension, the obstructive behaviour is not discontinued, the police will be brought in."

"In the case of grave emergency involving the safety of individuals or immediate danger to property, the president can call the police before calling into session the special standing committee," the report adds.

The ad hoc committee has charged that the vagueness of such phrases as "obstruction of the normal processes" could lead to the stifling of dissent and challenging of professors' ideas.

"Experience in areas of political and social problems teaches us

that those who constantly cry for 'law and order' are those who are seeking to conceal the need for change by dishonestly attacking groups and individuals working towards basic change."



Dennis Healy

Elsewhere . . .

At the University of Toronto, student representatives resigned from Caput, the disciplinary committee there, when president Claude Bissell refused to repudiate Order On Campus for the U of T.

As of press time, U of T students were going into a mass meeting to discuss the situation.

Canadian Union of Students president Martin Loney last Friday blasted Order On Campus as "one of the most reactionary and unimaginative documents I've ever seen."

"The report does absolutely nothing to solve the problems of the university," Loney said, "but lays the way open for increased repression and authoritarianism."

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OOOPS!

Excalibur—Peter Kahn

One of the Yømen's brighter moments last Saturday as they block a Windsor kick. They lost anyway 19-7. Details, page 17.

SFU goes out on strike

BURNABY (CUP) — Legal picket lines went up at Simon Fraser University yesterday when the administration refused to meet demands of the students and faculty of the Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology department.

Yesterday morning university president Kenneth Strand called the strike "coersive". A meeting of the department was held in the afternoon to discuss the letter.

At a mass meeting Monday, the students and faculty voted overwhelmingly to open direct negotiations with the administration over the current crisis in the department, based on an oral suggestion made by Canadian Association of University Teachers president William Allen to former PSA chairman Mordecai Briemberg.

The crisis in the department had its beginnings during the summer, when the administration clamped a trusteeship over the department and then changed departmental tenure rulings over 11 PSA professors, in what was charged as a political purge of the radically-structured department.

At the meeting Monday, PSA members voted to give the administration until noon yesterday to negotiate their demands.

The demands are:

— an end to the administration trusteeship of the department and reinstatement of Mordecai Briemberg as chairman of the department. Briemberg was acclaimed by both students and faculty of the department, then vetoed by an administration committee.

— acceptance of recommendations for promotions made by the PSA elections and tenure committee. The recommendations of the half-student, half-faculty committee were overthrown by the administration.

— reinstatement of four professors who were in effect fired when they were not granted tenure and their contracts were not renewed; and rescinding of administration tenure committee recommendations which placed seven other faculty members on a one year conditional contract basis.

— a fundamental recognition at

SFU that experimental practices in organizational and educational procedures should be encouraged and not repressed.

Eight hundred of SFU's 5700 students are in the PSA department, and the department has asked others to stay out of classes in the strike as an expression of solidarity with the PSA demands.

Chud wants Crowe statement

The vice-president of Atkinson college council has demanded a public statement from dean Harry Crowe on his attempt last week to recruit Atkinson students to "pacify" members of the York Student Movement.

Mrs. Pearl Chud charges that a meeting of selected Atkinson student council members was called Sept. 15 without her knowledge to discuss the policing of last week's orientation ceremonies following rumours that YSM would attempt to disrupt them.

Last Tuesday Crowe told EXCALIBUR that he had recruited

ushers whose "job is one of pacifying."

Earlier the same day Bill Farr, secretary of the board and senate, warned YSM through an EXCALIBUR reporter that they could be physically assaulted if they tried to challenge speakers at the Atkinson ceremonies.

No disruptions took place at any of last week's ceremonies although YSM members attended Thursday's social science orientation to hear Mrs. Chud speak.

When asked Tuesday whether or not he would issue the public statement requested by Mrs. Chud,

obtained from board files which they claim prove that the board has prepared a fake expansion plan for the Toronto city council in order to keep the real proposal secret.

Davis won't hold enquiry into Ryerson fraud charge

Education minister William Davis has rejected demands for a public enquiry into the affairs of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

"I see no need for an investigation. The taxpayers' money is not being misspent," Davis said on learning that both he and Ryerson's board of governors had been accused of "deceiving" the public about the institute's future development plans.

The charges were laid by Richard Finlay, 22, and Gordon Jackson, 23, the board's first student representatives, who resigned two weeks ago and are now calling for an inquiry "to get to the bottom of this."

The two men, who are now out of Ryerson, produced documents

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Important Staff Meeting

at 3:15 today

Miss a class, but come.

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