

Atkinson recruits pacifiers

By BOB ROTH

The Atkinson College administration has recruited 40 of its students to "pacify" any members of the York Student Movement who they fear might try to disrupt the college's final orientation ceremony tonight.

Mrs. Pearl Chud, vice-president of the Atkinson student council charged Tuesday evening that Dean Harry Crowe called a meeting of selected council members Monday without her knowledge to discuss the policing of Tuesday's, Wednesday's and tonight's ceremonies.

Last Thursday YSM disrupted a Winters college teach-in when they challenged guest speakers John Saywell, dean of arts and science and Liberal mp Phil Givens.

The Atkinson councillors who were assembled by Crowe "were told there had been some disruption . . . at the orientation meeting with Saywell and that members of YSM were shouting vulgarities and that they had to call the meeting off somewhere before it was finished," Mrs. Chud said.

"They decided that they would

try to get 30 or 40 senior students to act as ushers at the Atkinson orientation meetings so they wouldn't have any outbreak of violence . . . or disruption."

They were also told, she said, that Monday's "highly confidential" meeting was to be kept secret.

Evidently, the administration feels that YSM members might be planning to challenge Crowe on his belief that the only relationship between a faculty member and a student is that of master-apprentice.

Crowe and his master-apprentice concept are specifically mentioned in the YSM counter-handbook, "Brave New School" which YSM is presently selling on campus.

When interviewed Tuesday afternoon, Crowe told EXCALIBUR there had been no meetings or formal discussions regarding a plan for dealing with potential disruptors.

Tuesday evening EXCALIBUR phoned Atkinson councillor John Lever and asked him if plans had in fact been made in advance. "No comment," he replied. Asked if he could reveal whether or not a



Harry Crowe

meeting had been held Monday, he said "No."

Mrs. Chud, who has been a crit-

ic of the Atkinson administration, said she was not invited "because they felt that male students would suit the purpose better."

"Oh, am I angry!" she exclaimed. "I couldn't believe it was true."

Crowe, when confronted with this new information late Tuesday night, then admitted a formal meeting was held and the potential disruption discussed.

"We talked it over and the only worry we had was to see what people were doing it and what our freshmen would do. These are heavily labour people . . . You never know what these people might think being new to university," he said.

Crowe said the "ushers" are

further advanced night students whose job it is to guide Atkinson freshmen during their orientation.

If a disruption occurs, Crowe said he told the ushers "their job is one of pacifying . . ."

Mrs. Chud, who is scheduled to make a speech at tonight's ceremonies said she intends to bring the matter up.

Tuesday morning Bill Farr, board and senate secretary warned the York Student Movement, through an EXCALIBUR reporter that they might be physically assaulted if they tried to challenge speakers at the Atkinson ceremonies.

If YSM goes, Farr said, "make sure that they know they could be mousetrapped."

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Discrimination charge laid against York hiring

By JOHN KING

A Lebanese-born political science professor has filed charges with the Ontario Human Rights Commission against York and four other provincial universities, saying they refused to hire him because of his national origin and political beliefs.

George Haggar, 34, says he was recommended by several professors at York to fill a post created when political science professor Edward Broadbent left to sit in the House of Commons as NDP member for Oshawa-Whitby, but was passed over in favor of a less-qualified applicant because of his political activities.

In an interview with EXCALIBUR yesterday, Haggar said: "I am prepared to testify under oath I was bypassed in favor of an American after I was given a very implicit understanding that I was appointed by an official much higher in the hierarchy of York than Mr. Kaplan (York political science chairman Harold Kaplan)."

Haggar would not say who the "official" was.

Haggar's claims were first reported in The Globe and Mail on Monday.

In a letter to The Globe yesterday, Kaplan denied the claims. "Dr. Haggar's statement is completely false. At no time in the nine-year history of this department has anyone been accepted — or rejected — because of his political views. Moreover, I have no idea whom Dr. Haggar means when he refers to 'a less-qualified applicant.'"

"During the last academic year, we considered a great many applicants and eventually chose two men who we felt were best qualified and individuals of high intellectual stature. These decisions were made by the department council, a body including all the members of the political science department plus four student representatives."

Referring to the letter, Haggar said: "The statement is completely false . . . If I were in Professor Kaplan's position I would rather remain silent than comment publicly about the appointment practices of York University and particularly those in political science."

"Moreover, with reference to the Broadbent vacancy, was it not Professor Kaplan, the Zionist Jews of the department and their allies who in fact overruled my suggested appointment on the grounds of my being 'a cantankerous person' rather than on the basis of allegedly distinguished contribution criteria."

"My position is that under his pretension of value-free science he does not have a single socialist or a single anyone. He has only his liberal American friends. . . All is not well in the alleged department where democracy prevails, and where students are supposed to be sitting with faculty to appoint."

Haggar said he had been "unanimously proposed by the students" at McGill University to replace political science lecturer Stan Gray.

"Professor Waller (chairman of the McGill political science department), who also happens to be an American like Mr. Kaplan, disposed by himself of the student proposal," Haggar said.

"So you see this myth of students sitting on appointment committees means absolutely nothing. This is a fraudulent situation where the old bureaucrats control everything — where the students propose and the chairman disposes."

"Perhaps Professor Kaplan has forgotten, but I want to assure him that I have many more friends than he thinks and their acquiescence must not be interpreted as assent."

"Is it a matter of accident that he, as an American, happens to be the chairman and the key people in the department of the university are too?" he asked.

The other four universities Haggar has filed charges against are: King's College, an affiliate of the University of Western Ontario; Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology; Waterloo Lutheran University and Lakehead University.

Haggar charges that King's College refused to consider his application for a teaching vacancy because he has publicly attacked Zionist ideology and been a spokesman for the Canadian Arab community.

He cited a letter dated Dec. 6, 1968, from King's College principal Owen Carrigan, in which Carrigan cited Haggar's outspoken political beliefs as a reason for refusing to hire him:

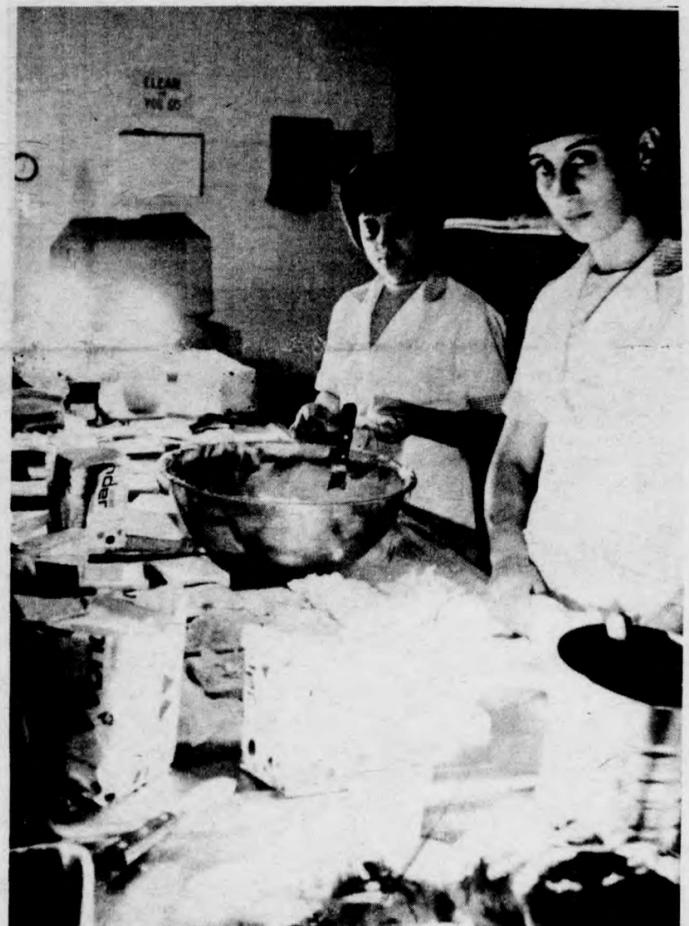
"For the past few months we have been negotiating with the Canadian Jewish community for the establishment of a centre for Jewish studies. . ."

"In view of this, I think you will appreciate that it would be impossible for us to have somebody on the faculty, particularly in the department of political science, who would be openly hostile to the state of Israel."

Yesterday Haggar said: "I do have the highest regard for Dr. Carrigan, because Dr. Carrigan has the integrity and honesty to state why he would not consider me. But Mr. Kaplan and the other people who turned me down do not have the integrity to state the reason. About all they can say is that your letter is on file and, happily, this time I know enough people on the inside who told me precisely what happened."

Haggar came to Canada in 1952 and became a Canadian citizen in 1958. He taught at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for two years as a specialist in political theory, Canadian government and foreign policy, and comparative government.

Waterloo Lutheran did not renew his contract in 1967 because, according to then acting president Henry Endress: "Through numerous channels you have made it very clear that you are not happy with the philosophy, operation and personnel (at Lutheran)."



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Lights out, but work goes on

H₂O put out lights

Monday's eight-hour blackout throughout the campus was caused by water entering the sub-station in the new graduates' residence, but the physical plant still claims "it's highly unlikely it could happen again."

The power failure which shut down all electrical apparatus on campus except heating, was eventually traced to a "short circuit" in the main power line onto the campus from Steeles Avenue.

A several thousand volt power line burnt itself out along with several minor cables, when water in the sub-station caused the short circuit.

"We have a very good electrical system here," a physical plant spokesman said, "and we should get full use of our backup systems."

The back-up system didn't work. "We don't know why, but there were several mechanical failures in it too," he said.

Most classes were cancelled or students just didn't show up. Some groups moved outdoors.

But H. I. Schiff, lecturing to Natural Science 178, simply paused when his lecture went dark, and then carried on, in the dark, to the end of the period. Some students said note-taking was rather difficult.

J. A. Burt showed up to an afternoon Nat. Sci. 176A class with a flashlight in the window-less Stedman Lecture Hall. He used the flashlight to read his notes to an unknown number of freshmen in the darkened hall.

Emergency food — hot coffee and weiners and beans — was imported by Versafood for the residence supper meal, served by candlelight. The Versafood management had expected several thousands of dollars of frozen food to be destroyed if the electric freezers had remained off for more than 12 hours.