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# Lawsuit got ya down? Free legal aid available for students

## COMMUNITY

### Looking into non-profit services at York

If you are in need of legal advice or representation you should know about the Community and Legal Aid Services Program (CLASP).

CLASP is a student-run law clinic on campus which offers students free legal services.

The program has been in existence for over 20 years. Every campus in Ontario with a law department has a similar student-run legal aid clinic.

According to Sophia Ruddock, one of the clinic's division leaders, CLASP operates to fill the gap between Legal Aid and lawyers.

"Some people can't afford lawyers or their cases aren't covered by Legal Aid," said Ruddock.

The clinic was set up by the Legal Aid Plan of Ontario because of the financial position most students are in and because Legal Aid cannot

handle such cases as theft under \$1000, which CLASP does.

The clinic is funded by Legal Aid and is staffed by students of Osgoode Hall Law School, who work under the supervision of lawyers on staff. CLASP takes about 1000 cases a year.

CLASP operates four divisions, each with a student division leader. The division leaders coordinate the student volunteers who work under them.

The divisions of CLASP include: •The Administrative Law Division, which handles academic and disciplinary matters. If you need help with an appeal, the clinic can help prepare the submission. They can also help

with OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Plan) and CSL (Canada Student Loan) appeals.

•The Women's Division, which provides legal advice and assistance to women in abusive relationships.

•The Landlord and Tenant Division, which helps students having problems with landlords, rent deposit retrievals and subletting.

•The Civil Litigation Division, which helps people who are being sued or who wish to file suits. They also deal with contract problems, car accident claims, finance or loan company disputes and similar matters.

One drawback of the clinic is their inability to handle any cases which

might involve a jail sentence for the defendant. Student clinics are prohibited by Legal Aid from taking such cases.

Although services at CLASP are free, there is a \$10 administration fee students must pay for consultation. The clinic will waive this under certain circumstances. Students who are represented by CLASP must pay all court-related costs.

CLASP operates during regular business hours and two evenings a week. They also have a new office in Student Centre room 449C. Hours of operation are from 10:00 to 2:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays and 10:00 to 3:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS

The Dance Department wishes to augment its archives with photographic documentations of its performances. All those interested are invited to photograph the dress rehearsal today, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Burton Auditorium, Fine Arts Building. Please submit your contact sheets for consideration.

### YOUNG SOUL REBELS

"...a hit at the Cannes and Toronto film festivals." Official Toronto Premiere this Thursday at 9 p.m. in Uptown II, 764 Yonge St. For more information call 924-1486.

**BISEXUAL, LESBIAN AND GAY PEER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Addressing personal issues. Small, discreet, confidential discussion group. This Thursday, 5-7 p.m. in 315B Student Centre. Any hesitations, call Doug at 736-2100 ext. 20494.

### YORK DANCES

The Dance Department presents its Fall Concert of New choreography in Burton Auditorium. Performances feature works by student choreographers and the premier of 'Laura', choreographed by Toronto independent dance artist Darcey Callison. Dates are this Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Adults \$7 and Students and Seniors \$5. For more information call 736-5137.

### AIDS

Another Attack on the Black Community. A lecture by Professor Jackie Wilson. This Friday from 1-4 p.m. in Winters College 108.

### I.D.A. GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

METAPRAXIS by Stephen Doyle. November 25-29. Closing reception this Friday, 4-8 p.m. CHANGES by Barbara Nymen, Clara Ursitti. December 2-6. Reception the 6th at 5 p.m. The I.D.A. Gallery is on the Main Floor, Fine Arts Centre 2.

**SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL**  
'Two Pariah States of the World'. Can they really change? York Against Apartheid, the African United Front and the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania will hold a public forum on the plight of the African and the Palestinian people. The forum will take place on Saturday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in Earth Science Centre Auditorium, 5 Bancroft Ave. (U of T). The public and the media are invited.

### ALCOHOL AWARENESS EVENT

To be held in East Bear Pit, Central Square, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on December 2 and 3. For more information please call 736-5196.

### YORK UNIVERSITY GREENS

Meet every second Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Ross South 777. Next meeting is one week from today. For more information leave message at the Student Federation Office or call 727-8348.

### BREAKING MEN'S SILENCE TO END MEN'S VIOLENCE

White Ribbon Campaign by the Men's Network for Change. A national men's response against men's violence against women asking men across Canada to hang a white ribbon from their house, car or at their workplace and to wear a white ribbon or armband from Sunday, December 1 to Friday December 6, the second anniversary of the Montreal massacre. For more information contact Ron Sulser at 927-8099.

# drop everything

### HORDE OF GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS (H.O.G.S.)

A pub night with H.O.G.S.! This Thursday. Monty Python film fest on this Friday. For more information come to the T.R.C. room Ross South 405.

### PROSPECTS FOR GENUINE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE IN AFRICA

A conference presented by the African Students Association. Focus on Kenya. All interested will be able to make a prepared presentation to be submitted by December 1. To take place on Saturday, December 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Bethune College. For more information contact Miguna Miguna at 650-5266 or Diamond Tobin-West at 665-1372.

### WOMEN'S BODY IMAGES SUPPORT GROUP

Next meeting for new members on January 7, 1992 at 4 p.m. in 328 Student Centre.

### UNITED INDIAN STUDENTS (U.I.S.)

India's funniest home videos contest. Deadline is January 10, 1992. First prize is a trip for two to Florida or \$500. For more information call U.I.S. of York at 329-0681.

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Faculty of Arts will hold the following events: Getting into Law School-Tuesday January 21. Developing a Career in Communications-Tuesday, February 25. Career Planning-Monday March 9. All events held from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Ross South 519.

### A TASTE FOR JUSTICE!

Support third world co-operatives. We have bridgehead coffees and teas. Go to Student Christian Movement, 214 Scott Religious Centre.

### AIKIDO YOSHINKAI

A Japanese Martial Artist will hold classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-2 p.m. in the Judo/Wrestling room, Tait McKenzie. Spectators welcome.

### AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Every Thursday at 5 p.m. in 110 Founders College. All welcome.

### AIIESEC-YORK

Interested in international business? Want to have a chance to work abroad? Then visit the AIIESEC office at 007 Administrative Studies, or call 736-2100 ext.6398.

### ANGLICAN, UNITED, CATHOLIC, BAPTIST

Lutheran, Presbyterian, Quaker...Join us for ecumenical worship, Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Scott Religious Centre Chapel. Organized by York Student

### Christian Movement. ENVIROSCOPE

A student newspaper for environmental and social issues. Copy, photos and graphics needed for the first issue in 1992. Please send submissions to EnviroSCOPE c/o TASC, Education Centre 155 College St. Toronto, M5T 1P6. For more information call Jason at 229-0023.

### FIRST NATION STUDENTS

We want to get to know each other-to share information on education, social events. Please leave your name and number at Environmental Studies, 736-5252.

### LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL WOMEN AT YORK

General meetings every second Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Women's Centre, 328 Student Centre. Next gathering is today. For more information con-

tact Lucy at 736-2100 ext.20494.

**PARKING PROBLEMS?**  
Have you paid for reserved parking but can't find a reserved spot? Want to complain? Call Mrs. Bertrand at 736-2100 ext.77283.

### PLENTY CANADA

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity on campus which will expose you to global issues and link you to an international development organization? If so consider working for Plenty Canada! There is much to be done: organizing, participating in events, learning and talking about development, hosting speakers. Please join us. For more information call (613) 278-2215.

### TEL - AIDE

Jewish Distress Line. Lonely? Trouble at work? Feel like blowing off steam? Please call 636-9610. Sensitive people are available to listen. All Tel - Aide

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## Odyssey by PINC



**Drop Everything for your campus announcements.**  
Leave submissions in the Drop Everything envelope in the Excal Newsroom, 426 Student Centre, c/o Marcus Parmegiani. Deadlines are Thursdays before Wednesday Publications.