

# Campus clubs play musical chairs

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The University Administration is relocating the Jewish Student Federation, forcing 17 clubs into drastically reduced quarters.

The Mathematics Calculator Lab is slated to occupy their current office in S101 Ross.

The Jewish Student Federation is one of the few organizations which has enjoyed private accommodation—a fairly large room on the first floor of the Ross Building, with a partition, a door and a lock. When the calculator lab needed the room, John Becker, Assistant Vice-President (Student Services), was doubtful whether he could duplicate it, until Room CS 140 came into mind.

CS 140 is the large club room located in Central Square, designed to serve as a meeting space for a number of student groups. Seventeen clubs were assigned to the space, including the Hellenic Club, York Estonian Club, York Ukrainian Club, the

African Students Association, the York PC Association, and the Trotskyist League.

Two-thirds of the club room has now been allocated for use by the Jewish Student Federation. The 800 square feet will be separated by a partition and a lock from the remaining third,

which will house all of the room's previous tenants.

"Talking about a chain reaction...It seems it's our turn to be displaced now," said Mike Kachala, President of the York Ukrainian Club, which met with Becker to discuss the matter on August 27. "The JSF is displacing

lot of groups. Out of any of the clubs, the JSF is the one that would still be able to attract people if it was allocated a space in one of the colleges. We're being put out for them, and it isn't fair."

The JSF is also "not happy about moving," according to

Randy Robinson, Executive Director. But, she said, "We're not displacing 16 clubs, we're putting 12 in of our own."

"We're trying to give student clubs what they ask for," said John Becker, although he agreed there has been some inequity or unequal treatment.

## Proposal limits part-time seniority

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had enough work to support himself. "To put together a nimble salary, part-timers have to work time and a half compared to others," he said. "We make \$5,000 to \$6,000 less than a junior faculty member, but work a lot more for it."

Under a TA associateship, either as an M.A. or Ph.D. candidate, a person now has priority over that job for three

more years, depending on the course opportunity. The union is now trying to expand this "priority timespan" to four years.

"We think it should reflect the amount of time it takes to finish graduate work at York," Gallus said. "We're trying to match what the length of most graduate programs are."

Last year, job security was dependent upon prior experience, so that out of the competent applicants, those with the most teaching

experience relevant to the course, got the job.

The university is now proposing that a maximum of two courses per year will count in terms of seniority, even though a high proportion of part-time faculty have taught more than two courses per year.

"This means that the experienced people will be equalized with the less experienced," Gallus felt.

The Canadian Union of Educational Workers is now preparing to appear before the Ministry of Labor on September 11. If conciliation breaks down, they will be in a legal position to strike 16 days later.

A union membership meeting will be held for all teaching assistants and part-time faculty on September 29, in Curtis Lecture Hall K, at 4:00 pm.

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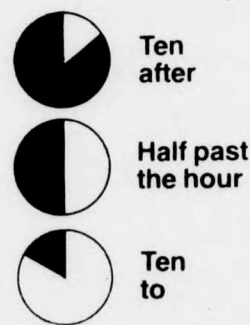
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