

Controversial charity group operating on York campus

By ROCCO NOBILE

In February of 1985, a businessman named Donald Calladine started up an organization called the Ethiopian Famine Relief Fund of Toronto (EFR).

Among its fundraising efforts is the distribution of charity cans, several of which can be found on the York campus—in the Central Square Cafeteria and in the drug store.

There is some controversy over the presence of these cans, caused partially by the fact that the EFR has been plagued by problems since its start.

One such problem was a fund raising dinner which was held at the Golden Country Restaurant in downtown Toronto. According to Timothy Chan, the manager of the restaurant, the EFR promised to sell tickets to the dinner at \$25.00 apiece. Of the \$25.00, \$15.00 was to cover the costs of the dinners and \$10.00 was to go to the EFR.

However, the EFR did not manage to sell many tickets, so the restaurant stepped in and sold what they could before the event. Chan said that although only 120 tickets were sold for the dinner, the EFR could not come up with the money to cover the cost of 120 dinners when it came time to pay the bill.

"They said that they were waiting for a grant," Chan said, adding that they eventually gave The Golden Country a post-dated check for the amount required.

According to a July 6, 1985 article in *The Toronto Star*, the EFR col-

lected the money to cover the bill from its charity cans. That money was intended to go to Ethiopia to pay for food.

The EFR operates out of a Bay Street office, which is also the office of Donald Calladine's father's company, Dynavest Holding Ltd. According to the same *Star* article, the EFR pays \$400.00 rent per month, which is the rent for the entire office. Thus it would seem that Roy Calladine is operating Dynavest Holdings Ltd. rent-free.

The fund appears to lack any sense of accountability as to how much money is collected and where it is distributed. The July 6 article stated that the Salvation Army, which was supplying volunteer workers for the EFR, pulled its support when it was not given information about the distribution of the collected funds. Major Bond, the man who is in charge of the Salvation Army's volunteers, told *Excalibur* that "offhand, I don't know anything about that, although we probably did supply volunteers."

Until the middle of July, when records were made available to the *Star*, of the \$21,000.00 that had been collected, only \$1,336.00 was accounted for as actually going to famine relief efforts.

The EFR is not registered with the Better Business Bureau, although it is registered with Revenue Canada as a charity.

As the Ethiopian Famine Relief Fund is less than a year old, it has not yet submitted an information return to Revenue Canada, so they have no



information about the money which the EFR has made or spent.

Excalibur tried to reach Donald Calladine and the EFR several times over the past week, but was never successful, as an answering machine is always on.

With all of these problems, why are there still EFR cans on campus? Norm Crandles of Housing and Food Services, said that other than the cafeteria, he has no jurisdiction over whether or not they stay. He also said that he does not allow anybody's cans in the cafeteria, and that rule has nothing to do with the merits of the charity. "I don't know how they got in there," he said.

Barbara Row, who is in charge of the stores in Central Square, said that she has no say over whether or not the cans stay in the stores. "They are pretty autonomous businesses," she said. "If they want to put charity cans in their stores, that's up to them."

York anti-apartheid organization sets goals at first general meeting

By SHELLEY WEISFELD

"Twenty percent of Canadian people don't know what apartheid is," said David Himbara, a member of York's Student Movement Against Apartheid (YSMAA) at this year's first general meeting.

The organization, which started last year, has set two objectives for 1985-86. The first objective on the agenda is to inform the York community about apartheid. Secondly, it wants to acknowledge York's stand on the issue.

Last year, YSMAA petitioned for the removal of Board of Governors member Sonja Bata. Bata's family owns Bata Shoe Corporation, which

has interests in South Africa. Controversy over this issue resulted in Bata's resignation.

This year an investment committee has been organized to seek information that could possibly connect York with businesses operating in South Africa. Himbara, the organizer of the committee, would not give out any specific information about the committee, saying only "we are sensitive at this time."

So far, no concrete facts have been released tying York with investment in South Africa. Over 1,000 students have signed on with the YSMAA, Himbara said. Of those, 16 were in attendance at the general meeting.



The sound and the furry

Winter's almost here. The squirrels have packed away their nuts for the cruel season. Come on in out of the cold before it's too late. Disregard all those bad things people are saying about coffee. It's the journalist's opiate and it's just fine for us. Any *Excalibur* scribe is welcome to all the java they can consume. So, come on by and join the staff at 4:00 today in 111 Central Square. Brrrrrrrrrr no more!

New report on women's status released

By NAOMI PASCOE

An updated version of the 1975 Senate Task Force Report on the Status of Women at York was released this year.

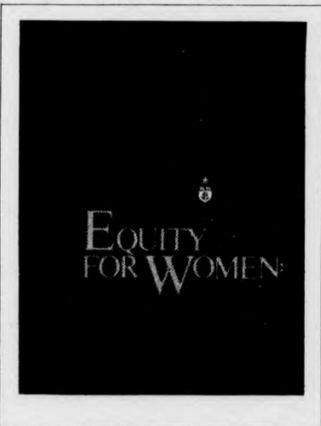
The report details the achievements and shortcomings of the office since the release of the original report.

The 1985 report has been expanded from 64 recommendations to 109. However, many of the recommendations are reiterations of the 1975 report because many of the proposals have yet to be put into practice.

The first implemented recommendation was the establishment of The Office of the Advisor to the President on The Status of Women. The first chairperson of the office, Jane Banefield, had the specific mandate of equalizing full-time faculty salaries. Although the number of salary discrepancies had levelled off, Banefield said, there now seems to be a gradual influx back into the system. The difficulty is that it takes time to change the structure of York to facilitate the proposals.

According to Naomi Black, the present chairperson of the office,

men are now being hired for higher-paying jobs. "There is no mandate to hire more women," Black said, adding "this must be built into the hiring process. It is structural rather than factual inequality."



GUS
IS
COMING

The office has also established a conference for mature women on campus and a Sexual Harassment Centre.

To improve security on campus, the office has provided a free escort service for those who are leaving the campus at night. Emergency phones have been placed around campus (identifiable by a blue light), and the lighting in the parking areas has been improved.

Black's mandate is to improve the problems with the structure of York's governmental and faculty decisions and to facilitate the incorporation of the rest of the suggestions in the updated report. Black would also like to set up a representative committee group of all university faculty to create and activate groups in the relative areas. This way, according to Black, there will be direct initiatives from within the system.

Black said that inequalities on the York campus can be better dealt with if the system is changed, i.e., a specific mandate on hiring and practices and salaries. With the office having a wider mandate, it could correct the entire problem without having to deal with each separate complaint.

LET US PREPARE YOU FOR THE DECEMBER 7, 1985 LSAT OR THE JANUARY 25, 1986 GMAT

- Each course consists of 20 hours instruction for only \$155 or 32 hours for only \$220
- Courses are tax deductible
- Complete review of each section of each test
- Extensive home study materials
- Your course may be repeated at no additional charge

Classes for the December 7 LSAT
20 hour course Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1/85
32 hour course Nov. 2, 3, 30, Dec. 1/85

Classes for the January 25 GMAT
20 hour course Jan. 17, 18, 19/86
32 hour course Jan. 11, 12, 18, 19/86

For information:
GMAT/LSAT Preparation Courses
(416) 923-PREP

UNIQUE... ANY WAY YOU SERVE IT.