

Mac's Doxey to dump next year's dons

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"I'm apprehensive," said Marcus Wiseman, McLaughlin Residence Council member, about College Master, George Doxey's decision to eliminate donships in McLaughlin College next year.

In a memo dated March 17th, Doxey informed the residence members of his decision which will free dons' rooms for rental to graduate students and result in an increase in residence porter hours and extra responsibility for the Residence Council.

Reactions from students have been mixed. A questionnaire distributed by the residence council returned with an "overwhelming" number of students supporting dons, according to Wiseman. "It has good points and bad," says Margot Howard, Chairperson of the Residence Council. "We (the students) are supposed to be fairly mature," said Howard.

"It's hard to predict," said Wiseman, "if it works, it will be good because self-rule makes a group of people pull together. If it doesn't, it will be a disaster."

Needs co-operation

"We told him (Doxey) he should have informed us. If students are going to be responsible, shouldn't they be right from the beginning?" said Wiseman about the lack of student involvement in the decision-making. "He needs co-operation, so it would have been easier to get co-operation if he had talked first," said Howard.

The Residence Council met with Doxey last week and have asked Doxey to provide financial and other

information at a meeting to be held within two weeks. "As far as I know the proposal is going through no matter what," said Howard. Doxey was not available for comment.

"It was an autocratic decision; students had no voice in it, like he (Doxey) has done all year. It's not a decision that should be made by one person," said John Clarke, residence liaison to the Vanier College Council.

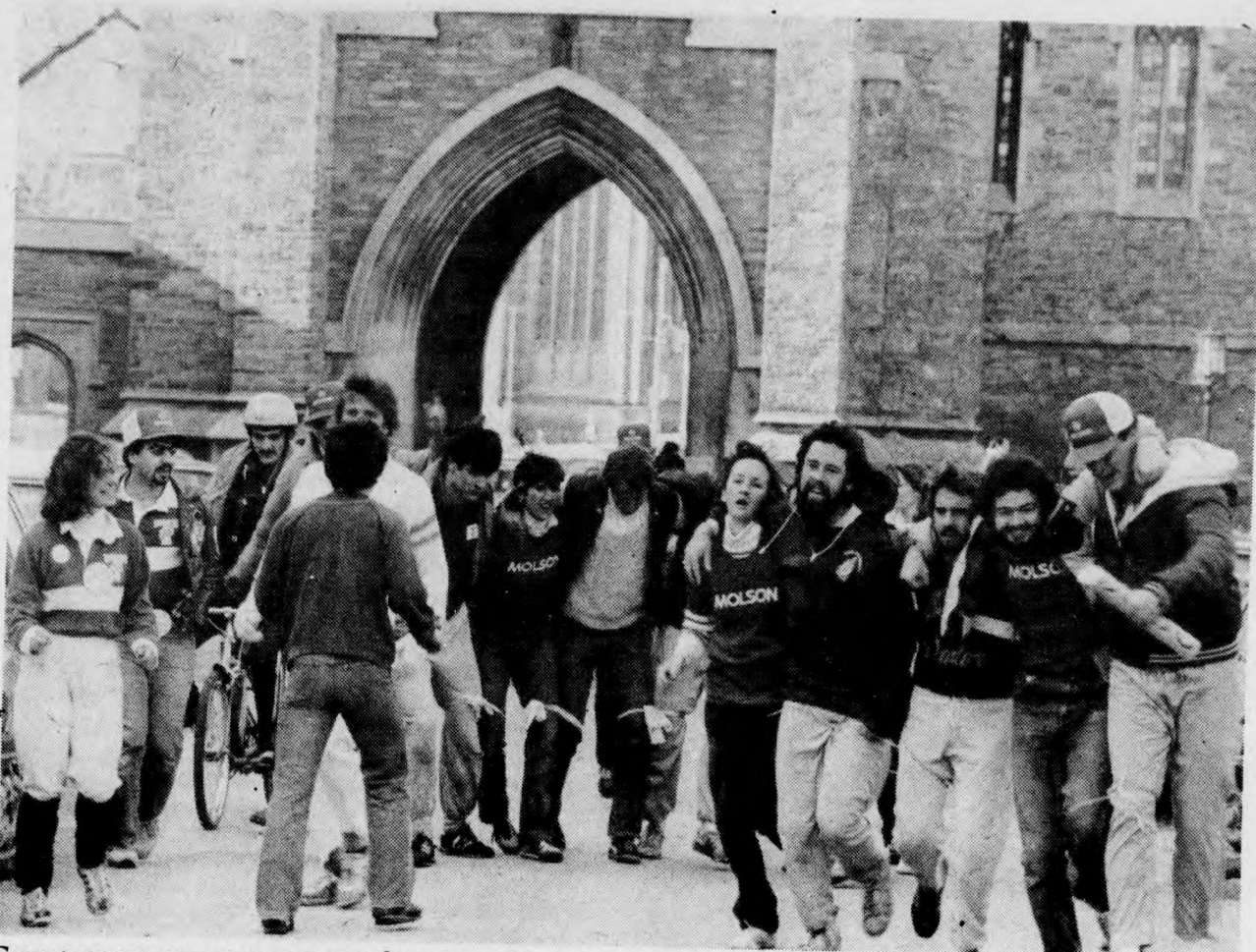
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"Dons do a good job, they serve a purpose," said Clarke, and other college residence representatives concurred. All colleges residences have don systems; however, Winters College moved to a system with both dons and assistant dons two years ago. "The only difference is that they don't get paid. They still work as many hours," said Chris Summerhayes, an Assistant don at Winters College. "I have misgivings about that system because I don't think Assistant Dons have worked out that well," said Howard.

"It's been rumored that a lot of duties will fall on senior students and house presidents. You don't want an authority figure among your friends," said Fareed Khan, External Affairs representative on MacLaughlin College Council. Khan said the college council will support the residence council position because "it's basically a residence council decision."

"My personal opinion is that donships shouldn't be abolished," said Khan, a day student.

While the residence council will be meeting once again with Doxey, Wiseman says, "I don't know what we can do, we have no power."



Grunt grunt grunt grunt grudge race: York battles U of T on its own turf

Grads boycott butts and beer

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As a protest against South Africa's racist apartheid policy, the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and the Bethune Student Council have joined an international boycott of Carling-O'Keefe and Rothman products.

The following brands of beer and cigarettes will no longer be sold in Bethune or in the GSA controlled Grad Lounge: Carlsberg, Old Vienna, O'Keefe Ale and Toby as well as Rothmans Craven 'A' and Dunhill cigarettes.

Carling O'Keefe through Rothman's International is a member of the Rembrandt Trust group of companies. Rembrandt, the largest South African consumer products company, is controlled by South African Anton Rupert, a leading supporter of the ruling white Nationalist Party.

According to Dave Moore, a member of the GSA Inter-disciplinary Group on Development and Underdevelopment, blacks must enter into labour contracts on terms dictated by South African industries in order to survive. The Black workers are not allowed to form unions, travel within their own country and are denied the right to vote.

Moore also objects to the South African system of Bantustans, which forces Blacks to become citizens of nominally independent homelands. "These homelands are in the worst part of the country, where these industries operate under the guise of liberalism and free enterprise," explained Moore. The GSA organized a public forum last Wednesday which included speeches by John Saul, a professor of Social Science at Atkinson College and Enver Salojee, a member of the African National Congress. Both men denounced foreign industries in South Africa whose corporate links support the present government.

An invitation was also extended to Carling O'Keefe to participate in this discussion. However, a Carling O'Keefe representative did not appear because it is "against our policy to speak out on political issues." Instead, the company sent a booklet by Rupert, "New Realism on Africa" which includes the reason for the development of the tribal 'homelands'. "I pleaded...we should form a Bantu Development Corporation with a view of establishing local industries in black areas on a modest scale," writes Rupert. "If we want to help the inhabitants of the black states to help themselves on a permanent footing, we shall have to give not

only our money but also our expertise and our time."

Moore pointed out that the stationery used by Carling O'Keefe (to refuse attendance) was on a Rothman's letterhead. "That is an anecdotal confirmation of their alliance," said Dan Shea, another member of the Inter-Disciplinary Study Group.

Carling O'Keefe's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Reg Bovaird, told *Excalibur*, "There was no way I was going to debate with anyone especially on political issues. I don't even have the authority to do so. You should really get in touch with Peter Bone (the P.R. officer) at Rothman's if you want information."

However, Bone gave a similar response. "We were asked to participate (in the round table) but it is our policy not to enter into debate on any of our policies." When asked about the allegations of mistreated Blacks in South Africa, Bone replied, "we are a Canadian company selling tobacco to Canadians. I'm not in a position to comment on this." Asked if there was someone who could respond, Bone answered, "There's nobody really, unless you wanted to get in touch with Anton Rupert."

Although Bone stated that Rothman's is a Canadian company, according to Statistics Canada's Directory of Intercorporate Ownership, both Rothmans' of Pall Mall and Carling O'Keefe are considered South African companies for tax purposes. Rothman's Pall Mall owns 51.1 per cent of the voting rights of Carling O'Keefe.

The Canadian government itself, according to Moore, seems to support the South African stance. At a vote taken at the International

Monetary Fund (IMF) last November, Canada voted in favour of a 3 billion dollar loan that would go to South Africa. "This expenditure also happened to be the exact amount of the South African military budget," said Moore. Furthermore, Canada, whose vote is worth 4 per cent at the IMF could have stopped the loan, seeing as the motion was passed by a narrow 51 per cent to 49 per cent vote. "This shows the gutless way Canada operates in these issues," said Professor Saul.

The boycott is supported on other Ontario campuses--Carleton, Waterloo and the graduate students at U of T, have endorsed the boycott. Trent University has gone to the extreme of changing the name of their library from 'Bata' to 'Beeko' in honour of Steve Beeko, the leader of the Black student movement who, in 1976, was tortured and killed while in prison for supporting beliefs contrary to those of the South African regime.

The motion to support the boycott was also endorsed at a Bethune Student Council meeting last Thursday. "We want to try and get all of the other colleges to join us also," said Moore.

Professor Griff Cunningham, Master of Bethune College, feels that the other colleges will most likely follow suit. "The domino theory will probably prevail," he said, "but there is one problem about the boycott that should be kept in mind. In order to remember what one is boycotting, one must suffer some pain. Most people won't miss giving up a certain brand of beer--this is a very easy thing to do."

Interviews continued

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Bevilacqua: First and foremost, I think that the student government does not have the money to fund a newspaper that I think, number one, should not be running once a week because the news is too old by the time it gets to the people and secondly, I think that I know the funds that are available at CYSF. I don't think we have the money to allocate to it.

Todd: But you have \$12,000 to give to a radio station, with a limited audience. How is it that you can tell us that you don't have enough money for us but you expect us to come out twice a week?

Bevilacqua: Well, I'm saying that if you win the referendum I hope that you can go out twice a week.

Todd: What I'm asking you is why the student government cannot find enough money for the most prominent medium on this campus when you can afford \$12,000--most of which went to salaries--for a radio station?

Bevilacqua: First and foremost, that was a project. The radio station wanted to see its potential on campus. Secondly, to say that we've only supported *Excalibur* partially with \$2,000, number one, the other \$2,000 are coming to you...

Todd: When?

Bevilacqua: (No reply)

Todd: We have two issues left, Maurice. When are we getting the funding?

Bevilacqua: Probably the next council meeting.

Todd: You mean this Wednesday?

Bevilacqua: Yeah.

Women's studies ok'd

STEPHANIE-LYN GROSS

The proposal for an interdisciplinary programme in Womens Studies was approved, with no opposition, by the York Senate last Thursday.

The new degree programme will add one core course to Womens Studies next year. Required for all students seeking a degree in this programme will be Humanities 293.6 / Social Science 218.6 titled "On Women" to be taught by Joanna Stuckey and Patricia Stamp. For an honours degree, students will take six courses from the Women's Studies programme and six in their combined major.

Discussions have been carried on by faculty and students interested in Womens Studies for the new students entering York.

The new programme will need no added staff or funds - as was one Senate members fear. Barbara Godard, closely involved with the proposal committee said "There will be no major or financial shifts" as a result of the new programme.

Future plans for womens studies include incorporation of programmes at the graduate level and in the Fine Arts faculty. The purpose of the new programme is to uncover academic myths that now exist in the University. According to Godard, "Feminist criticism concerns itself with exposing the subjectivity of the academic approach." She says there will be a "radical rippling effect - people will ask more basic questions about what they are learning."

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