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The harshness of winter is strikingly rendered in this version of York's "City Lights", taken from the Ross building.

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Space limitations

Calumet's existence threatened

By CHRISTOPHER GATES

Current university budget and space limitations are threatening the continued existence of Calumet College. Calumet is now the only college at York without a building of its own. Since September, 1971, the college has been housed in Atkinson Phase one.

Atkinson claims it has been experiencing growth at such a rate it now needs the space it loaned to Calumet in 1971. Ian Sowton, master of Calumet, says Harry Crowe, dean of Atkinson, is sympathetic to Calumet's needs, but is under considerable pressure from the Atkinson student association to reclaim the seminar rooms and offices, plus the common room and Ainger coffee house which Calumet students converted from other rooms.

COURSES OF ACTION

Sowton, outlined three basic courses of action open to Calumet: 1) seek space with another established college 2) go into a kind of "cold storage" for future resurrection when money and space become available or 3) let Calumet fold permanently.

Calumet students, at a general meeting, Jan. 23 were told by Sowton it would be next to impossible to get funding from the province due to education budget restrictions. He said even if there was no freeze on funds it would still be difficult to get money — either to renovate existing

quarters or to construct the college buildings Calumet planned because, according to the Ontario Government's formula, York has a 20 per cent "over plus" of space.

John Becker, York's vice-president in charge of student administration, described this space surplus as "entirely respectable" in light of overplusses at other Ontario universities.

Sowton said this 20 per cent of "wasted space" is scattered all over the campus. He said it can't be utilized or consolidated without considerable renovation, and any money for renovation would automatically go to colleges like Founders whose residence building needs repair.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK

Despite this gloomy outlook, Calumet students and fellows are not disheartened. They passed a resolution to compile a brief on Calumet's space requirements for submission to the university administration.

They are also throwing their support behind Harry Crowe who is searching for private funds to construct a building link between Atkinson phase one and Atkinson's residence building.

Such a link would alleviate the space squeeze.

Calumet is now planning its 1974/75 program, but Sowton wouldn't make any predictions about a 1975/76 programme.

Executive seeks new mandate in YUSA ballot

By BRIAN MILNER

A vote called by the executive of the York University Staff Association for Feb. 11, 12, and 13 is unfair, a YUSA member said Tuesday.

The ballot will offer staff members three choices: certification, voluntary recognition under the Ontario Labour Relations Act or consensual agreement (where the employer and employees are governed by the federal Arbitration Act, outside the jurisdiction of the Ontario Labour Relations Board).

Leona Burns, a candidate for the grievance committee in the Feb. 14 election of association officers, said in an interview that taking a ballot prior to the election would tie the new executive's hands.

"Starting back at square one is unfair," she said. "It should be the new executive's choice."

Keith Oleksuk, chairman of the negotiating committee, described the ballot as "the logical conclusion to the discussion over the alternatives that YUSA has in deciding on its future structure."

Certification as a union represents one end of the spectrum, Oleksuk said Tuesday. "The consensual agreement is the other end. The voluntary association is the middle ground."

The executive is recommending the consensual agreement, according to Oleksuk who said it could be used

most effectively in the York context because the whole group remains intact.

Under the terms of a voluntary agreement approved under the Labour Relations Act, supervisory and managerial personnel are excluded from the bargaining unit.

Burns said the membership had already voted Oct. 25 for voluntary recognition under the Labour Relations Act.

"According to our constitution, a vote that is taken and seconded at a general meeting is binding on the executive," she said.

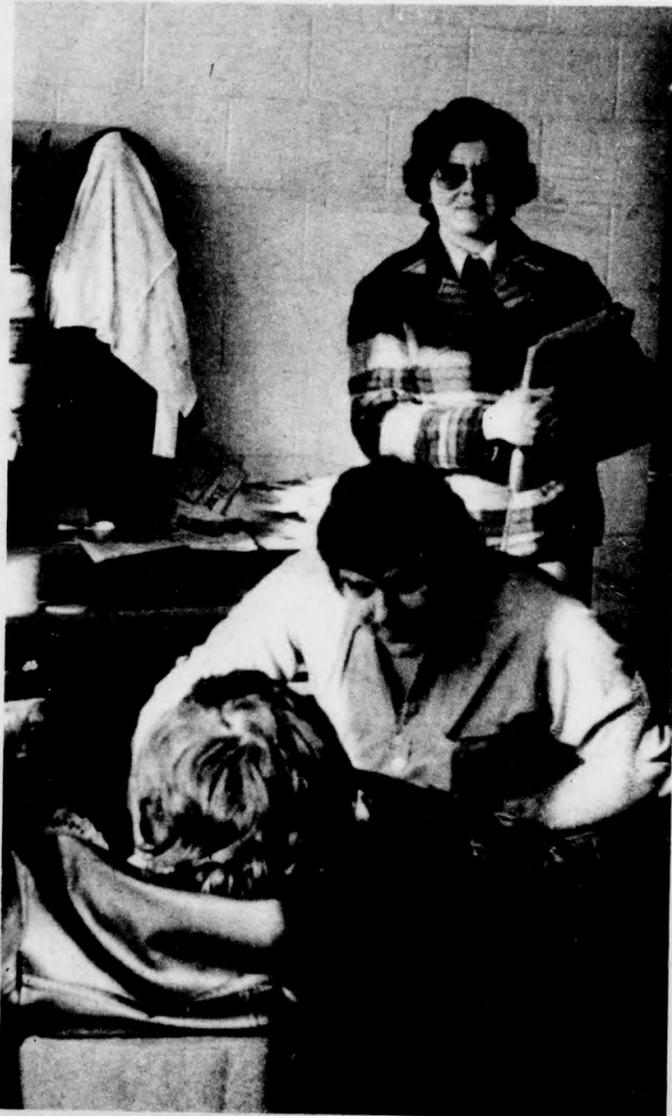
Burns is one of 14 candidates running on a five-point platform in the upcoming election. The slate wants

- voluntary recognition under the Labour Relations Act;
- better communication among members and the executive;

- improved working conditions, including a revised job classification system;

- improved status of women staff;
- increased BIU's (basic income units used by the provincial government to determine the university grant on a per capita basis) in accordance with the cost of living.

Members with questions about the pre-election ballot "should contact a member of the executive, and if that doesn't satisfy them, they can be referred further," Oleksuk said.



Michael Hollett photo

Calumet students — an endangered species?

CYSF condemns U of T code

By ROSEMARY McCracken

Michael Mouritsen, president of the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF), said at a council meeting Monday the Code of Behaviour adopted by the University of Toronto

"is not the problem of York University".

The behaviour code, passed Jan. 24 by the U of T's Governing Council, is opposed by Toronto's Student Administrative Council on the grounds it is an attempt to legitimize unjust, arbitrary and discriminatory procedures against students. The new rules were formulated to prevent disturbances like the 1972 student occupation of Simcoe Hall over student access to the new Robarts Library.

CYSF passed a resolution to send a letter of protest to the University of Toronto's Governing Council condemning the Code of Behaviour.

QUESTION PERIOD

During the inquiry session, Colan Inglis asked Mouritsen to tell the council exactly how many courses he was taking this year. "The list of outside committees and projects in which you are involved is stupendous for the \$5,000 we are paying you," said Inglis. Mouritsen refused to comment.

Dale Ritch, a student senator, criticized Mouritsen for opening CYSF offices to the television

programme, Under Attack. "In the face of a clear motion passed by the OFS charging Under Attack with discriminatory practices against students, you opened CYSF offices to Under Attack staff," said Ritch.

Mouritsen said he offered CYSF facilities to Under Attack because of their central location which students interested in appearing on the programme could easily find.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS

Other resolutions passed at the meeting included council support of the International Women's Day march in support of Dr. Henry Morgentaler, and negotiation with Bethune College to raise \$500 to cover legal expenses for James Ince, a Bethune student charged with draft evasion in the U.S.

CYSF voted to hold a referendum on the question of an increased OFS membership fee at a date proposed by next year's council.

G. Nwosu was elected as chief returning officer. John Theobald and Bob Foley were appointed directors of finance and communication, respectively.

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