



YEOMEN ADVANCE: The hockey Yeomen defeated U of T Tuesday night to advance to the OUAA finals.

YSMAA hopes to raise \$2000 during Anti-Apartheid Week

By LORNE MANLY

March 2 through March 6 has been labelled Anti-Apartheid Week at York in order to raise funds for SOMAFCO, the South African Refugee school in Tanzania. So far, it has been a great success, according to the event's organizers.

David Himbara, co-chairperson of the York Student Movement Against Apartheid, the organization sponsoring Anti-Apartheid Week, said, "It's been fantastic. The response has been incredible. We expected to raise \$50 a day but we've averaged more than \$200 each day so far."

Monday's events consisted of live music performances ranging from Canadian folk music to a classical violin recital. There was a sale of works by York artists Tuesday, and

on Wednesday there were dance numbers and poetry readings in the West Bear Pit of Central Square.

Today, a Speaker's Forum will be held from 4-6 p.m., with talks given by Ontario NDP leader Bob Rae and Gene Desfor of the York University Divestment Committee, among others.

The major fundraising event of the week, however, will take place tonight at the Vanier Dining Hall. "Dance Down Apartheid," featuring calypso, funk and reggae bands, will hopefully raise over \$1,000.

All funds raised this week will be donated to SOMAFCO, a school that needs more money as more refugees arrive. "As the violence escalates between the army and the people (in South Africa), there are more and more refugees . . . and their educa-

tion needs have to be met," Annette Johnson, an organizer of the event, said. "The only money they get is through generosity of the international community."

SOMAFCO, made up of South African refugees that have fled the country mainly since the Soweto riots of 1976, "is educating South Africans for a free South Africa," Johnson explained. "It's not Bantustan type education, the education you get in the homelands where students are taught subservience (it's also) the only educational institution that teaches (South African) whites, blacks, 'coloreds' and Indians together," she added.

It is hoped that Anti-Apartheid Week will bring in over \$2,000 to go to SOMAFCO, but, Himbara said, "we'll be happy with even half that."

Proposed York apartment complex draws heavy criticism from Ali

By JAMES FLAGAL

The proposal to open a York apartment complex in 1987 and a college residence in 1989 has come under heavy attack from the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) President Reya Ali.

Ali is questioning the New Residence User Committee's (NRUC) decision of building the York apartment building first, claiming that there is a greater need for a university college.

John Becker, chairman of NRUC, says that both needs and economic dictate that the only sensible choice is opening the York apartment building in 1987. Becker said that last year there were 561 people on the waiting list for York apartments while those on undergraduate waiting list numbered only 300.

Ali questioned the validity of Becker's statistics, especially when considering demographics. Ali said that not only are there over ten times the number of undergraduates compared to graduates, which creates a greater need for a college residence spaces, but also that two specific entrance requirements exist.

According to Ali the prerequisite

of a C+ average, plus the eligibility of only out of town students, immediately deletes several potential candidates who desire to obtain admission to York residences.

Ali added that York apartments do not come under the same regulations. Ali went on to scrutinize the requirements of York apartments as infringing on the Human Rights Code of Ontario due to the clause that only allows apartments to full-time undergraduates at least 23 years of age. Ali cited part I, section 2(1), which prohibits discrimination with respect to occupancy of accommodation.

Becker responded to Ali's accusations by describing the York University Housing System as a two tier system; there are residences for all undergraduates who belong to a college while graduate, Atkinson and law students who are not affiliated with any college receive the opportunity of York apartment residency.

Ali rebutted by still questioning the policy of prohibiting undergraduate students under 23 the opportunity to receive York apartments. "With this kind of discrimination in place," Ali claims, "we better build

a residence which can potentially apply to more students in need of accommodation."

Becker pointed to other reasons for York building the apartments first. He mentioned lower operating costs for apartment buildings, their easier maintainance, and their greater monetary return due to the fact that apartments are rented year round while residences are only operating 8 months of the year.

Ali is also extremely dubious that York will be able to absorb the cost of the new building quick enough to open up a second new building in 1989. The proposed buildings will cost \$8 million each.

Becker claims that the proposal for both buildings is viable. He said there are two possible strategies of implementation to raise the needed funds which will be considered by senior administration.

The first strategy is absorbing the cost of the 1987 opening over a long period of time. If this were to occur, rents would increase 5.85 percent from 1987 to 1994. This is 1.84 percent above the common annual increase which usually matches the 4

New Model bylaws currently in limbo

By LAURA LUSH

The Speaker for the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) ruled at the February 26 Council meeting that further passing of the proposed by-laws for the New Model of student government would be unconstitutional until certain provisions are met.

Marshall Golden said he grounded his ruling on his interpretation of language in the present constitution. After the first by-law was passed in principle at the January 29 Council meeting, Golden said he noticed that a provision in the implementation procedure of passing the by-laws was violated. According to Golden's interpretation of Article 19 of the constitution, each individual member of the Council must receive a copy of the proposed by-law at least seven days prior to the meeting. Golden said that copies of the by-laws were sent to each of the five member colleges and two faculty constituency members, but not to each individual member of Council.

Golden sent a letter to CYSF on February 5 informing Council of the violation and stating that "any further debate on this amendment will be considered unconstitutional and such debate should not be held until the requirements of the constitution have been met." Golden also said it is possible to annul the first by-law by this Council or next year's Council, but he, as Speaker, "has no intention of doing so," because he said it would "be detrimental to Council."

In a February 12 letter to Golden, Ali said he interpreted a member to be, according to Act III on Membership, as an individual college or faculty, and not an individual member. Although both Golden and Ali said that the language of the constitution is vague, Golden said that as an impartial Speaker, it is his duty to interpret the constitution to the best of his ability.

"I do feel the process of implementing the new constitution has been delayed, partially by my action," Golden said, "but I'm not doing it out of malice, I'm only trying to ensure that the constitution is being adhered to." Golden added that as Speaker he must ensure that the rules of the constitution are being followed.

However, Ali said that Golden was deliberating over a "very minor detail." Ali said that the procedural method for implementing the by-laws should go on, "as long as the by-laws meet the requirements of the

corporation, and there is a consensus to proceed."

Ali said he will be sending copies of the proposed by-laws out to each individual Council member "even if it might cost the corporation a couple of hundred dollars." Ali said that "at this rate, we will get the second reading of the eight by-laws completed by the end of the year," despite his earlier projections of March. Each by-law must undergo three readings, but this has been slowed in part by poor attendance at Council meetings.

Golden attributed the poor attendance to the fact that the constituency only receives one copy of the notice of meetings and proposed by-laws. Each constituency is allowed up to three CYSF reps.

At the last meeting, Golden said they had exactly quorum (50 percent of members) after one hour into the meeting. The February 12 meeting was adjourning due to lack of quorum and the January 29 meeting had slightly over quorum.

Ali said that he sends out notices of meetings 10 days in advance and calls each constituency on the day of the meeting. "It is their duty as reps to come to meeting," he said, "what more can I do—babysit them?"

Vanier CYSF rep Andy Robillard said their council has consistently attended Council meetings, adding he received the notice of the last meeting and a copy of the by-laws well in advance. "I think it would be good," Robillard said, "if every rep had a copy of the by-laws so it would be available for every person." Robillard said their copy of the by-laws is available for perusal in the Vanier College Council office. A copy of the by-laws is also available in the CYSF office.

Mocia Kozelj, CYSF rep for Stong College, said that although their college has been adequately informed of Council meetings, they only have two reps to send to meetings at the present. Kozelj said she "would be happier to receive a copy of the by-laws personally, but not to the point of holding up the process of passing the by-laws."

McLaughlin College Council President Steve Morrell said that their attendance at Council meetings has been low not due to lack of interest but because they are shorthanded due to the resignation of two reps, and have had a conflict of interest situation to take care of with regard to their own projects first. Morrell said he feels attendance will improve with McLaughlin after their own commitments have been looked after.

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