

Board gets 4 on York gov't probe; YUSA & CUPE get 1

Despite their overwhelming numbers compared to the board of governors, York's non-academic staff can have only one seat on the York government probe committee. The 22 members of the board have four seats.

The board has refused a request to add one more seat to accommodate both union and staff members. The York University Staff Association

and the three union groups on campus say they can't successfully represent the views of one another.

The board rationalized that one non-academic representative on the committee was "the most appropriate." A mail ballot has been called to select the non-academic committee member but both union and staff officials have said their groups will boycott the election.

YUSA claims the seat is theirs because they are the only non-academic group constitutionally recognized by the senate. YUSA demand the seat at the next senate meeting.

YUSA representative Elsie Hanna said "we don't want to cut out other people but we think the seat is constitutionally ours." She added "I don't think they'd dare ask any other constituency to perform in this stupid way."

The 1,300 union workers meanwhile have applied to York president David Slater asking to be considered for the committee. Slater responded with the board's decision.

The matter has become an embarrassment tossed from one York decision group to another. Neither senate, their structure committee or Slater have been able to come up with a solution.

The York probe will make recommendations for a more democratic governing arrangement at York. The University of Toronto after a similar investigation, decided to take power from the board of governors in favor of a unicameral governing council. Ballots for the 50 council positions are now being tabulated.

Loan, now no bursary

York student Pauline Grey lost her bid for a \$1,000 bursary because she owes that amount to the Ontario government in student loans. Assistant registrar George Fontaine says it is standard policy not to give awards to students with loans because any award in excess of \$150 is recovered by the government.

"We try not to give private money to the government," he said in speaking of the Paul Christie Memorial Bursary for behavioral science. Grey said she had to take the \$1,000 loan in order to come to school this year.

She is just one more victim in the faulty Ontario Student Awards Program. And the faults are compounded with recent decisions passed down from the Treasury Board.

Proposed loan ceilings are hiked to \$800 from the present \$600. Cuts in graduate grants and no loan scheme for part-time students are other changes. They counter all proposals made by the Ontario Committee on Student Awards. A demonstration to protest the OSAP changes is planned for March 28 at 4 p.m. at Queen's Park.

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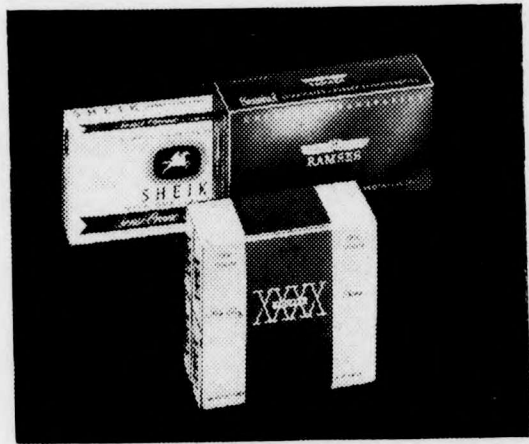
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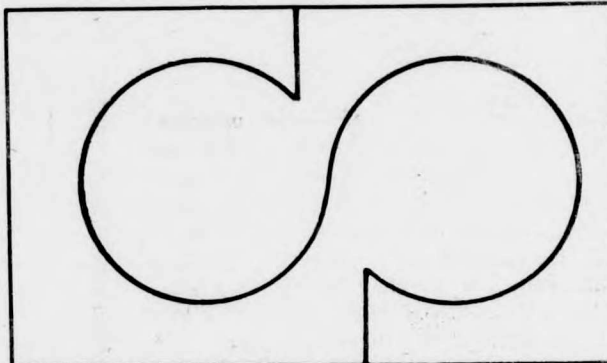
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March 20 Centennial Hall,
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Interested individuals and representatives of concerned organizations are invited to attend the meetings to ask questions of Commissioners, to make statements concerning the Draft Report and to present formally submissions to the Commission.

Copies of the Draft Report in English and French are available free from the Ontario Government Bookstore, 880 Bay Street, Toronto and from the Commission. Enquiries concerning meeting arrangements should be addressed to the **Commission on Post-Secondary Education in Ontario, Suite 203, 505 University Avenue, Toronto 101, Ontario.**