

Faculty Lounge faces problem: \$1,000 debt after two months

By KIM LLEWELLYN

The special lunch service on the eight floor of Ross building, arranged by the York University Faculty Association for faculty only, is losing money.

The lounge, open since Nov. 10, 1975, is losing about \$500 a month according to an anonymous administrative source. To date it has not shown signs of popularity.

Professor Colin Campbell chairman of the lounge committee for YUFA, says the lounge has been meeting food costs on most days but labour costs and overhead are

causing financial problems. About 25 per cent of the total operation goes toward staff salaries.

Campbell added that the financial statement which has only been calculated for November and December, are not indicative of the permanent financial situation of the lounge.

November, the opening month, showed poor returns due to planning difficulties and facilities not in place. By the time these factors were rectified it lost a significant amount of business.

"December was also a bad month," said Campbell, "because of a

falloff of people on campus due to vacations, etc."

The lunch service was the result of a favourable response among the faculty in a food service questionnaire distributed by YUFA last year.

Controversy surrounded its opening, however, as it was expected that the lounge would lose money. YUFA received approval from the university for the project when it agreed to take financial responsibility.

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Campbell felt that "the room should be able to carry itself" and that if it does'nt, YUFA will either make an appeal for more patronage of the room or discuss the possibilities of it being subsidized.

"I don't think its really a matter for the community to be concerned. The university doesn't have to pay a dime other than their original installment."

Responding to the suggestion that the lounge promotes hard feelings among staff members because it is exclusively for faculty members, Campbell says, "Anyone who wants to use it can. Nobody's checking I.D.'s. The food is the same as anywhere else on campus anyway."

YUFA's purpose in regard to the lounge is to cater to a clientele who want a quiet place to eat, a place where people can bring visitors.

Winter term students have "Esprit de corps" at York



Mid-term students mingle over coffee and beer between classes. "Winter-Summer students are more highly-motivated than students in the regular programme", says coordinator.

By DOUG TINDAL

More than 200 first-year students commenced classes on Monday as the Winter/Summer Session in the Faculty of Arts at York got underway.

Many of the students are mature students or community college students, a number have taken time travelling or working after grade 13, and a small percentage come directly from semestered grade 13 programmes.

According to Professor Gene Simpson, the academic coordinator of the Winter/Summer Session, the students tend to become isolated from the rest of the student body at York, since they enter the community in mid-term and their lectures are different from the lectures taken by students in regular Fall/Winter Session.

But, says Simpson, this isolation, combined with the relatively small size of the

group, tends to produce a special sort of "esprit de corps".

"These students have a tendency to be very enterprising," he said, "particularly during the summer months when they are almost the only students on campus."

Aside from organizing their own social events and pubs, Simpson cites the Founders College poetry journal, Directions, as an example of the initiative of Winter/Summer Session students.

Academically, Simpson feels the students in the Winter/Summer Session tend to be more highly motivated than students in the regular programme.

Last year, for example, 193 of the 208 students enrolled in the programme completed the year successfully — an extraordinarily high percentage, says Simpson.

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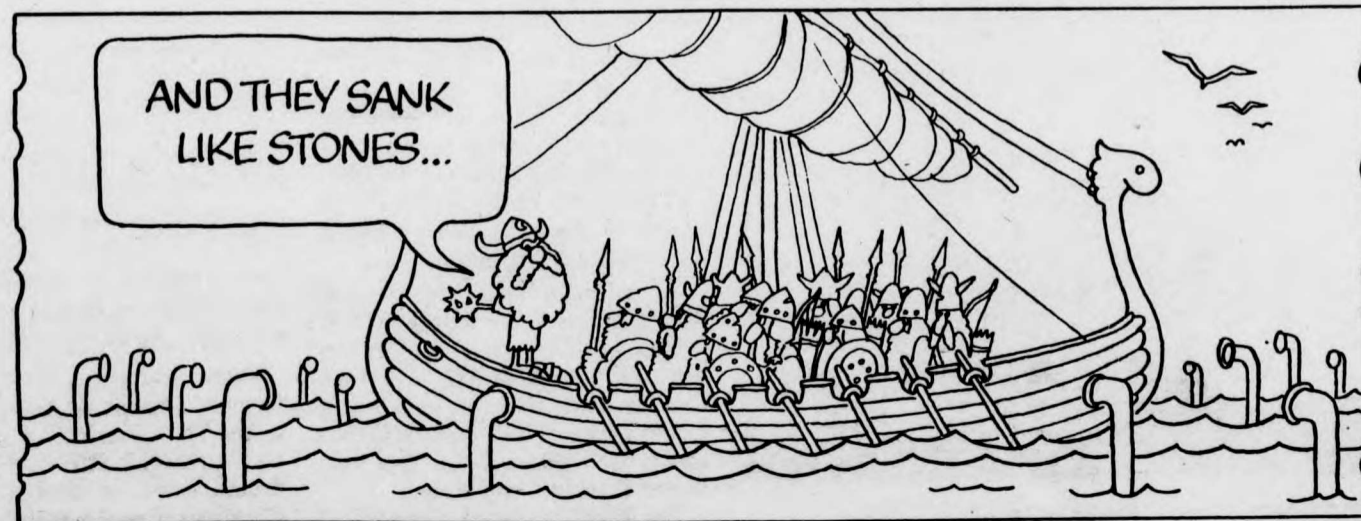
Foul play for soccer team

OTUMBA, Mexico (CUP) — A friendship game between rural amateur soccer teams ended suddenly when the referee was beaten to death by members of the hometown team.

Only five minutes remained in the goalless game when the

40 year old referee called a foul against Otumba and gave the opposing team a free penalty shot.

Four members of the Otumba team attacked the referee, beating and stoning him to death, police said.



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