

Recruitment is a student problem

It doesn't matter whether Hawker Siddeley, or any other company, wants to hire York students.

It doesn't matter where they do it. If someone wants to work, they'll go to a recruiting office downtown.

The company, and whether it comes here, doesn't matter a damn.

What matters is that wars kill people. And some companies make a great deal of money from these wars. They make money from people's deaths.

What matters is that some students work for these companies, in fact, seek them out for employment, for the high wages they pay.

If you allow these companies to come to York, to recruit employees, do you trust your fellow students to make a mature decision?

Can you trust them to decide that war is detrimental, and should not be contributed to?

Are you sure your fellow students are intelligent enough to decide not to work for these companies?

Do you trust yourself to make a mature decision? If you kick the companies off campus, you are only evading the issue. It's a mere escape from freedom, from the freedom of making a real choice, according to your real feelings, according to your education.

If they come to the campus, you can demonstrate against such companies as Hawker Siddeley. You can ask your fellow students to seek employment with them, or to boycott them, according to your beliefs, according to your education.

If they don't come, then you have simply allowed them to go about their business elsewhere, with the same results. In other words you haven't changed a damn thing. All you've done is to demonstrate your own fears and lack of trust in your own student body. If you trust your fellow students, and trust yourself, to intelligently refuse to work for war companies, then vote to let them come on campus.

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I protest! Concerning recruitment, I would like to know what is really happening. The VMC asked Mr. Best not to allow Hawker-Siddeley on campus. He complied by asking this company to postpone its visit until the students decided the issue — fine.

A debate was held in Winters JCR with Larry Rappoport acting as moderator — fine. I was there, and I as I understood it, at the end of the debate the forum was to be opened to questions and suggestions — fine. Much to my astonishment at the conclusion Mr. Rappoport stated something to the effect that the forum was then open to questions and speeches from the floor — not fine. Immediately seven or eight hands shot into the air waving prepared speeches concerning why recruitment should be disallowed, especially that of war companies. It is true that anyone who wished to voice his opinion pro or con received his chance, but by what strange quirk is it that generally those against recruitment has prepared speeches? What prompted Mr. Rappoport to open the floor to speeches?

It was evident that the majority of students present were pro-recruitment. A list comprised of 700 pro-recruitment signatures was displayed. Still a referendum is to be held — fine.

Mr. Best stressed that the referendum should be simple — either we continue our contract with the National Employment Service or we don't. Why then, has YSC worded the vote in two questions namely: 1) Are you in favour of any kind of officially sanctioned on-campus recruiting? 2) Should companies supplying material for the Viet Nam war be allowed to recruit on campus?

As Mr. Best clearly stated, the NES cannot discriminate.

Either the YSC has made a very grievous error in their wording or they have deliberately presented us with loaded questions. I wonder . . . therefore I protest!

Betty Colesberry M11

Chapel again?

In general the very nature of a university assures a wide range of personal belief on the part of the members of its constituency. In particular the goals of York University have shunned the parochial and limited concept and emphasized the universal and broad outlook. This being so it is to be expected that there are varied views with respect to the question of a facility on campus for religious activities to meet the needs of persons with religious conviction. Inevitably, therefore, implementation of any such project will engender considerable debate. However, several articles in "Excalibur" have indicated a lack of factual information concerning the project complicating reasoned evaluation. As one who has been associated with the programme from the outset I would like to present the following information for the consideration of the York community:

1. When the Master Plan for York

University was being prepared a strong effort was made to anticipate a wide variety of facilities which would permit the development of a university of broad perspective and high standing in keeping with the projected academic philosophy. One of the many buildings deemed appropriate within the stated objectives and included in the long range Plan was a Chapel.

2. As the Provincial Government's generous support of the University's capital programme did not provide final assistance for a building such as a Chapel, it was evident that implementation would be dependent on the receipt of special funds.

3. In 1966 a friend of the University, having contributed very generously to the Founders Fund, indicated a willingness to donate a further sum for the erection of the proposed Chapel.

4. The Campus Planning Advisory Committee reviewed the subject and after considering the arguments of those in favour and those opposed to a Chapel on the York Campus recommended that the project be approved, subject to the availability of adequate financing.

5. The President sought the views of the Advisory Board of the Student Christian Movement concerning the subject. A well documented and thoughtfully prepared Report was received from Rev. James A. Thomson, Chairman of the Advisory Board and Miss Lynda Newmarch, SCM Secretary. (The Report outlined the history and background of the SCM in York University, noted the unique character of its programme, ex-

pressed the conviction that an expanded and more diversified student body would necessitate comparable expansion of the religious activities programme along the same lines as in the early year but probably within the framework of a United Religious Work Advisory Board, and set out in specific terms the facilities deemed essential for religious work. The Report emphasized the need for the facilities to be designed for as large a variety of purposes as possible to permit ready integration into the plans for future student religious activities and for the organization of such activities. The Report listed the names of 7 students, 7 faculty and staff, 5 church representatives comprising the membership in the SCM Advisory Board at the time.)

6. A Statement of Programme Requirements was prepared by the Department of Campus Planning incorporating most of the facilities recommended in the Report of the SCM Advisory Board. Emphasis was placed on the need for flexibility of use. The space for the varied facilities totalled only 3,957 assignable square feet, of which the chapel amounted to some 1,948 square feet. The site proposed — west of the Administrative Studies Building and north of the third College Cluster — was considered to be far enough from the Central Square to avoid any feeling of prominence, but sufficiently convenient for use by many members of the York community.

7. An Architectural Competition was authorized in the hope that the unique facility would evoke an outstanding design in harmony with the

other buildings in the area. Some 47 Architects submitted designs from which 4 were selected for the designated prizes. The Ontario Association of Architects commended the University for the integrity of the Competition and the quality of the prize-winning submissions.

It is my belief that the above summary leads to the following conclusions:

1) That a consistent effort has been made throughout the development of the programme to provide a building in keeping with the University's broad objectives.

2) That the generous donor desired only to expedite fulfillment of the University's plans by contributing towards a previously projected building and was not pressing on the University a personal conception.

3) That a valuable facility has been designed which will meet the needs of a wide range of activities, fully compatible with the diverse requirements of York University.

W. W. Small,
Vice-president (Administration)

Ed. Note:

Mr. Small, your sentiments are nice, but maybe you should read *Excalibur*. SCM gave its support to the chapel all right — their letter in the Nov. 21 issue supported it right off the campus.

Excalibur nasty

It would appear that the biggest detractors of last year's Winter Carnival are still uninterested in making it a success. I realize that in a radical(?) campus paper such as yourselves you are pressed for space but surely you could have found some little corner for the announcements of meetings, Winter Carnival Queen Nominations and contest for the cover design of our Program. (The Seer could but then it had more space and it is more conservative). It is rather hard to run a large scale event such as this with 21 people but then we only had 4 nominations for Winter Carnival Queen and nobody was interested in the fifty dollar prize offered for the cover so it is being done by outsiders.

If however, you could find room to print this letter amongst all your other important and burning issues we might be able to recruit a few more people and pull this event off. People can get in touch with me either at the YSC office (635-2515) or in residence Rm. 415 Winters (635-7843). They could also get in touch with their college social reps. as each is responsible for one day in the Carnival. I hope you can find room otherwise don't go casting stones at us if we flop again like last year.

A. L. Stodart,
York Winter Carnival Chairman

Ed. note:

Come on, Andy. Tell us what's going on first. Then maybe we can get together, if you want us. We're out of the entertainment business now, but if you can tell all, we might help.

Student power crap

For two and half years I have been sitting on my butt as part of the "apathetic majority" at this university, but I can't sit idle any longer while what I call the "pathetic minority" try to limit the accessibility to jobs for York students.

What gives any group of students the right to say that any company can't freely recruit employees from whatever source they wish. These shit disturbers say that to allow Hawker-Siddeley and friends to recruit on our campus is tantamount to York being an accomplice in mass murder — bullshit. Just because someone works for a company doesn't give him any say in the products of that company or their use, so how does that involve York in murder. Any student has a right to choose where he or she will work, and if he or she decides to work for one of these companies, then these students have no legal authority whatsoever to block them from making a job application whether it be at York or anywhere.

I personally am sick and tired of hearing the continual flow of student power crap around here. If power hungry students can't find a better cause to protect than so-called segregated parking, they don't deserve the support of the student body. The referendum on Dec. 10 is the chance for

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