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Sit'n around: York students enjoying the last days of sun, as temperatures soared above 20°C last week.

Political scientist Carole Pateman talks on women and citizenship at York

by Jessica Goldman

Women's issues have been a primary focus of thought and discussion at York University.

Recognizing the importance of these issues, the political science department invited Dr. Carole Pateman to speak on women and democratic citizenship at its annual lecture held at Osgoode Hall.

Pateman, a professor at the University of California, lectured on the methods in which liberal democracy is structured to exclude women from political power.

In her lecture entitled "Promise and Paradox", Pateman voiced her belief that the acceptance of the patriarchal view of democracy renders women outsiders in the liberal political system.

Although never claiming to be a feminist, Pateman relied heavily on feminist theory. She said that democracy sees the grass roots difference between manhood and womanhood as being the political difference between freedom and subordination.

"This subordination is not only prejudicial but contradictory," Pateman argued. "Women cannot participate in

social contract because they lack political capacities, but yet they can participate in the marriage contract."

She went on to criticize the ways in which liberal democracies tend to pick and choose what constitutes citizenship.

Pateman spoke of the paradox in which there would be no citizens without motherhood yet motherhood in itself is not part of citizenship.

"Women, if allowed to exercise their reason and talents, they can do everything that men can do," Pateman said. She believes the difficulty arises when the system is constructed in the male image and made possible by men and their activities.

The solution is to demand gender neutrality in legislative and political language. Equal rights must mean the same rights in Pateman's view.

She maintained that since women cannot become equal by becoming men, they must be accepted as equal on the basis of being women. Pateman summed up her lecture, saying, "if democracy is going to integrate women as complete citizens, it must be as autonomous beings, equal, but different."

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Federal government grants York's Centre for Refugee Studies \$5million

by Brent Poland

The Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) at York will receive five million dollars from the federal government.

The honourable David MacDonald, MP for Rosedale, announced on Friday that the CRS has been named a center of excellence in international development, by the ministry of External Relations and International Development.

The existing refugee studies program will be expanded to offer undergraduate certificates and graduate diplomas in refugee studies.

"York University has been a pioneer in refugee studies, beginning with the boat people a decade ago," Macdonald said.

The CRS studies will provide a reference base for government and public policy. It will create a focus point for all the interdisciplinary aspects of the refugee issue.

With the help of the various

departments at York such as the refugee law program and the psychology department, and Osgoode Hall, the centre will provide research into questions such as refugee housing, education and cultural adjustment.

According to MacDonald, the centre should offer a permanent home for information, inquiry, research, and, ultimately, a better public policy.

Howard Alderman, director of the centre says that the money will be used to expand the research centre's infrastructure by hiring graduate students to do more field work, creating a documentation centre as well as a publication.

Although everybody is pleased with the grant, some graduate students say the the government is not doing enough.

"Not enough services are being provided for the refugees already in Canada," said Andrew Forbes, a graduate student studying at the refugee centre. Forbes cited housing and other social services that are underfunded.

Radio fund drive nets \$38,000

by Trevor Burnett

CHRY's fundraising drive has raised \$38,000

The 10-day October fundraiser at the North York community radio station exceeded expectations by at least \$3,000

Although Dani Zaretsky, outgoing CHRY president, was pleased with the amount pledged, he was quick to point out that collecting the pledges was a little harder.

"CHRY's historical collection rate has been between 60 to 70 per cent which is a very high rate, given general fundraising standards," Zaretsky said.

Based on \$38,000, the amount of money that will be collected will probably be in the \$25,000 range.

"I'm very confident with the way we spend money and then trans-

late it into greater performance for our audience," said Zaretsky. "I think that every year when you go back to your audience, they'll let you know to what extent they're satisfied with you."

CHRY receives money from a variety of sources with an annual operating budget in excess of \$200,000. These sources include a student levy at \$4.50 per full-time student.

Other revenues come from small business advertisement, concert benefits and grants from municipal, provincial, and federal governments.

The funds are used for expanding and developing community outreach programming that covers issues underrepresented in the media. The station encourages underrepresented groups in

society to deliver this programming. For example, the phone-in programme, "The Cutting Edge," which is a new addition to the station's current affairs programming.

"Fundraising is necessary because it puts us in a position to take advantage of any new and exciting opportunities that come about," Zaretsky said.

Last year the station invested \$15,000 in new equipment.

CHRY, in addition to other services, currently has access to a news service that gathers information from the Caribbean and Latin America.

One of the station's main goals in the future is to look for ways to increase its current 50 watt radio signal.



The gift of life: 746 York students turned out last week to give the gift of life, at the Red Cross blood donor clinic held in Central Square.

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