

Class split in half Course feud mediated in political science

A long-running feud between students in political science 311 and the course director, Bernie Frolic, was successfully mediated Monday by the political science committee on undergraduate studies.

Two classes in the course on Communist China were disrupted earlier this term when students protested the issuing by Frolic of rigid "non-negotiable" guidelines for the course.

When the class was then split in half by Frolic to allow a "free course" for those who wanted it, agreement failed to be reached as to how much freedom the students would be allowed.

A compromise solution was found Monday, giving the "free course" students an equal say in determining their mark, and full control over their course content.

At the end of the year both the students and the course director will give a mark and the average taken.

Students are hoping that the joint marking arrangement will limit personal tensions that have arisen, while at the same time dismiss the importance of evaluation as an end in itself.

Besides operating a seminar and preparing papers, the group intends to sponsor a teach-in on Communist China next term for the student body.

As a result of the conflict, the students feel they have learned the value of collective discipline and have come to understand the meaning of responsibility to a group.

They hope to develop a collective learning experience in their seminars by creating an atmosphere in which students can participate free from the intimidation of grades and arbitrary power.

The sole criteria for determining grades will be participation on the part of the students.

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Food figures true

York business manager J.R. Allen did budget for a profit of "17 something" thousand dollars on York's food services this year, but he says he is worried that the budget might be "misinterpreted" by students who don't understand the figures.

"It's in that neighbourhood," Allen said in an interview Tuesday night, but he stressed that there have been "substantial losses" on food services budgets in the past and that last year's net food service profit of \$20,705 was the first in some years. Losses from previous years are kept in continued deficit accounts, he said.

He said food service profit from conferences in the summer "is very difficult to estimate" and that "this could contribute to the \$17,000" planned profit this year.

This year's budget, which will be reviewed by the food services committee at their next meeting Jan. 15, proposed an allover food services profit of \$17,052. The Glendon College service is budgeted for a loss of \$4,831, but York Campus food services are operating on a planned profit margin of \$21,883.

York pays Versafood Services Limited a management fee, based on a percentage of direct operating costs, to run the food service operations at the two campuses. Profits from the service go to the university.

Asked if the bookstore, another university-run service, was expected to make a profit this year, Allen said he had budgeted for "a slight excess" but that it was nearly a "break even situation."

New prof. is refused entry visa

OTTAWA (CUP) — A Polish economist appointed as a visiting professor by York this summer has been refused a visa by the Canadian immigration department.

A department spokesman said Tuesday that Kazimiers Laski, who left Poland a year ago after renouncing his Communist Party membership, was denied a visa because his presence in Canada would not be "in the national interest."

Laski, now living in Vienna, was appointed by York in July and his appointment was approved by the board of governors in September.

Laski turned down offers from the universities of Paris and Jerusalem to accept the York appointment.

Economics chairman Graeme McKechnie received a letter from the immigration department last week, dated Nov. 27, advising him of the visa refusal. McKechnie had expected Laski to start work at York last September.

Laski is the second Pole this year to first have, then not have a job at a Canadian university.

Kazimiers Bilanow, a Polish lawyer, was virtually promised a job last spring with the University of Ottawa Canadian and foreign law research center.

But on April 23, Bilanow received a letter from the center's secretary, Douglas Wallace, which spoke of the difficulties in convincing the board of governors to hire someone "from a socialist country."

A later letter from Wallace said Bilanow was rejected for financial reasons.

James Joyce honored here

Canada's first James Joyce symposium will be held at York Apr. 3-5.

Sponsored by York University, the symposium will bring scholars and students from all over North America to the York Campus.

Harry Pollock, president of the James Joyce Society, and associate fellow of College E, is preparing a dramatic new production for the Joyce symposium. Pollock adapted, produced, and directed a performance at the Abbey Theatre for the Second International James Joyce Symposium in Dublin, Ireland.

College E votes for radio and bail fund

By MIKE SAVAGE

At a general meeting Monday afternoon college E members voted to install Radio York, donate room to the music department, and provide bail for any member in financial trouble.

College E has created a committee called College A. This committee will provide financial aid such as bail. It will also provide referral services like employment, used books, and legal aid. A floating fund of \$2,000 has been set up to meet emergencies.

One college member asked Neil Sinclair of college A, "What if someone doesn't pay back a loan?" Sinclair replied, "Then we go to legal aid."

Radio York was voted in. As one member pointed out, college E is part of CYSF so the service will be free.

Communications committee representative Neil Sinclair said that communications should be a "dialectical type process". He proposed that the college buy ads in EXCALIBUR to publicize college functions. The college newspaper will issue its first edition today.

The college committee will have identification cards for all college members soon. Members of the college have experienced the problem of members from other colleges using college E facilities. The college will retain its present name so that it can develop its own identity. A suggestion that the college be named after Louis Riel was turned down.

The cultural committee with a budget of \$1,400 has spend \$250 for a chamber concert, and have another \$250 committed to a mime company who will perform in Burton Auditorium later in the year.

Adrian Conte, budget committee representative, said that the college has a \$17,000 budget to keep different committees in operation until January.

About 45 students attended the meeting. The college of over 500 students voted earlier in the year that the meetings would be conducted on a "participatory democracy" basis.

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