

# Councillors refuse to endorse chapel donation



The Federation council has refused to endorse the disputed donation for a chapel York campus.

In the Tuesday night meeting the council first endorsed a fact sheet prepared for the university-wide chapel referendum scheduled Friday.

The fact sheet concludes with a condemnation of the chapel donation as allowing one man to set university priorities.

Earlier the council refused to call the fact sheet biased.

The decision to refuse any endorsement for the donation of a chapel in which no students were consulted was passed nine to three, with four abstentions.

The donation proposal, which was first accepted by the Board four years ago, was criticized as undemocratic, and described as an important issue for students to

take a position on.

The fact sheet, prepared by several students, reveals the donor, as Board chairman W.P. Scott, sets the total cost at a half million dollars, points out the chapel will cost the university over \$12,000 annually, and estimates initial cost to the university at \$250,000 for utility tunnels.

The fact sheet points out the donor may be persuaded there are

greater priorities in the university which need his proposed donation than a chapel at this time.

The fact sheet reports speculation that if the donor refuses to channel his donation more usefully at the campus, he will donate the money to Toronto medical research.

Council rejected arguments by Paul Plotkin that the sheet contained biased information about

the donor, and President Paul Koster said the sheet was approved by the council executive before it was distributed.

The referendum will be open to all students, faculty, and staff, at polling stations throughout the colleges. Atkinson students will be polled over the first two nights of next week.

The referendum results will be known on Wednesday March 19.

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## Budget cut forces faculty to reconsider

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Two Metro squad officers slyly looked the other way as a Campus Cop purchased the popular birth control book on sale on campus last week. Purchase of the insemination information is illegal under the Canada Criminal Code, Section 150 (2c). Over 700 copies of the McGill birth control handbook have been sold since Excalibur began distributing them last Thursday in Founders junior common room.

Approximately 60 per cent of the buyers have been female students, a member of the Excalibur sales staff said, and most male students have been hesitant to buy the handbook.

Reaction by students has been favorable. One student bought four copies of the handbook — "they're for my sister." A female student said she didn't need a copy of the handbook because "I'm sterile."

Distribution of birth control material is a violation of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Shortly after the booklets were put on sale two plainclothes detectives arrived in the college accompanied by a York security guard.

The security guard purchased a copy while the two cops watched. No charges were laid.

The police have been very cautious in the past about charging people with distributing birth control information.

The Planned Parenthood Association tried unsuccessfully to get a test case taken before the courts two years ago.

A reporter from a Toronto newspaper bought a copy of the association's birth control booklet and took it to the police. He asked that they lay charges against the association. The police refused saying no judge would ever hand down a conviction.

The book will continue to be sold by Excalibur at its office and by the Winters college council.

The Faculty Association will meet today to discuss what action it will take over a cut in the wage hike promised by the Board of Governors.

Last month the Board promised the Association a ten per cent increase in salaries after the Association threatened to walk out of classes for one day.

Last week, however, York was told it would only receive \$16,890,000, about half what it had asked for to continue expansion at its planned rate.

The cutback by the Department of University Affairs could seriously reduce the raises the arts faculty were promised.

The executive committee of the Faculty Association, led by Professor Fred Schindeler, met with representatives of the Board Monday night, but no settlement was reached.

Schindeler held a final meeting with the Board today, but at press time no results of the meeting were known.

Political science professor Harvey Simmons, also a member of the executive committee, refused to speak to members of the Excalibur news staff.

When asked for some explanation of the meeting today he replied: "Are you kidding?"

In its confrontation with the Board last month the faculty association had demanded an 18 per cent salary raise and increased participation in university decision-making.

The association had threatened to hold a one day strike, with student support gained by a vague promise to include some student

demands in their negotiations with the Board.

The walk-out was postponed indefinitely when the Board offered to reopen talks, which led to the faculty compromise of ten percent.

At present the faculty has no official form of collective bargaining for better wages, and has had to resort to strike threats to impress the Board with their concern for better wages than some high school teachers.

York professors were the first ones in Canada to threaten a strike for better wages. Such a threat has now been considered by the U of T faculty to support their demands for pay hikes.

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## York expansion stalled after province slashes grant

by George B. Orr

York's financial request to the Department of University Affairs will only be half filled next year as a result of the provincial budget released last week.

The government gave York just under \$17 million of the \$31 that the Board of Governors had asked for to continue the present rate of expansion.

Current buildings under construction, the Central Square-Humanities Building and the second lecture hall, will be joined by the start of construction on a fifth college, and possibly a Fine Arts center.

York's request for \$31 million would have covered preliminary construction costs of two new colleges. Since it is financially possible to build only one college, there will be over 1300 students per college in 1969-70. This, according to administrators, is intolerable, but unavoidable.

One of the more crucial buildings presently under construction is Lecture Hall 2, but officially it is being built with no money in the budget to back it.

According to Mr. W.W. Small, vice-president — administration, "the board authorized construction of the building prior to any actual knowledge of whether the

government would finance the project. They have gone out on a limb, but I think it's justified."

The fifth college, temporarily called Pioneer College, will be started as soon as contracts can be let out, but its students will be using the Central Square and the Humanities Building until it is completed sometime next year.

Under the present plan, several very essential buildings will not be started within the foreseeable future. Among them are one undergraduate college, the building for Administrative Studies, a wing of the central utilities building, an addition to Atkinson College, and expanded recreational facilities.

There is speculation that the proposed football stadium will be shelved indefinitely.

The university will be bringing about 2100 freshmen into its overcrowded classrooms in September, and there is little hope for improvement, unless York obtains more money.

In 1968, York only received \$17 million of the \$20 million requested, and this year again the allotment fell far short of the needs.

Over the last two years, York has received \$18 mil-

lion less than required.

There are strong fears that this trend will destroy York's college system. According to W.P. Scott, chairman of the Board, the cutback from the requested \$31,000,000 is "a financial waste, and a national disaster."

The only way that the college system could be preserved would be to force a cutback in enrolment, but this, according to Scott, "is to totally deny and ignore the fact that Toronto is growing at such a rate that it creates greatly increased needs for university space."

The necessity for tightening York's financial belt at this time, seems to question the university's future growth. The combination of higher-than-anticipated enrolment figures and lower-than-forecast income could mean that York will have to sacrifice its high educational quality.

Some things as student-teacher ratios library and dining facilities, and general space requirements will eventually fall victim to the inevitability of the situation.

And according to York's money-bags people there is no way that York can escape this problem, except by getting more money.