

Prof's resignation to be examined

A member of the Atkinson college student assembly is preparing an investigation into the recent resignation of professor Gwen Matheson who claims she was not allowed to teach Canadian studies in that college.

Bob Holden, a member of Walter Gordon's Committee for an Independent Canada, said he was appalled to read in EXCALIBUR that a qualified Canadian professor had been forced to teach American studies when she specifically asked to teach Canadian content.

He was also upset that Matheson was given only a part-time position at Atkinson.

Holden says he will bring the matter before the student assembly Saturday.

"One thing I'm hoping for is that some sort of committee might be

formed to investigate this thing," he said.

The assembly consists of one representative from each Atkinson course. There are usually less than a hundred people at the meetings.

Matheson has three Canadian university degrees and is working on her fourth at the University of Toronto.

She has been teaching six years and has held full-time positions at McGill and the University of Waterloo.

She has tried for the last three years to obtain a full-time position with York's English and humanities departments and with Atkinson college.

Her latest attempt to teach Canadian studies at Atkinson resulted in rejection. She was instead given a part-time position in an American studies course.

An abridged copy of Matheson's letter of resignation from the U.S. course appeared in the October 15 edition of EXCALIBUR. In it she said:

"I wish to protest against the overemphasis on American studies of all kinds as well as American attitudes and methods at York University and throughout

Canada. While Canadian studies and interests are still relatively speaking in a state of gross neglect...

"I believe it is more important for Canadian students to learn about the ideas and writings of those who are making history and producing both literary and critical works in our own country

than to concentrate the greater part of their attention on the intellectual climate and problems of the U.S.A."

She said she "finally reached the point about three weeks ago where I felt I could not stomach another year of collaborating in the Americanization of York students."

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Classes cancelled for War Act talk

By MARSHALL GREEN

A one day moratorium on classes was called by the faculty of Osgoode Hall Law School Tuesday in an attempt to critically evaluate the War Measures Act which Canadians have been living under since October 16.

John Hogarth, professor of criminal law and organizer of a forum Tuesday stated that a near-unanimous Osgoode Hall faculty council voted October 21 to cancel classes to study the act.

It was not necessarily a stand, he noted, but a sincere attempt to study the document which now regulates the legal life of all Canadians.

At the forum, Hogarth stated that the implementation of the War Measures Act found a "large part of the population ready for authoritarian leadership" in reaction to the sweeping political challenges being made by Canadian youth.

He noted that the reason the present Criminal Code had been ineffective against the FLQ to date was that the Code is only effective against those who are "too weak, too poor, or too ill-informed to take advantage of the protections it offers". The members of the FLQ,

he added, fit into none of these categories.

Criminal law professor John Barber insisted that at least six sections of the present Criminal Code, including those sections governing withholding of information, counselling an offense, and conspiracy, could, with wide interpretation, have taken the place of the implementation of the War Measures Act.

Later in the meeting, professors Paul Weiller and Sidney Peck, constitutional law experts, concurred with Barber.

Peck feared Canada might be swept by a "restrictive type of McCarthyism" as reflected in the statements of reaction by politicians in B.C. and even Toronto.

Irving Cotler, professor of constitutional law and adviser to federal justice minister Turner, took a stand against the previous speakers.

"The theft of weapons and dynamite, the systematic bombings of public buildings, the infiltration of the FLQ into the civil service, and the general erosion of the will of the people of Quebec" were all concrete evidence that the government's actions were justified, he said.



The owner of the Esso station at Finch and Keele tried to flatter York students, but he may have made a ghastly mistake.

Senate backs down

Statistics produced soon

By PAUL THOMSON

Statistics on the educational training and citizenship of York faculty and graduate students will be released following the senate's approval of a broad statement on academic freedom at its next meeting, Nov. 26

This statement, to be prepared by university president David Slater, follows the instructions of the senate in amendments passed at its special Oct. 21 meeting.

The amendments were attached to the motion moved by

Slater at that meeting, that the statistics be prepared and released.

Such information will be tabulated from curricula vitae (records of each faculty member's academic background) held by the university.

Pressure from York student groups and others to release the statistics culminated last week in the Committee on University Affairs' reaffirmation of its demand that such information be released.

Senators previously opposed to releasing the statistics supported Slater's motion.

One senator accused his colleagues of reversing their previous stand because it was "politically expedient".

Two amendments to Slater's motion were passed by the senate.

The first held citizenship at birth to be irrelevant, so statistics will pertain to citizenship at the time of taking first academic degree, last degree and at the time of hiring or admission. The statistics will deal with appointments made between Sept. 1969 and Sept. 1970.

The second amendment stated that information will be prepared and released when the statement on academic freedom is passed by the senate at its next meeting.

Versafood runs \$38,000 deficit

By MARK GOTTLIEB

Student and faculty representatives demanded an explanation from J.R. Allen, York's business manager, and Versafood representatives for last year's deficit of \$38,000 at a meeting of the food service committee last Thursday.

Dave Darker, district supervisor of Versafood, attributed the loss to a "miscalculation" on the part of that company of the volume of business a convention held at York

last summer was intended to produce.

Darker also blamed the loss on inflation and York's economic structure.

At the FSC meeting of September 3, the Council of the York Student Federation representative made a number of proposals which included (a) that York, like McMaster, run its own food services, (b) failing that, that York at least call for new tenders, and (c) that

new contract proposals be submitted to this committee.

In reply to these proposals Charles Kirk, Allen's assistant, said (a) that the management would not consider placing the food services in York's hands until the outcome of McMaster's system was known, (b) that York's contract would be open to bids after January 1, 1971, although he felt because of Versafood's long history of success they would get the contract, and (c) that the vice

president of finance would be the one to decide new contract proposals and that the FSC could only serve as an advisory board in this respect.

In order to minimize York's losses this year, the committee has called an end to unlimited portions of food for resident students. This will save the school an estimated \$23,000.

In a report prepared by York's management, Allen warned that although its resident meal contract has remained at \$435 for the third year in a row, if increased costs persist, there would be a substantial fee increase in 71/72.

It was reported that these increased costs were due not only to Versafood and management errors, but deliberate theft of food, china, cutlery and glassware. These losses run into thousands of dollars a year.

Speaking of the poor quality of Versafood's high priced food, Rod Ritter, Vanier representative said, "After spending eight months here, our resident students leave emaciated."

In response to the complaint a sub-committee was formed to investigate and report upon price structures and food quality.

It was suggested that meal cards be used in the central square cafeteria to facilitate those resident students who have classes in the Ross building.

The management promised to investigate this possibility.



PERHAPS VERSA FOODS AND THE RESIDENCES COULD STAGE "OLIVER"...

"Please sir, can I have some more?"

Anti-war demo

The Vietnam Mobilization Committee which is sponsoring an anti-war demonstration at Queens park Saturday 2 pm has decided to also protest the implementation of the War Measures Act.

A VMC statement said, "In the same light as the anti-war movement condemns acts of repression carried out against the Indochinese, we must also condemn political repression at home — in relation to Quebec."