

Political science dept. says that non-Canadians are "Canadians"

By DAVID CHUD

York's political science department Monday decided to hire non-Canadians with landed immigrant status on the same basis as Canadian citizens.

At a departmental council meeting the department reaffirmed the "two-file" system of hiring qualified Canadians before non-Canadians, but gave "Canadian" status to foreign

nationals who are studying for a Phd in Canada and have applied for immigrant status.

At the meeting, department members argued that a foreign citizen who has moved to Canada is showing a commitment to this country which is greater than that of a Canadian studying in the United States.

Critics of this line of thinking, however, have constantly argued

that many Americans are attracted to Canada, not out of commitment to the country, but because of the two year income tax exemption given to them.

In addition, researchers at the University of Waterloo recently discovered a case where an American department head told his students to take out landed immigrant status simply to qualify for government scholarships.

The vote on the two-file system comes as a result of a dispute within the department which arose over the proposed hiring of an American expert in international relations. The department has been looking for someone to fill this position for several years.

The recruiting committee could not find a suitable Canadian and turned to the foreign file. The American was subsequently recommended by the committee for hiring.

However, at a meeting of the departmental council the American failed to receive a strong vote of acceptance from the department. Given these conditions it was decided not to hire anyone to fill the senior position in international relations.

Monday the council decided that the funds which would have been

used to hire the senior international relations specialist should now go to hiring three or four junior faculty, with the priority going to an expert in Canadian government and political theory.

It was originally felt by some members of the department, however, that the procedure used in not hiring the American implied that no non-Canadians were to be hired in future. For this reason the two-file system was reaffirmed.

Department chairman Harold Kaplan explained that the system had been instituted as a sort of "protective tariff" which was legitimate given the small size of the Canadian market.

He added that it has been much easier for Americans to obtain positions in Canada than the reverse.



TIM CLARK

Scene from one of the one act plays by Tennessee Williams being presented by the Faculty of Fine Arts free of charge in the Atkinson Studio Theatre Jan. 14 and 15 at 1:30 and 8:30 and Jan. 16 at 8:30.

Trapped students incident probed

Ross elevator problems examined

By BARRY LERNER

A full investigation of the case in which 23 persons were trapped in an elevator in the Ross Building January 4 has just been completed by the Department of Safety and Security.

The people had complained that there was not proper ventilation in the elevator; that the switchboard refused to call for outside help because there was a repairman on campus; that it took over half an hour for the repairman to get to the stuck elevator; and that the switchboard and repairman seemed to be both rude and unconcerned.

In a written statement, Safety and Security Director G.C. Dunn says "the cause of the malfunction was overloading." The elevators do have a capacity of 20 persons and this is posted in the elevator. At the time of the incident, 23 people had crowded into the elevator. The statement goes on to say:

"Immediate steps were taken after the incident to repair the defective elevator exhaust fan and to investigate ways of getting more air into the elevator."

"The law forbids air slots to be more than one inch wide near the floor and two inches wide near the top of the elevator, and the York elevators already meet this maximum."

"A resuscitator is being obtained for the Safety and Security patrol car and Safety and Security has arranged for the installation of overload signs mounted conspicuously in elevators. An integrated Emergency Services Centre on campus is in the final planning stage which should facilitate dealing with unpredictable occurrences. The possibility of equipping elevators with overload switches which

provide a warning buzzer and light and prevent the elevator from moving if the load level is exceeded is being investigated."

The statement is notable for its omissions. There is no mention of why it took half an hour to get the Dover/Turnbull elevator mechanic from the other elevator he was repairing on campus.

Nor does it deal with "the rudeness and lack of concern

shown by the repairman at the time of the emergency" even though it notes this as one of the complaints of those trapped.

Dunn's statement also fails to mention why the switchboard refused to call for outside help even after the operator found out that one of the people was feeling sick from the lack of proper ventilation, nor does it explain why the operator hung up when the first call was placed.

53% to withdraw.

The council first defeated a resolution to support their own constitution. This unlikely situation arose when council members apparently decided that the wording of the motion was not appropriate.

It was obvious from the beginning that the majority of council members wanted to vote to stay in the central council, but they were unable to find a way of doing it.

A second motion, to accept the board's interpretation was also defeated and at this point the meeting ground to a halt.

Finally the speaker of the council, Jamie Laws, ruled from the chair that according to the results of the referendum McLaughlin would remain within CYSF. A majority of council supported the ruling.

Mike Fletcher, a McLaughlin representative on CYSF and a declared candidate for president of the central council in the forthcoming elections, spoke at length about a reorganization of CYSF to give the college councils more power.

John Becker, the administration's assistant vice-president in charge of student services, suggested that an informal meeting be held to discuss the future of the college system. Council members agreed to set up such a meeting.

Board offer rejected

Mac stays in CYSF

McLaughlin college will remain in the Council of the York Student Federation.

The decision was made at a disorganised and at times chaotic meeting of the McLaughlin council Monday evening.

The council had to decide whether to accept a board of governors interpretation of the results of their referendum or the interpretation found in their own constitution.

According to the board a 50% vote to withdraw from CYSF is sufficient while the McLaughlin constitution specifies two-thirds. The vote on the referendum was

Founders starts computer dating service

By JIM SMITH

The first computer dating service at York University will go into operation February 21 on both campuses under the sponsorship of Founders College.

Marina Difrancesco, Founders College Council Social Representative, and John McCallum, a graduate student in space science, will put the plan into operation.

If all goes according to schedule, Difrancesco and McCallum hope to have the questionnaires available in Central Square, Founders College and Glendon Campus January 21 to 29. Faculty, staff and students will then be able to submit their preferences regarding the opposite sex.

The one week restriction is due to the experimental nature of the service, as well as the length of time it will take to keypunch and process the questionnaires.

Results will be available, it is hoped, by February 15. If successful, the service will be made available at other times during the year.

Homophiles will not be matched in the programme. The reasons for this were not made clear.

Questions on the applications will include personal horoscopes, race, religion and heterosexual preferences.

Once all the questionnaires have been turned in, computer operators under the direction of Terry Dolle will ask the computer

for the most suitable partners for each applicant. Dolle is the computer adviser who wrote the programme.

The applicants are warned, "Although these names are on your list, your name may not be on their list." This discrepancy is due to the number of combinations scanned and the amount of time involved in achieving perfect matches.

At best, about 10,000 persons may be accommodated, since it becomes financially a losing proposition after this number.

If all goes as planned, however, the experiment will break even financially. Members of Founders College will pay 50 cents and other members of the university will pay

\$1.00.

"We hope to develop a sense of belonging in the Founders students," said Difrancesco when she was asked about the price differences.

Interestingly, Difrancesco sees the service as allowing women of York University to assume a more aggressive role since they, as well as men, will receive names from which to choose their next prospective date.

Care has been taken to arrange that the computer operators will not know which name connects to which preference. The only person to have access to the complete information will be the head programmer who has not yet been named.