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## Council votes for optional tutorial

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The Faculty of Arts Council voted 95 to 41 to make college tutorials optional next term, at a crowded meeting last Thursday afternoon. This was one of three motion passed.

The long debated change in York's general education program awaits approval from the university's Senate and Board of Governors.

The Senate is expected to ratify the council's decision.

A second motion passed by CAPP would begin the cross listing of courses offered by the Faculty of Arts, with individual colleges. The cross listing would allow a college "to forge closer link between itself and an existing arts programme."

The third motion passed would "encourage on load teaching of courses offered...under college auspices when these courses are taught by full-time faculty.

The controversial move was likened to "amputating a limb and then asking the amputee if he minds," by college tutorial leader Tony Wolfson.

The motions were made after a two-year study by the Committee of Academic Planning and Policy. According to Committee Chairperson Professor Joan Stewart, "It's time for a change."

Stewart stated that the faculty should not be worried about a drastic drop in the number of tutorials. She explained that when tutorials were made optional for Fine Arts students, about 40 per cent still took them.

Melvin Lubek, a lawyer and former Vanier College Council President currently teaching a college tutorial, summed up most of the complaints about making tutorials optional.

"If my students were to receive only 40 per cent, then they have failed," Lubek said, in reference to Stewart's earlier remarks. Lubek stated that part-time faculty stand to suffer most from the move, since they are unable to shift to other disciplines. He complained that



York gymnasts came close this weekend. See page 11.

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neither alumni nor student response was sought on this issue.

A member of council expressed support for the change. Citing rising enrollment in disciplinary studies, he claimed that students are more eager to take them than their college tutorials. These students are angered by current rules barring them from their disciplinary studies.

"The world of the student has changed," he noted.

Winters College Master Maurice Elliott presented another criticism, claiming that the whole tutorial system has failed. The college tutorials were originally to be used as a transition from high school to university, he explained. Most students are, however, taking their college tutorials in their second year, when they have already made the transition.

Chief Steward of CUEW Leslie Saunders said in an interview after the meeting that she is very disturbed about this move. "This is a crippling of a program that is academically important. This is the first step toward a budget cut and the destruction of the college system.

"It is interesting to note," Saunders continued, "that the U of T college system was substantially weakened by a move towards General Enrollment and they had a much stronger college system than York does."

This motion, along with the motion to allow full time staff to teach on load was viewed by the union as eventually the loss of 50 to 80 part-time workers. "It is a small step for encouraging the full time staff to ordering them to do so," said the Chief Steward.

## York area rapes alleged

**Greg Saville**

Reports of an alleged rape attempt on campus last week remain unsubstantiated as *Excalibur* went to press late last night. The reports follow the rape of a Driftwood Ave. woman two weeks ago and another attempted rape-cum-robbery near campus Jan. 4.

Metro Police 31 division Staff Sgt. G. Crease told *Excalibur* that a juvenile was arrested Monday for the earlier Driftwood rape, Dec. 30, but he was unable to confirm reports of the alleged rape attempt at York.

York Security Chief George Dunn said he was aware of an attempted rape-cum-robbery on Driftwood Avenue on January 4, but that he knew of no incidents on campus last week.

Security Chief Dunn also denied reports by an unnamed York security employee that some members of security on campus had been unofficially asked to be on the lookout for a suspect involved in the alleged incident last week.

Describing the Dec. 30 Driftwood Ave. rape, Metro Police Sgt. Crease said a young girl was dragged into 415 Driftwood Ave. and was sexually assaulted in the stairwell. He was unable to release names since the accused was a juvenile.

Of the Jan. 4 attempted rape-cum-robbery, also on Driftwood Ave., Security Chief Dunn said police came onto campus in search of a suspect wearing a sweatsuit who may have been using York's physical education facilities. He also said there had been no arrests in the case.

"It makes me very angry when people talk about things they don't know," said Chief Dunn about the attempted rape rumors at York.

The reports follow the assault of a Vanier Don last month in her residence by three off-campus youths as she attempted to evict them from her residence. Metro Police were called to the incident and warnings were issued by Chief Dunn. No charges were laid.

## Second budget tabled

**Jonathan Mann**

The threat of a dramatic drop in the Council of the York Student Federation's funding for Campus Connection may soon be over, but the organization's good fortune is largely at *Excalibur's* expense.

The CYSF's first budget proposal for the 1980-81 school year was tabled last Wednesday, January 7. While it closely resembled the Council's budget for 1979-80, there were a few significant changes. Among them:

- a 50 per cent drop in funds allotted the Campus Connection from \$3000 to \$1500. The student run social service had asked the Council for \$4000, and was, according to Coordinator Gary Yorke "upset" by the drop. The revised budget proposal, tabled last night, would give the organization \$3000. The change was greeted with less than complete satisfaction by Yorke.

"It's still below what we asked for," he said, "but I'm happy that we're getting the \$3000."

- *Excalibur's* funding, last year totalling \$13,000, is expected to drop to \$6,000 this year according to the revised budget. While the January 6 budget proposal allotted *Excalibur* \$7,000, \$1,000 was shaved off the revised proposal's

allocation and added to funds for the Campus Connection.

- The CYSF's two business ventures received a total of \$7,000. The CYSF Typing Service was allotted (by both budgets) \$5,000. According to Business Manager Gary Empey, the funds will go towards paying for stationary, furniture and office supplies. The Lyceum used book store, which Mr. Empey helped found, will receive \$2,000 from the Council. The money will be used to set up a book buying fund, according to Empey.

- The budget reflects two salary increases awarded to CYSF employees earlier this year. Gary Empey's salary jumps \$5,000 with the new budget from \$9,000 to \$14,000 a year. According to Empey, the salary increase reflects a change in his position with the Council; once a part-time employee, he has worked full time since last May 1.

The only other salary increase was awarded to CYSF secretary Sylvia Stanley. Under the terms of her employment, she is entitled to wage parity with York University Staff Association grade 4 secretaries. The 9.5 per cent salary increase YUSA won last October therefore means a corresponding increase for her.