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Committee gave "negative recommendation"

Poli. sci. professor supported in tenure bid

By OAKLAND ROSS

A number of political science students are currently trying to rally support for York professor Arthur Benvenuto in his foundering bid for tenure.

Last November, Benvenuto was given a "negative recommendation" by the political science tenure and promotions committee. His case is now being considered by the faculty of arts tenure committee. And once that committee has made its recommendation, Benvenuto's case will finally be decided on by the university senate.

According to political science student Dale Ritch, this process

could stretch well into the summer.

Hal Tryhorn, an executive member of the political science undergraduate student union, explained that the reasons for Benvenuto's negative recommendation from the department tenure committee were that he had not published and was not an excellent teacher.

According to the senate criteria for tenure and promotion, a professor must be excellent in one of three categories — teaching, scholarship and service to the university — and at least competent in the other two.

The political science student union has conducted its own survey

of Benvenuto's students which, according to Tryhorn, indicates that Benvenuto is, in fact, an excellent teacher. The student union is pressing for a greater stress on teaching ability as a criterion for tenure.

"There isn't much chance of swaying the faculty tenure committee," said Tryhorn. "So we're directing our campaign toward the senate."

The student union is currently drafting a petition which will be

distributed throughout the university. It is also soliciting letters of support from Benvenuto's students.

Political science tenure committee chairman Thomas Hockin (continued on page 13)

Colleges denied funds for part-time students

By OAKLAND ROSS

"The confusion may have been largely or partly my fault," said assistant vice-president John Becker this week, referring to a discrepancy between student fees paid to Glendon and those paid to colleges at York's main campus.

Over a year ago, Glendon applied for and was granted the right to collect student fees for part-time students (at \$3 per course). Accordingly, tuition fees at Glendon this year are \$133 per course compared to the \$130 charged at Keele and Steeles.

Several main campus colleges have recently requested part-time student support from the administration for the current year. In a memorandum to Desmond Maxwell, master of Winters College, on February 7, Becker refused to provide that support.

"Changes in the level of support to student councils must be discussed the previous year," Becker told Excalibur. "If the

college administrators wanted the extra money, they should have asked for it by February 1 last year."

CYSF president Anne Sotton does not agree.

"That's just great," she said this week. "How does he (Becker) expect the colleges to know that, unless he tells them? Why didn't he tell everyone last year that they had to apply a year in advance for part-time student support?"

"And anyway, it's ridiculous to have one policy for Glendon and another for the other colleges."

According to Becker, there are over 400 part-time students affiliated with main campus colleges (excluding Atkinson, which has been receiving part-time student support for over seven years). The additional \$3 per course for part-time students would mean an increase of over \$4,200 in total support from the administration to the college councils.

But Becker said that, since he does not have a "historical agreement" with the colleges and since he does not have authority from his "boss", he cannot provide the extra funds.

"The whole issue has caused more confusion than I was ready for," he admitted.

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And a happy new year to you, too. This lion, supported by two festive participants, performed a lion dance on the amphitheatre level of the Ross building on Tuesday, to mark the Chinese New Year, which falls on February 11. The coming annum is officially known as the Year of the Hare.

Dealers profit from discounted scrip, as one entrepreneur hawks door-to-door

By BRENDA WEEKS

While York students are frantically trying to sell their useless scrip, entrepreneurs are rapidly moving in.

Philip Wasserman, past president of the York liberal club and one such entrepreneur, has been accused by several students of

buying scrip at 60 per cent of the normal value, and then selling it for as much as he can. Wasserman says, however, that he makes no more than a 10 per cent profit from his dealings.

"The other people won't do it themselves," Wasserman told Excalibur last Thursday. "They come to me, and ask me to do it."

"People are too lazy. They refuse to get off their fat derrieres and sell it themselves. I do it the best way I can. After all, scrip is negotiable funds."

Some students have questioned the scrip selling methods. Founders student Anna Vaitiekunas said she was approached by Wasserman early one morning in her residence room. According to Vaitiekunas, he had come to see if she or her roommate had any scrip to sell. When she told him that she didn't, he left, and began knocking on other doors.

Vaitiekunas stated that while she does not see Wasserman's business practices as ethically wrong, and wishes that she had thought of the idea herself, she thinks that Wasserman and many others are taking advantage of an unfortunate situation.

"Since there are no refunds on scrip", she said, "and since the cafeteria food is so bad, many people are selling scrip they would not use, and there are signs up around the school to this effect."

Vaitiekunas added that she sold some of her own scrip herself, although not at a profit.

When asked whether he felt his activities might be ethically questionable, Wasserman replied that he didn't really care.

A joint letter

"Beware scrip money-changers"

Excalibur received this note on Tuesday from representatives of several clubs stationed in the clubs room across from the Central Square cafeteria.

A warning to Innocents - beware of scrip sellers!

All of us have seen the signs and posters around the halls offering scrip at reduced prices. Once again students caught in the rip-off of the York scrip policy are attempting to redeem their losses. Fine!

However, to those who buy, a note of warning is in order. Scalpers are having a heyday at the expense of fellow students. It's the latest "service" being offered to the community.

Resident capitalists are buying scrip at greatly reduced prices,

then reselling it to unsuspecting students and staff at face value, making a neat profit on the side.

These entrepreneurs see nothing unethical in the practice - they're proud of their business and even happier with their fattened bank accounts. In true altruistic fashion, they claim that they're doing residents a favour by helping them reclaim their investment in scrip.

Meanwhile, their limited consciousness refuses to acknowledge that the rest of the community is being victimized.

Most of us don't mind buying scrip to help out students. We all know that nobody can afford to lose even a small amount these days. However, we're not interested in lining the pockets of the unscrupulous scalper. It's a sad day

when students rip off other students purposely and without qualm.

So, the next time you are in the cafeteria and a "money-changer" approaches you to buy scrip, think twice! Ask where it came from and what it's really worth, or buy from people you know.

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Hellenic Student Association.

Inside

Due to an influx of last-minute material, several newsworthy pieces were abruptly relegated to page 13. Among these, careful readers will find the following:

Food extension: After three requests, the food service committee has finally been granted an extension to draft proposals for food catering models for fresh tenders.

Glendon search: Glendon has narrowed down the field from 66 to four in its search for a new principal.

Another snafu: The York computer strikes again.

Bethune loses: The college is still awaiting its fees.

In the centrespread, Excalibur takes an in-depth look at the university's central student council — CYSF.

On page three, Excalibur interviews a female caretaker who managed to break through York's discriminatory job classifications.

And on page 12, our Windsor correspondent takes a look at his city—somewhat viciously.