

**CUEW**

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In questionnaires, returned at the meetings, about members' feelings on major strike issues, union members demonstrated "overwhelming support for a fairly major wage increase," said Doyon. The union is charging that the tutorial assistants it represents are earning well below a living wage (totalling \$6,315.00 per year including UIC benefits).

As the union enters mediation, Doyon said his question for the administration is why employees that teach at their university are not making a living wage and are forced to collect welfare in the summer.

In response, Farr differentiated between the part-time faculty and the tutorial assistants that the union represents. The part-time faculty make different amounts, said Farr.

Tutorial assistants are part-time employees working for 10 hours a week for 27 weeks. Within the administration offering what amounts to \$20.78 per hour. "I think his arguments (Doyon's) are not applicable. These people are students, not full-time employees and I am not aware of the fact that universities are obligated to provide student aid to students to maintain them as if they were receiving full-time salaries."

## Poli Sci registration hassle caused by overcrowding

By JOSEPH COLLINS

A newly enforced prerequisite structure in York's Political Science department has resulted in the removal of several students previously enrolled in its courses.

Professor Bernie Frolick, Chairman of the department, said the problem was caused by too many first and second year students who, lacking course prerequisites, persuaded course directors to let them into their upper level courses.

"Many professors were complaining that academic standards were declining due to the students' lack of preparation," said Frolick.

Another Political Science Professor, Lisa North, said the problem resulted "from an overzealous application and misinterpretation of a rigid prerequisite structure" that has been firmly enforced only recently. Consequently, North found that her course on third-world politics consisted mostly of Political Science majors.

The absence of upper level students whose major lay in other related fields was a disappointment to North.

"Some of the most interesting discussion in my classes has resulted

from having students who, although non-majors, possessed either admirable field experience or relevant academic knowledge; sometimes both," said North.

Frolick said the majority of upper-level students were granted permission to attend their desired courses if they received the course instructor's written consent as well as that of the Political Science advisor and instructor.

Despite this the issue has not been resolved. "The problem will not go away," said Frolick. "Next year it will still exist." When asked how a permanent resolution can be arrived at, Frolick said the fundamental obstacle is underfunding.

Increased funds would allow the hiring of additional TAs and the creation of more courses, thereby allowing more entrance space for students said Frolick.

Improving York's registration and advising procedure would also help diminish the problem Frolick said.

Frolick said the present registration system is too slow and that perhaps a more efficient one would screen out students lacking the prerequisites for upper-level courses.



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**ERRATUM**

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