

Parrott says students should pay more

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get a period of grace, probably two years, during which time they can still be eligible for some form of student aid.

But a decision on the nature of the "grandfather clause" under which this would take place had not yet been made, he said.

Chris Allnutt, an OFS researcher,

later said while a "grandfather clause" is important, and may protect the interests of present students it will do nothing for students in the future. He said good aspects of the new scheme are that students' actual summer earnings will be considered in assessing their needs and a student from a low-income family may, in theory, get

only grants in his/her first four years. But, he said, the new package also cuts students off after four years and the ministry's definition of "low income" excludes the majority of students who are still in need of financial assistance although above the poverty level.

Golombek said under the old scheme only the bottom two percent of the economic scale in Ontario was covered under this definition.

"Dr. Parrott's assistants have also indicated to us that the parental contribution will be higher under the

new scheme than under the old one," said Golombek in an interview.

Dr. Parrott said students will have to find the lion share of their education costs themselves.

"The Ontario student aid plan was always meant to be only a supplementary one to the student's own resources," he said. He said he would "rather help poor students at the beginning of their careers when financial assistance is more needed and the students' ability to raise money were limited."

Students after four years could possibly take interest-bearing loans from the Ontario government (loans which begin accumulating interest immediately) but he said no details have been worked out yet. Otherwise a student after four years will be able to get a Canada student loan to a maximum of \$1,800.

The purpose of the new plan, Dr. Parrott said, is to move students through the system faster, and to encourage them to look for work in the summer as much as possible.

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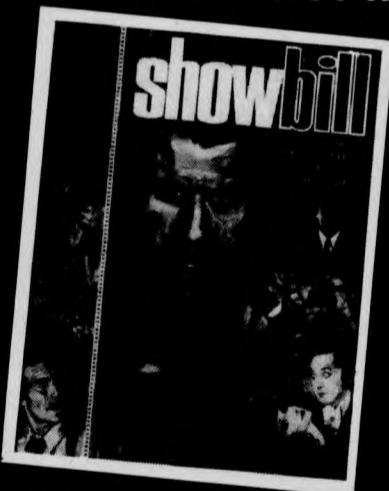
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"The president has made a mistake": prof.

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Hunniss said the social science department believes "the president has made a mistake and he should lift the ban."

A.H. Turriffin, course director of the York social science course in which Forest lectures, told *Excalibur* that he and two other colleagues wrote a letter to the president demanding Forest's immediate reinstatement. He said he received no reply from Macdonald, and added that he did not expect one. The letter was sent shortly after Forest's suspension and was signed by Turriffin, Professor P. Cohen, and Ms. D. Harrison.

Turriffin said that whatever occurred in Central Square is unrelated to Forest's teaching and his suspension has disrupted the course.

When asked how the course has been disrupted, Turriffin said there have been 2 substitute instructors for Forest's tutorial and there will shortly be a third. He said, "constant changing is detrimental to good teaching in the tutorial and the students want Forest back."

York Vice-President W.D. Farr, has released a statement concerning the university's position on the Forest matter. The statement is an informative report for the York community, outlining the background to the University's decision to suspend Forest, along with details of subsequent events.

An aborted meeting between Forest and the administration held November 30 failed to draw the administration any closer to reaching a decision about Forest. The meeting ended when Forest walked out, claiming the inquiry was "a fraud".

Following this meeting and with no request from Forest for another, the administration drew up a preliminary report containing statements from all students who witnessed violence at the YSM meeting in Bethune College on November 4 and in Central Square on November 18.

Farr wrote to Forest on December 9 asking him to attend a meeting on December 13 with a union representative, at which a full discussion would be held on the students' and Forest's statements.

At the request of the union, the meeting was postponed to December 16. It did not take place at this date because Forest was unavailable.

Forest told *Excalibur* the meeting was a 'kangaroo court'. He said the administration wanted to discuss an investigation they were satisfied was complete. Forest said the idea of a "complete investigation" was a "hoax" since he did not participate in it. He added that the format of the meeting would prevent him from questioning the witnesses.

Asking for his appearance at the meeting to discuss the matter is "like the prisoner who is asked if he has any last words before being sentenced," Forest said.

Forest wrote a letter dated December 12 stating the meeting's procedure is "an open admission by the university that it is part of the reactionary alliance along with the police, the Zionists and the student hacks which has it nefarious aim to purge the Marxist-Leninists from York."

Forest usually refers to the so-called "Zionist thugs" as the instigators to the violence on campus. However, Wolodzimierz Szenberg who was arrested on November 18 for assaulting YSM member James Nugent, told *Excalibur* he is not a Zionist.

Forest may be appearing in court by the end of January, according to Turriffin. Forest faces charges of assault occasioning bodily harm to a York student.

Osgoode professor, Michael Mandel, will be one witness appearing in court.

Mandel witnessed some of the November 17 debates in Central Square. He told *Excalibur* that Forest was calm and rational while being harassed by the assembled crowd.

"If I was him I would have feared for my safety," Mandel said.

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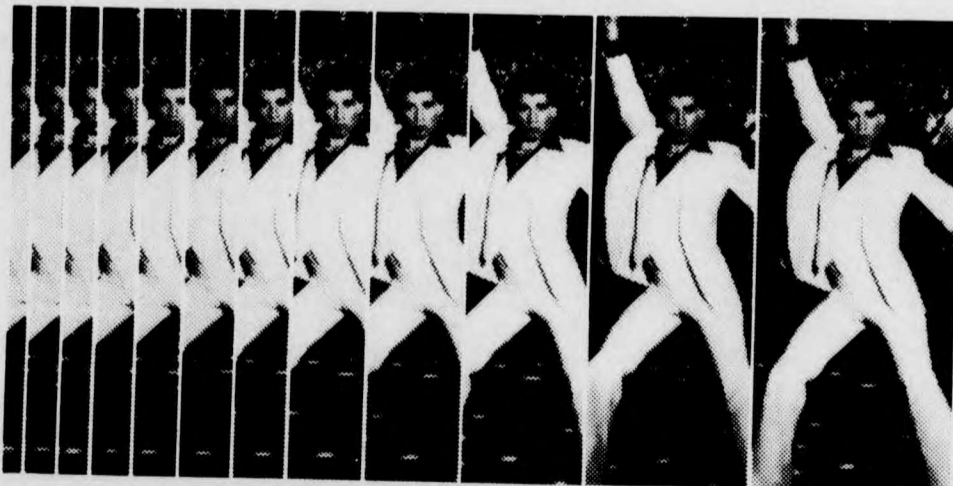
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