

Faculty-style democracy: 12 students and 300 profs

The lonely 12 have finally arrived it, but very few York undergrads had anything to do with it.

The lonely 12 are the undergraduates elected last Thursday to be the only student representatives on the 300-member Faculty Council.

The 12 are barred from five of the 12 committees that make up the machinery of the Faculty Council.

The undergraduate body who had nothing to do with the election are the over 75 percent who did not bother to vote for any of the 22 applicants.

The 12, who ran on platforms ranging from strong promotion of students rights to simply responsible representation, will be refused seats on judiciary committees dealing with applications and memorials, Examinations, Minor Research Grants, Nominations, and the Council Executive.

In a brief submitted to Dean W.W. Pipenburg, Secretary of the Council, objections to the restrictions on the little band of 12, were outlined by Larry Englander, Academic Commissioner of the YSC.

He said Sept. 26 that by refus-

ing any student to sit as an executive member the Faculty council has prevented any students from ever becoming chairman of any of the committees. Only committee chairmen can sit on the executive.

At the same time, the Faculty-Student Relations Committee is supposed to have a student co-chairman, who will still be refused admission to the Executive.

Englander also pointed out the Council has refused to allow students to judge on any decisions that effect other students, thus denying "the democratic ... right of free trial before one's peers."

A resolution of the Faculty Council also prohibits any student on the Faculty Council from being nominated to the Senate as a faculty council member. Englander said the Faculty Council made a questionable interpretation of the Senate's ruling that only five students can sit on the Senate. Students sitting on the Senate from the Faculty Council would be there as Faculty Council members, not as students, Englander said.

Englander's report recommended that students be permit-

ted on all committees except the Nominating body, that students should be eligible as representatives of the Council for election to the Senate, and that student members of the Council be sub-

ject to impeachment by the YSC, as are all members of the YSC.

The 12 students who are to be the voice of York undergrads before the 300 faculty council members are: Shalom Lappin,

Robert Dale, Marlyne Glick, Alan Morinis, Richard Levine, Sidney Troister, William White, Rick Blair, Ira Goldhar, Barbara Marshall, Robert Roth and Howard Spring.

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photo by Dave Cooper

She'll be at homecoming — won't you? Festival — Nov. 7, 8, 9.

Founders to fight government financing

By 1971 York students may be having their seminars in tents, says John Stiff, president of Founders Council.

The Ontario Government has declared its intention to reduce this university's capital building grants from this year forward.

This means, says Stiff, that if the university continues to take in students at its present rate, there will be insufficient buildings to house the increasing enrolment.

"As a result of the cutback York will lose its momentum which has pushed it rapidly to the forefront of new academic societies in North America by maintaining growth and individuality of students," says Stiff.

"The College System has helped to put this university in that forefront; yet, already this year, every college has over its 1000 student quota."

"And with the proposed action by the Ontario Government, the original dream of York — as a multiversity that preserves the intimacy of the small liberal arts college — will become a nightmare."

Stiff said Ontario Premier John Robarts has stated that the government was reviewing all its programs and would produce a priority ranking to guide it in allocating funds. "Are we not a priority?" Stiff demanded.

"The government of Ontario will decide York's future", the Founders President said, "and it's bloody well time that the students helped it to make up its mind."

The provincial University Affairs Committee will meet here on Oct. 29. The university has until then to organize and direct the three student representatives who will be meeting with the Committee.

Stiff said the present colleges will not tolerate the "destruction of the university".

He asked that any ideas, opinions, or protest placards be submitted to him care of the Founders Council office.

Be happy when broke says Gov't

by Kandy Biggs

More money and sooner is the startling news from the Department of University Affairs.

The average Ontario Student Award is higher this year and more students are getting their awards sooner, the department says. The government says you are happy. The government says you will survive this academic year. The government doesn't know you only have \$79.53 with which to pay the second installment of residence and tuition fees.

This year's average award is \$1023 compared to last year's \$963 according to the statistics. But statistics don't help when it costs you \$2000 for the year and you couldn't find a summer job.

Last year the provincial government expended \$19.2 million and the federal government \$22.5 million for the Student Awards program.

This year's expenditure is estimated to be \$26 million provided by the provincial government and \$23 million from the federal government.

This year the enrolment at York alone doubled. And this year the independency requirements are uptight.

The average loan last year was \$529. The average loan this year is \$519. Mathematically it doesn't balance with the \$10 increase in tuition fees this year.

The average grant has increased from \$434 to \$504 this year. How much was your grant? But again you say you only have \$79.53 left for second term. Check your bookkeeping. Statistics say you're going to make it financially. After all the government says you're happy.

Naughty rag to continue sight-seeing

The Winters College magazine Seer has been saved from an untimely death at the hands of the bill collectors.

John Bosley, a fourth year student, has agreed to aid Seer in the lease-purchase of printing

equipment the Seer had committed itself to using for the next six years.

Bosley, who serves as speaker for the YSC, says his backing of the Seer lease on the equipment will enable Seer to show the

rental agency that money will be available to carry out the lease independent of total financing by the Winters Council.

The Winters College Council had previously refused to commit itself to six years of support for the magazine.

The YSC had also turned down the Seer request for backing on the grounds that Seer could only be supported as a Winters project, and the Winters Council didn't want a six year project.

Bosley said he hopes that YSC or some other agency will help him continue financing next year if necessary.

Mao backed by Bible?

Auckland, N.Z. — (CUPI) — Copies of Mao Tse-Tung's thoughts bought in New Zealand have been found to have pieces of bible covers as stiffeners in their covers, says the inter-denominational Christian weekly, "Challenge". It said this could be termed the ultimate in blasphemy.

Mao, on discovering the Christian backing he received, reportedly said: "Good Christ!"