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Faculty senators may be denied a role in YUFA bargaining unit

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The senate executive committee will recommend today that senate members not be included in the bargaining unit of YUFA, if and when YUFA is certified as a union.

The recommendation seems to be a response by the executive to a letter by union consultant, Norman Roger of the law firm of Tilley, Carson and Findlay, sent to senate chairman John Warkentin, stating that a conflict of interest would arise if senators were allowed in the YUFA bargaining unit.

The letter, dated March 15, was solicited by Warkentin because of the uncertain effect YUFA's unionization would have on the senate members.

Because faculty members comprise a substantial portion of the senate and may as well become members of the faculty union, they would have both employer and employee status at the bargaining table, states the letter.

"Since the senate has the exclusive responsibility under the 1965 Act for academic policy and matters of academic policy are likely to be discussed at the bargaining table, it follows that faculty members of senate should be excluded from the unit.

"There would be an obvious conflict of interest for say a member of the executive of the senate to sit with YUFA as a member of its negotiating committee while at the same time another member of the senate executive sat with the university's committee.

"In my view, the senate should make a submission to the Ontario Labour Relations Board requesting that consideration be given to excluding its members from the bargaining unit because of the senate's role in the bicameral government of the university as responsible for academic policy," writes Roger in his letter.

But whether any faculty senators need be excluded from the faculty union bargaining unit, is still open to interpretation.

YUFA chairman Jack Granatstein told Excalibur that the contentions raised in the Roger letter

were "invalid" because he could see no implications for senate, should YUFA unionize.

"We (YUFA) would be negotiating with the Board of Governors and not the senate," said Granatstein.

Warkentin had earlier written to the registrar of the Labour Board stating that the senate's relationship to YUFA had not been formally considered by members of senate and that it has engaged counsel for advice.

Warkentin also expressed his concern over the university's relationship with YUFA and asked for a clarification of the relationship amongst senate, the Board and the President.

When asked to comment on Warkentin's letter dated March 1, which was also mailed to the president's office, York president H. Ian MacDonald said that he could not offer comment because he had not seen the letter. He did however, contend "that tenure and promotion, a senate responsibility, and academic salaries (which the Board of Governors oversees) are two different questions."

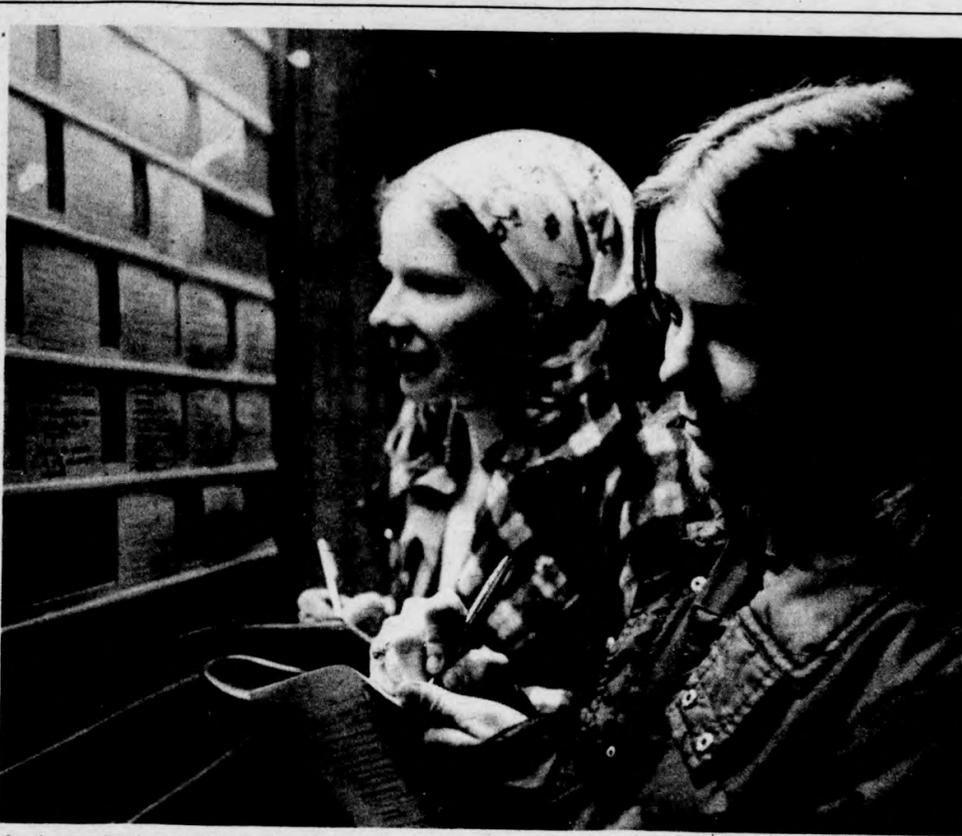
Two faculty members, who also sit on the Board of Governors, have been excluded from the unit by agreement.

John Warkentin told Excalibur, Tuesday, that he supported YUFA's certification bid and cited "personal reasons" for his delay in presenting a submission to the Labour Board requesting recognition of a possible conflict of

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As the academic year draws closer to an end, York students step up their frantic search for summer employment. Seen here in the Canadian Man-

power office are two unemployed (so far) students Wendy Chambers and Jennifer Lloyd, looking through the summer offerings.

Theatre grad programme is cut

By PAUL KELLOGG

There will be no graduate theatre programme at York next year.

This, in effect, was the recommendation made by dean of fine arts Joe Green in a memorandum sent to President H. Ian MacDonald last Friday.

In an interview with Excalibur, Green claimed that his recommendation does not necessarily mean the end of graduate theatre at York. "The graduate programme is not being cut," said Green, "we're just not accepting any students next year. The programme is being reviewed for 1977-78."

(York is currently the only Canadian university which offers a graduate programme in theatre.)

Director of PEAK (the name given to the current graduate programme) John Juliani took issue with Green's explanation of the memorandum.

"It's doubtful they'll be able to restart the programme two years from now. We had enough

problems getting it off the ground. Besides, our theatre space can't simply remain empty next year. No undergraduate programme needs it, so McLaughlin College will probably reclaim it. We'll have graduate theatre without theatre space? Not likely."

In response to the decision to cancel PEAK next year, a group of fine arts students is calling for a moratorium of fine arts classes today. With Dean Green as their target, the moratorium organizers aim to gather as many concerned students and faculty (fine arts or otherwise) as possible in Burton Auditorium at 3 p.m.

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Among their demands are increased student input in deciding the future of the graduate programme, as well as in the hiring of a new chairperson for the department to replace Malcolm Black (who recently resigned).

Green, however, is refusing to

attend the moratorium, despite repeated invitations. "It's during class time, and only the senate can call off classes. The CCC (COST CUTS Coalition, organizer of the moratorium) has no authority."

Late last week, the CCC was confronted with another obstacle in the building of their planned moratorium. A hastily organized meeting of student reps from the theatre department was announced for Wednesday, the day before the moratorium. Not only was it designed to deal with the same issues as the moratorium, but it had the sanction of Green as well. At press time, the outcome of the meeting was still unknown.

Juliani called the Wednesday meeting "an attempt to co-opt and defuse the moratorium. It's a last minute thing, called long after we had announced the moratorium. Green just doesn't want to face the students."

CCC member Philip Adams concurred. "These people aren't

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In the material world

God is not dead, student survey shows

Of all first year students at York, only 73 per cent consider themselves normal and as many as 80 per cent believe in the existence of God.

These are the results of a questionnaire answered by 130 first-year York students. The questionnaire, circulated by Jerry Jordison as part of a social science project, corresponds with more intensive studies done in the U.S.A. which indicate that up to 50 per cent of the people in that country are reaching for a "religious or mystical awareness and a new naturalism that would respect and be at one with nature".

The Jordison survey found that three per cent of York's first year students have seen a ghost, nine percent have seen an UFO and six per cent can do

astral projection.

However, 46 per cent of the students questioned believe that the lost city of Atlantis once existed, 85 per cent believe they have souls, 31 per cent believe in guardian angels and 35 per cent believe in reincarnation.

Only 42 per cent of the group questioned accepted the theory of evolution without reservation.

"It is understood that surveys such as this one are not completely accurate because they involve many variables," explained Jordison. "My objective was just to get a feeling of the belief in esoteric thoughts; I sort of felt that more science students would believe in evolution than would social science students, so I asked them separately."

In this case, Jordison's predictions proved incorrect. Forty-five per cent of science students believed man evolved from the ape, while 58 per cent of social science students did.

Only 19 per cent of male science students believed in reincarnation compared to 33 per cent of male social science students. Eighty-one per cent of male science students believed in God, as opposed to 76 per cent in social science. Of the women questioned, 47 per cent in science and 40 per cent in social science believed in reincarnation.

A significant number of the students questioned believe in and have had psychic experiences. Twenty-two per cent say they have ESP; 27 per cent said they have experienced a psychic ex-

perience and 20 per cent have had a vision.

Thirty-five per cent have experienced vivid flying-dreams; 49 per cent said they have felt detached from their bodies at least once in their lives and 12 per cent of the students questioned said they can remember their previous lives.

Some of the other questions asked indicate that 52 per cent of York's first year students fear death (25 per cent have seen a death), 55 per cent are in love and 78 per cent said they were happy.

Only 27 per cent of York's first year students felt they were introverted and 75 per cent felt they were unique.

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