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Wants statistics open

Slater summons senate

In a surprise move yesterday university president David Slater said he would call a special meeting Wednesday and ask the senate to release citizenship information on faculty and graduate students.

Last Thursday Slater, in a letter to the Council of the York Student Federation, refused to call the special meeting which was requested by a rally of 300 students and faculty last week.

The Canadian Liberation Movement had planned to stage a sit-in today in Slater's office had he not changed his position.

Slater has prepared a motion for Wednesday's meeting calling for "the university ... to prepare and publish the estimates of the information requested (by the Ontario government)."

CYSF president Paul Axelrod, who was not in favour of a sit-in at this time, welcomed Slater's change of heart.

"We are at the point of attempting to discuss and explain the issue more fully and arrive at a consensus within the university at large," he said.

"My view is that most people, even if they are at this point sympathetic with what CYSF is attempting to do, would not now be in favour of a sit-in.

"The next action by CYSF will be the presentation of a brief to the Committee on University Affairs when they come to York Monday."

Slater said he will inform the committee Monday that a decision on the withholding of the information will be made Wednesday.

CLM say they will sit-in Wednesday if the senate rejects Slater's proposal.

Tuesday Vicki Postl, leader of the CLM at York, said there were 15 people ready to sit-in and they were planning to canvass the residences and dining halls to draw more support.

CLM has declared this "Canada

Week" at York and will hold a public forum today at 2 pm to talk about release of the statistics.

Slater, supporting his motion, said "it is possible to make reasonably good estimates of the citizenship status of groups of faculty members" and "the university has prepared and published such estimates before."

The demand for release of the statistics received a public boost Monday when the Toronto Star editorially insisted "on the public's right to know such facts" and suggested York is "trying to cover up the number of Americans recently hired to its teaching faculty."

Hockey eligibility of Yeomen at stake

York University may lose some of their top players this year due to a conflict over the eligibility rules.

Coach Bill Purcell at a press conference last Thursday explained the situation. Larry Nancekivell the secretary of the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association and a physical education instructor at York was also present, together with players Dave Kosy, Murray Stroud, and Brian Duan.

The controversy surrounds the decision by the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union to limit a player to five years of intercollegiate competition. The CIAU administrative handbook states: "To be eligible to compete in CIAU national championships an institution must be a member of an association, the CIAU. Each athlete must be eligible under certain rules:

Point four of the eligibility rule states: "A student who has completed five academic years in intercollegiate athletics shall not be eligible to compete in union competition."

The problem is that the Ontario Quebec Athletic Association, has refused to co-operate with the CIAU. When the rule was started the CIAU wanted to prevent a number of players from the OQAA from playing in the national

championships. The OQAA then refused to enter the championship games. A compromise agreement was reached with the OQAA where the rule would be retroactive to a certain year. The CIAU said 1964-65 should be the cut off and the OQAA said 66-67. They then agreed on 1965-66.

This spring, however, the OQAA maintained that the 65-66 playing year was a trial period and are insisting that players have one year of eligibility left.

The OIAA seems to state — there is no ruling in writing — that they will enforce the rule retroactive to 1964-65, making the players on the York team ineligible.

If this is so, then the York players would be unable to play for York University but could play for the University of Toronto.

While awaiting the ruling coach Purcell said, "We're going into practice, as a team."

Bill Purcell and Murray Stroud said that a person who goes to a Canadian university should be able to play if he wishes. "This isn't the States," Purcell said, "There aren't those scholarships; every kid works damn hard all summer. If he wants to play, he should be able to." Brian Jones, coach of the Ryerson Rams, agreed with Purcell earlier this week in an interview with the Ryerson student television station RCTV.



Excalibur — Harry Kitz

Former Founders student councillor Bob Thompson displays his college's new concept in freshman orientation. Instead of compiling the usual college handbook, Founders this year produced a poster designed to fit the back of a residence door. The posters, which contain all the relevant college information normally found in a handbook, are still available.

Robin Mathews, co-author of

The Struggle for Canadian Universities,

English professor at Carleton U.,

will speak, *Now Is The Time,*

next week,

in Founders College Dining Hall

Frustration forces resignation

By DAVID CHUD

Gwen Matheson wants to teach Canadian literature at York University. She's qualified to do it too, but this week Gwen is handing in her resignation from Atkinson college.

Her resignation culminates a series of frustrations which finally became too much for her — and, says Matheson — left her emotionally incapable of fulfilling her contract to take two tutorials in the American Studies course (humanities 173) at Atkinson.

Matheson has taught part-time at both the York day school and Atkinson night school for three years, in both humanities and English.

In her resignation she states, "All I know is I can't take it any more. I am fed up to the teeth:

She describes her attempts to obtain a full-time position at York or Atkinson, and the refusals she met. In a brief to "the Members of the Appointments Committee. . ." of the English department in January, Matheson documents her charges that she had at least equal qualifications, if not in some cases superior, to those of some already in the department and those who were taken on as new faculty this year.

Matheson has three degrees (B.A., M.A., Phil.M.) and is working on her Ph.D. and has taught at both McGill and Waterloo universities.

She thinks she has been overlooked partly because her third degree, the Phil.M. (a course work type degree approximately equivalent to the Ph.D.) instituted by the University of Toronto, has been misunderstood and underrated as a result of the "Ph.D. mania" caused largely by the high regard recently placed on the American Ph.D.

But she wouldn't be making a fuss at all had it not been for her final frustration this September.

"Over the past year I have often considered making a public protest about my situation. But I was not yet sure of my justification for doing so, and besides I thought I would

prefer just to work in peace and quiet towards such a strong academic position that nothing could be used against me."

Matheson had asked to tutor in the Canadian studies course at Atkinson. She even prepared a course outline and tried to teach a course of her own in Canadian studies. However, she was refused both positions.

First, humanities division chairman W.B. Carter told her that there already was a Canadian studies course being taught by Professor Callaghan, so her course outline wasn't accepted.

Her name was then submitted for a possible tutorial position in Callaghan's course. But this too was rejected and Matheson was given two tutorials in the American studies course.

As a last resort Matheson showed up at the first meeting of the Canadian studies course and arranged for a switch (one tutor had dropped out of the course and another volunteered later to trade places with her in American studies) but when she requested the change in a letter to Carter "his answer was in the negative."

Matheson has been interested for some time in the problem of the absence of critical Canadian content in our universities. She was a member of Robin Mathews' Montreal Committee and also belongs to the Waffle, the socialist movement within the New Democratic Party.

In her resignation, Matheson indicts the university for being unresponsive to Canada and Canadian problems, while over-emphasizing American material.

"Although the American course in which I was to have taught this year is designed largely as a radical critique of the American scene and includes some of the best American forms of protest, I still do not want to take part in it. I believe it is more important for Canadian students to learn about the ideas and writings of those who are making history and producing both literary and critical

works in our own country than to concentrate the greater part of their attention on the intellectual climate and problems of the USA."

She makes it clear, however, that she is not implying that American writers are not also "full of merit and vital interest. It is simply a matter of priorities.

"And perhaps it is sometimes more valuable for Canadians to view even American problems from a Canadian point of reference rather than strictly according to American interpretations."

Matheson, in her resignation, said she also deplores the treatment of women in the university.

She says there is "discrimination. . . particularly directed towards the woman who commits the intolerable sin of having strong opinions and expressing them."

Carter, when contacted by EXCALIBUR, said that the choosing of tutors is a difficult task and it is up to the course directors to a large extent, but added that he wanted Matheson in the American studies course because it was difficult to find other qualified staff.

For her part, Matheson said, "I know, I don't have a case. I've broken my contract by resigning. But I can't really care about the contract. I just feel it's important to take a stand. I'll also have to say good-bye to nearly two thousand dollars."

The real tragedy of this whole affair is that it probably isn't unique.

Here at York and at other universities in Canada, women, those who are critical of our country's position and attitude to imperial pressures, radicals and socialists have been, and probably will continue to be, harassed and disillusioned.

One of our tasks, if we are to build a critical university and a society capable of and willing to solve people's daily problems, is to ensure places in our university for those who stand for radical social change.