

Scrap U. of T. task force institute student parity

In the name of better teaching at the University of Toronto, the president of the Student's Administrative Council, Bob Anderson wants to scrap a task force report on academic appointments and start a new committee — but this time with parity for students.

"Because eight of the Forster Task Force's eleven members were faculty members, it is not surprising that the majority report recommends continuing exclusive faculty control over individual staffing — hiring, firing, promotion and tenure — decisions," writes Anderson in a press release.

"Total faculty control of these decisions can only perpetuate a system which works against the interests of students and the taxpaying public," he said.

The majority of the task force did not oppose students on staffing committees as a matter of principle but could

not recommend a method for selecting students which could be applied in all situations.

Anderson charges that a committee with such an overwhelming faculty majority is not a legitimate body to consider ways of representing students, and calls for a parity committee.

Anderson believes that the present system of appointments rewards research more than teaching and has diverted faculty away from improving teaching abilities.

He said that although the Forster Report paid lip service to the importance of teaching ability it suggested no mechanism for evaluating teaching.

"Teaching will not be made a priority while faculty retain exclusive control over the individual decisions," said Anderson.

Two major appointments to fine arts announced

Two major appointments to the Faculty of Fine Arts at York have been announced by Dean Joseph Green.

Douglas Morton has been named Associate Dean of the Faculty, and Edward Fort Fry has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Visual Arts. Both appointments are effective immediately.

Morton has studied at art academies of such renown as the Art Centre School in Los Angeles and the Academie Julian in Paris, France. He was formerly the Director of Visual Arts at the University of Saskatchewan and joined the faculty of Fine Arts at York as an Associate Professor in 1969.

An acclaimed artist, Morton's canvases were

described by critic Paul Duval as "monumental and eminently personal in character". His paintings have been exhibited in galleries across the country.

Edward Fry, an eminent art historian and theoretician, joined the Faculty of Fine Arts at York last spring. Formerly, he was a Visiting Professor at Yale University, and was a member of the Department of Art at Sarah Lawrence College and at Princeton University.

Fry is the author of eight art history books and has contributed numerous articles in professional international journals. He was the Associate Curator of the Guggenheim Museum from 1967 to 1971.

Campus parking policy is tough on offenders

By ROSEMARY McCracken
Has your car been stolen while parked on the York Campus? It's not really a car thief — the blame lies with the campus security department.

Chief of security George Dunn's policy on parking for this year includes towing illegally parked cars away to the furthest extremity of the

campus from where they were parked. In addition, a fine is charged which varies according to the nature of the offence. If the wrongdoer doesn't pay up promptly, the university is prepared to go through the collection agencies, or, if necessary, the Small Claims Court.

A parking violation involves any of the following six items: parking in

an unauthorized or service area not designated for parking; unauthorized parking in a reserved area; parking in a time-expired meter space; parking in an area for which the permit is not valid; parking on a fire access route; obstructing a roadway, building entrance or exit, sidewalk or fire hydrant.

George Dunn summarized the twofold purpose of this plan: "It abates the immediate nuisance — the car must be towed away. At the same time, this will hopefully teach the offenders a lesson."

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Resident experiences

Ezekiel T. Cohen, an extremely obscure philosopher, once said, "Living in residence is a truly rewarding experience!"

Unfortunately, Mr. Cohen was unable to elaborate on this, since he suffered a heart attack while climbing the stairs to McLaughlin's thirteenth floor during an elevator shutdown. That, however, is only one of the many rewards of living in residence. I myself, after living here for only two weeks, can say that already the way of life has started to grow on me — like a malignant rash.

In describing undergraduate residence life, it's best to start with the rooms. The rooms come in two main sizes — cramped and very cramped, better known as doubles and singles, respectively.

In the singles, you are free to do what you want with yourself and so there are no complications. In the doubles, however, you have a room-mate, and this can sometimes result in problems if you are not well matched. In fact, such incompatibility usually sparks some students to devise methods of prompting their room-mates to move out.

I know of one male student who hung up nylon stocking and lace panties in his room to give his room-mate the impression that he was gay. He thought the trick was working fine until one day his room-mate started to do the same thing. It all worked out for the best, though. They're getting married in December.

On the whole, most room-mates get along sufficiently well to keep the number of murders per term down to a minimum.

Outside the rooms is where the encounters with other people really start to occur. Many a lasting friendship has been started in the washrooms or the lounges.

The washrooms are kept clean so as to promote a friendly and cordial atmosphere for anyone who should happen to wander by. Should that person drop in, he or she will usually find intellectually stimulating conversations going on between stalls or perhaps between people just washing their hands. After a few visits one will see that the residence washrooms are very culturally oriented. But the main thing to keep in mind is that the washrooms, with their friendly and communal atmosphere, are open to all.

The lounges on the other hand, are nests of corruption and all sorts of lewd goings-on. Whether it be the immoral watching of a Baby Blue movie or the discussion of various disgusting topics such as — well — sex, the lounges are always ready to entertain those university students with their minds in the gutter. A hang-out for ruffians, the lounges are often the scene of violent and brutal battles over what to watch on TV. Only last week in one residence, which will remain nameless, a donnybrook occurred between some Brady Bunch enthusiasts and some Expos fans. The evening ended with three Brady Bunchers being taken to Jane-Finch Hospital to be treated for concussions suffered from the baseball bats the Expos fans were wielding.

These are just some of the events that occur on a typical floor in residence, usually known as a house. Houses bear various names and are usually presided over by a Don, a cold-blooded, ruthless individual who strikes terror into the hearts of the people on his or her floor.

Male Dons are usually recognizable by the dresses they wear and the whips they carry. Female Dons usually wear pedal pushers and T-shirts, chew nails and speak in obscenities. Aside from these minor faults, the Dons are usually very friendly and when they are not relaxing in their plush rooms can usually be heard partaking in those intellectually stimulating conversations in the washrooms.

An aspect of residence life equal in importance to living quarters is eating. While day students may have to eat possibly one meal a day in York's infamous nausea halls (also known occasionally as cafeterias), residence students are subjected to three meals a day. If they're lucky they sometimes miss breakfast or lunch.

Try to imagine this, you day students — 3 meals a day, 21 meals a week, 84 meals a month are consumed by these helpless residence dwellers, culinary prisoners to that unmerciful jailkeeper, Versafoods. Day in and day out, they are subjected to meals which assault the stomach and prices which assault the pocket. But do these innocent young people complain? — you bet your sweet life they do.

At the last count, there were 236 people on hunger strikes. There are approximately 300 people in undergraduate residence. That means there are about 64 people on campus with indigestion.

Aside from the food and the living quarters, there are numerous bits of trivia which make up life in residence: such things as losing your keys and being locked out of your room and building; running out of the residence in your underwear at 3:00 in the morning due to a false fire alarm; waiting with the rest of the house for someone to answer the floor phone because no one wants to do it; trying to do work in your room while someone's stereo is blasting away; being kept awake all night by that same person's stereo; and beating that character to a pulp with the stereo in the morning.

So that's what life in residence is like and I'm sure that even with all the hardships endured by the residence dwellers, 20 years from now, they'll sit down and look back on these days and fondly say, "Ecchh".

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