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Preliminary stats don't look good

Enrollment down by three per cent

Forest fired

By Kim Llewellyn

Effective last Tuesday Jeffrey Forest is no longer working at York University.

Dean of Atkinson, Margaret Knittl, cancelled Forest's contract as a part-time lecturer of a 100 level social science course, after a meeting with him last week.

When asked her reasons for taking this action Knittl quoted the letter she wrote to Forest, which read: "On the balance of the evidence available to me concerning your behaviour toward other members of the university, I must conclude that your personal code of conduct is one which is incompatible with your further employment at Atkinson."

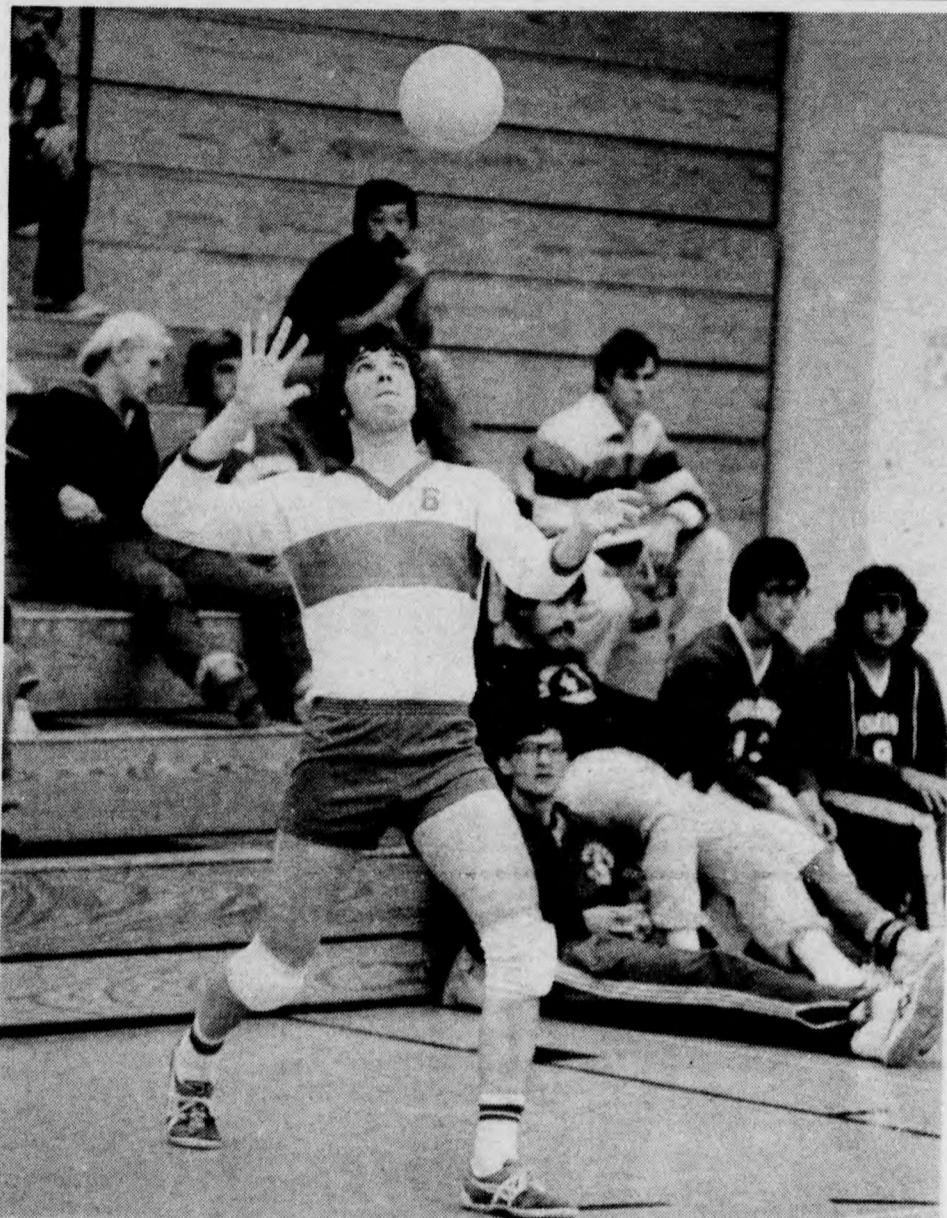
The firing follows a September 29 YUSA picket line fight in which Forest was involved along with another Atkinson lecturer.

Knittl said Forest had also not met with his class yet this year and the students had never seen him.

Forest, when asked to comment, said he was fired because he is a Marxist-Leninist professor and because he actively takes "the Marxist Leninist political line" to all sections of the university community.

"The reactionary university authorities are carrying out a vicious campaign of malicious, political, social and academic persecution against me, in a vain attempt to prevent the workers, students and faculty at York from learning the Marxist-Leninist political line," he said.

"In the past year, all kinds of attacks have been launched against the Marxist-Leninists...Not once have the university authorities ever censured these attacks."



Randy Bregman

Some fine form from Yeomen Volleyballer Larry Simpson at Brock on Saturday. The men's team was defeated, but the Yeowomen triumphed. See page 15.

By B.J.R. Silberman

Projected enrollment is down three percent this year at York, according to David Atkinson, executive assistant to York vice-president George Bell. While the final figures have not yet been collected, preliminary statistics would show that most of the faculties have suffered declines.

This drop in enrollment indicates that there are roughly 520 less students attending York this year. This figure is markedly improved over last year when York suffered a 5.7 percent drop in enrollment.

When asked how this year's decrease in enrollment will affect the York budget, Atkinson replied that the university had anticipated the decrease in enrollment during 1978-79. The Administration took the expected loss of revenue into account at that time.

Atkinson indicated that the enrollment drop at York this year will not affect the University budget until 1979-80, because grants operate a year behind and are distributed over a three year period. He estimated that York would lose \$175,000 in grants during the upcoming academic year.

Declining enrollment and the resulting loss of revenue are the third major reason for university cutbacks this year. Last year, York received \$750,000 less in income because of the significant drop in registration.

Atkinson stated that it is not known at this time where the cutbacks will occur next year. He said that the President's Policy Committee, which is composed of the vice-president and the deans at York, would have to decide.

According to Atkinson, applications and registration are down by three percent all across Ontario.

When asked the reason for the general enrollment drop, Atkinson replied that the situation would have to be carefully analysed.

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Richard Spielman

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