

Rally demands faculty data

By DAVID CHUD

A mass rally of 300 people Tuesday overwhelmingly demanded the university senate reconvene this Tuesday and reverse its decision to withhold citizenship data on York faculty and graduate students.

If the senate refuses to meet, further action will be taken.

Council of the York Student Federation president Paul Axelrod said the main issue was that of openness of information.

"Some groups have the information and others don't. If we are to have a rational discussion on issues at this university then these figures will have to be made public."

The figures had been originally requested by the Ontario government through its Committee on University Affairs. The senate refused to release them saying they were "confidential."

Axelrod said the information is vital in deciding the validity of

various issues which have been brought up.

He explained that country of acculturation, background and training form a world view and influence the way a person teaches and what he teaches.

He said some people believe the university is not serving the Canadian people by not providing jobs for Canadians.

"We hear there are not enough qualified Canadians to fill the positions and on the other hand that there are Canadian Ph.Ds running around without jobs."

Axelrod also responded to arguments put forward against the CYSF position.

The charge that requesting the figures is contrary to the Ontario Human Rights Code is inaccurate, he said.

"Yesterday I phoned the Ontario Public Service Commission and Civil Service Commission. Both of these groups give preferences to Canadians when applicants are equally qualified."

On the question of confidentiality Axelrod repeated that CYSF never asked for names and was perfectly satisfied with university president David Slater's amendment at senate which would have combined categories with less than three people in them, so individuals could not be ascertained.

To the charge that CYSF is engaged in a "numbers-game" with the statistics Axelrod replied:

"We aren't playing a numbers-game, they (administration) are, by only compiling aggregate figures which don't in themselves mean anything. We're interested in how citizenship relates to content. That's why we want the figures broken down by discipline."

Slater said the senate could still change its mind.

"We ought to proceed with caution. It's always possible to reconsider and make things public."

Slater was concerned mainly with the human rights code and stated that the university has received two legal opinions that requesting the information as a basis for hiring violates the code.

He suggested the government might back down in its request for the statistics.

"I have checked with the chairman and secretary of the Committee on University Affairs.

They have serious second thoughts about this information."

Political science professor Ed Weisman said, "If one contends that these figures are unimportant then why would one refuse to release them."

"The issue of internationalism is a phoney issue," he said.

He suggested the figures would probably show that York's faculty

come from a small group of countries and to be truly international we would have to recruit in many more countries.

The issue of citizenship should be the start of a critical analysis of the university, he said.

Slater replied to questions about hiring by telling of the troubles of the administrator.

"I've been in the business of

turning out graduate students," he said, and explained that established universities have an easier time.

Members of the Canadian Liberation Movement suggested in a pamphlet that "York students should tell the star-spangled administrators of this university that either they make the figures public or there has to be a sit-in..."

60 per cent non-Canadian at Atkinson

Over 60 per cent of this year's faculty appointments at York's Atkinson College are non-Canadian.

The statistics were released before the university senate voted to suppress such data.

Of the 19 new appointments 47.4 per cent are Americans; 36.8 per cent are Canadians; and 15.8 per cent are other non-Canadians.

Of the seven Canadians hired, four did graduate training in the United States.

Excilbur compiled these statistics on the basis that the country where one obtains his undergraduate degree is — except in extreme cases — the country of citizenship.

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	Number	Percentage
American	9	47.4
Canadian	7	36.8
Other	3	15.8

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YEOMEN LOSE AGAIN
An Ottawa University Gee-Gee footballer tackles a York Yeoman as he runs the ball up the field during a game at York on Saturday. The Yeomen lost by 25-7. — Story on page 19.

Kolko gets immigrant status

Radical American historian Gabriel Kolko has finally been granted landed immigrant status in Canada. This status has enabled him to teach at York.

Kolko had been refused the status by the Canadian government after he received a tenured position with York's history

department.

Two weeks ago John Saywell, dean of arts at York, charged that the "Ottawa bureaucracy" was denying the immigrant status needed to teach only because of Kolko's "radical politics."

Kolko has been a constant critic of U.S. foreign policy and believes

the American desire to control the world's resources is the cause of such conflicts as the war in Vietnam.

Kolko, who has full professor status, is teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate level and is already meeting with his classes.

He laughed and everyone laughed

The making of a women's liberationist

By WENDY DENNIS

I guess I really didn't become committed until last week. I went to hear Evelyn Reed talk about women's liberation because some dormant chords within me had been ever-so-slightly vibrated by The Cause, and I was interested.

Evelyn Reed is a Marxist, and her hour-or-so dissertation was very heavy political and historical stuff. There were no fervent pleas to cast away bras or underarm razors. She did not wave her arms and scream obscenities at all the male chauvinists in the world who shove Woman a little deeper into the quicksand of her own oppression with each door they hold ajar, or each coat they raise on high.

She was decidedly not, as the Toronto Daily Star or The Toronto Telegram might have us believe, a rather amusing and charming lunatic who should be heard out because, after all, we cherish the freedom of speech for everyone in a democracy, don't we?

Unconcerned with the trappings, she tried commendably to deal with the essence. She talked about how marriage developed from the class institution of legalized chattel slavery in Roman times, to the mass institution of disguised slavery that it is today. She suggested that marriages, once "made in Heaven," are now considered lovely, something-every-woman-waits-all-her-life-for, "natural unions". She deplores the potent mythology that admonishes women from childhood on what their role in life is to be.

"It is not true, as the fairy tale puts it, that everyone lives happily ever after," said Miss Reed.

She talked about all the recently-made-respectable causes that even Gordon Sinclair would have a hard time disagreeing with: equal pay, abortion and smashing the hypocritical sexual double standard that has for so long been a reality among men and women.

"Love is someone making an object of someone else to satisfy his own ego. People have become a very elaborate set of furniture in each others lives. We have to expose men who exploit women for the sake of their own egos." Embarrassed laughter. Self-conscious, knowing glances passed from male enclave to male enclave. Cheap jokes shared to ease the tension.

"Women are trained from the cradle on for the suffocatingly narrow roles they are to assume." True, I thought. Even in my own Beautiful Relationship it's often so difficult to reject the notion that the dinner parties are my responsibility and the political decisions his.

Something was beginning to happen to my head but it didn't really happen until the question period started.

"Why do you have to be political to feel liberated?" asked the girl in the red flannel jumpsuit. I think you're alienating a lot of potential

followers with all your Marxist bullshit." She had completely misunderstood the whole speech. Every word. Why do people react to words instead of meanings, I thought to myself.

"Tell me how you're oppressed", laughed the black with wildly bitter scorn.

"You tell me how you're oppressed," she said turning the question around and implying that maybe there was a common point where oppression merged.

"Don't play none of those tricks. Answer the question!" he laughed and everyone laughed and suddenly Evelyn Reed was just another ridiculous, flustered, inane woman to everyone there. A big, silly joke. And I, who had come to hear her talk about the oppression of women in general, witnessed instead the very real oppression of one woman in particular.

The bearded student beside me, who had dozed through most of the hour, sat up and mused to his sidekick: "Y'know, the number of chicks on the Pill this year has doubled."

It was a fittingly mindless remark, but one which, it seemed, got to the crux of what women's liberation is all about better than a thousand stinging orations delivered from a thousand podiums. Thank you bearded boy. Thanks to you, I'm committed.