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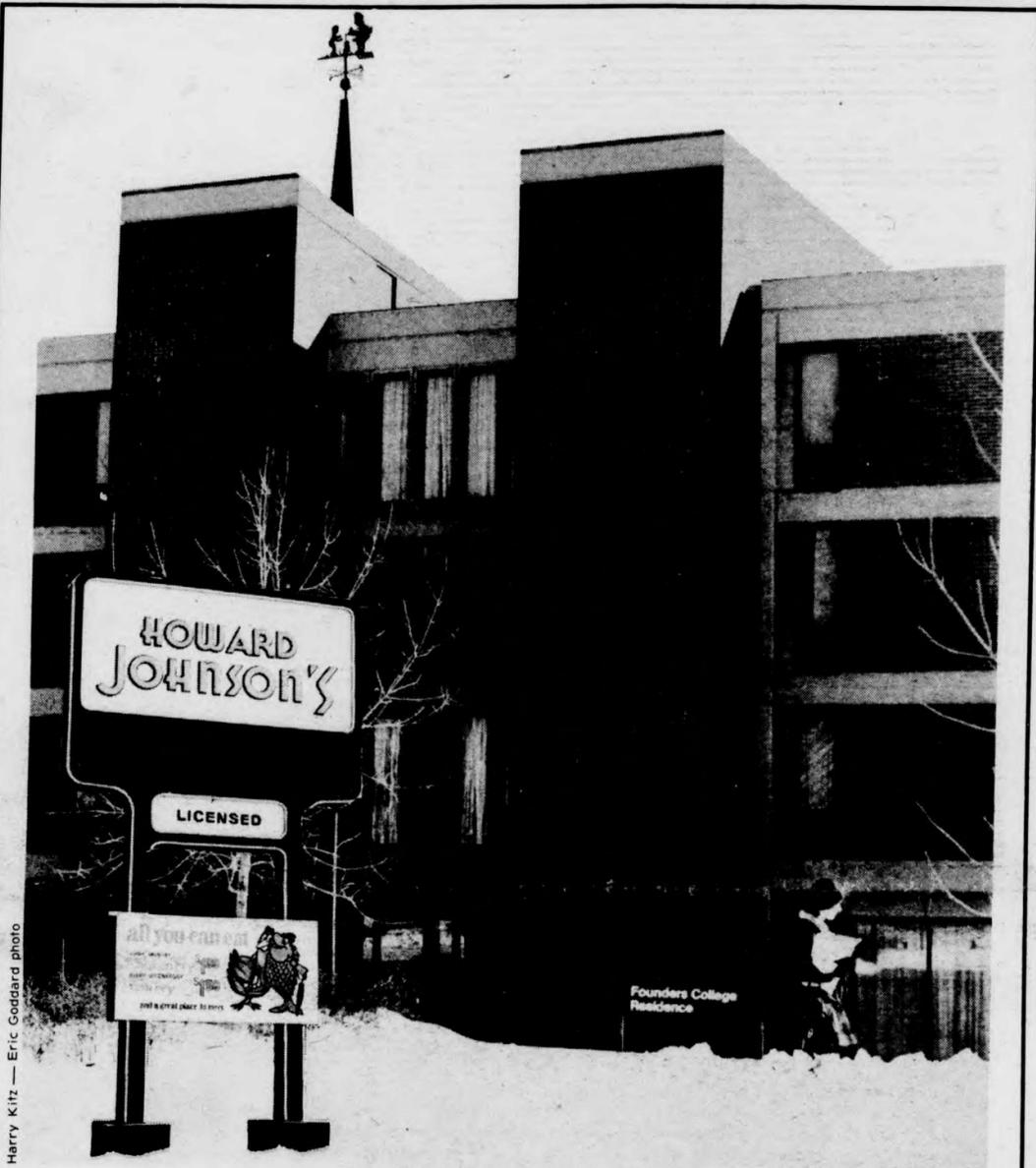
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Harry Kitz — Eric Goddard photo

More money in conferences than in student residences

By TOM (BLUE) SIMON

Wondering about residence increases next year? Food costs? Well, they're going up — one way or another.

That at least was the consensus of the ancillary services personnel, college masters, and residence representatives who met last Thursday. The sheets of figures and comments provided showed various alternatives designed to produce, as near as possible a break-even budget next year.

The plans discussed outlined lower fee increases in proportion to greater service cuts. Don Nesbitt, residence manager, presented figures indicating that with maid service cut next year to one per college, no towels, reduced air cooling and no large singles, the overall deficit would still be about \$82,979. The overhead costs would include two crash cleanings a year, more porters with expanded duties, and students hired as summer maids.

Some students and masters questioned the accuracy of Nesbitt's figures because they were based on a projected seven per cent vacancy rate that some considered unrealistic. Steve Parish, an active Founder's resident, said after the meeting that conditions were at a breaking point and heading toward empty residences. He pointed to his name along with nearly 300 other Founders residents on a petition declaring that if fees go up they will not return next year.

Nesbitt also emphasized that conferences and conventions were more profitable than student residences. When asked if conference rates were being raised he stated; "The odds are slim. It's a mighty competitive market". Someone replied that the student market was pretty competitive also.

"Why not turn all the residences into a hotel and

make a few million" was Parish's final comment.

Norman Crandle, assistant director of ancillary services, presented various plans that juggled price increases and service cuts. The most drastic plan for service cuts (no second servings, turnstiles in Central Square to reduce theft, increased a la carte prices, complete closure of one servery and two dining halls in college complex one) still indicated a cost increase in meal tickets from \$35 to \$47 to erase the deficit. Some masters and students expressed concern that closing dining halls would disrupt college life, and the consensus was against the plan.

Crandle also mentioned the feasibility of dropping the meal plan system for a cash/a la carte system. He said although prices would still go up the service would be more versatile and could offer greater variety (including health foods). The meeting directed him to investigate thoroughly and report back. Crandle added that if a decision was made soon the plan could go into effect next year.

Johanna Stuckey, acting-master of Founders, suggested renovating existing residences, making them more interesting and including kitchens plus a la carte serveries. She suggested money might be available through existing government capital building funds and summed up; "Let's be more imaginative — let's look at ways we can offer more".

As the four-hour meeting ended, ground plans were laid for a task force made up of ancillary services personnel, college masters and students. The group will go to the University of Guelph to investigate the food and residence situation there. They are expected to report back some time in April, when all interested parties will meet again to decide the situation.

Demands for rent may cut growth says daycare head

By PAUL THOMSON

York daycare faces another setback in its plans for year-round operation and enrolment expansion next year.

John Becker, assistant vice-president, this week informed daycare that budget cutbacks made it necessary to freeze at \$7,400 the amount York pays for daycare's space in two grad residences. This means daycare would have to budget \$1,600 for rental of three apartments, if it wishes to use them during the summer months, as well

as an anticipated three per cent rent increase next year for all six apartments it uses.

It also means plans to increase enrolment to 100 children next fall would be impossible without a sizable increase in daycare fees.

In 1970, York agreed to pay rent to housing services for daycare's space when it moved to grad residence three. Necessary alterations to the apartments and a lounge were also made by the university.

The freeze on daycare's rent subsidy comes at a time when daycare parents were hoping the university would also pick up next year's operating deficit so enrolment could be increased. Members of the daycare financial and planning committees met with Bill Small, vice-president for administration, on Monday to ask for help in balancing daycare's budget.

However, John Becker told Excalibur Tuesday he was not aware the daycare had approached the administration for a further subsidy.

Daycare supervisor, Maria DeWitt, expressed surprise that the university is now asking daycare to pay rent on the three apartments during the summer months. There was never any indication the rental subsidy would be for only eight or nine months of the year when arrangements for more space were finalized last May with Small, she said.

The additional space made it possible for daycare to increase enrolment to 65 children last fall. DeWitt feared any cutback in the space available to daycare, even during the summer, would jeopardize their licence to operate.

Freezing university support to daycare raises the spectre of another fee increase. In February, raised to \$60. Daycare's continuing deficit made the hike necessary.

With York desperately trying to attract students to obtain maximum provincial government support Becker conceded that daycare's fee level could have an effect on York's attractiveness to prospective students with children.

DeWitt said the present situation will also affect daycare's ability to expand into evening care. Atkinson students have expressed a desire for child care facilities on campus.

Quota on profs: Tucker

Canadian universities should seriously consider the "temporary application of quotas" to ensure that Canadian citizens are occupying the majority of academic posts, asserted Albert Tucker, principal of Glendon College. Tucker was speaking on the subject of "Nationality and Learning" in Glendon's "Last Lecture of Your Life" series Tuesday.

While not insisting that all professors be Canadian-born, Tucker did suggest that preference be given to those professors who have Canadian citizenship.

"The issue of nationality," he noted, "cannot be put aside as merely incidental or irrelevant."

Tucker also supported the policy statement of the Committee for an Independent Canada, that "all future administrative officers of Canadian universities should be Canadian citizens".

"Distinct Canadian approaches" are necessary, Tucker maintained, to study Canadian subjects and Canadian issues. "Scholars and teachers trained in other anglophone cultures may be interested in, but are not likely to develop these insights, largely because they continue to observe from the outside."

Tucker cited statistics on the large percentage of faculty at Canadian universities who are non-Canadian, which was evidence, he said, "of our colonial psychology."

While he conceded that there were dangers inherent in "raising citizenship to a fetish", Tucker asserted that where qualified Canadians were available for a post, a non-Canadian should not be hired. He also spoke strongly against granting tenure to non-Canadian professors, especially in disciplines such as sociology and anthropology, where Americans tend to dominate. Granting of tenure in those cases, he noted, would ensure the continuation of foreign domination in those fields for the next 20 years.

"If measures such as these seriously hampered our recruiting of faculty, then that alone must be taken as a commentary on the current quality both of our graduate students and our graduate schools. If only a small percentage of faculty at Canadian universities were non-Canadian, I would not propose or even consider such measures."

French POW to speak

Andre Menras, a young French school teacher who spent two years in a South Vietnamese prison camp, will be at York Monday.

Menras, who was jailed in 1970 by Thieu's military police, will speak about his experiences in Curtis lecture hall E at 4 p.m.

He tells a grim story of inhumane treatment, starving, beating and torturing of political prisoners in South Vietnam. It is estimated that there are about 300,000 such prisoners.