

YUFA irked at way president to be selected

By ANDREW ZARNETT

A recent York University Faculty Association (YUFA) newsletter had some bitter comments about the process of selecting a new president for the York community.

The newsletter, circulated among faculty, stated, "The procedures are a retrograde step from those used in 1973 when our current President, H. Ian Macdonald was selected. Even though many members of the Senate and other campus constituencies expressed desire to strengthen their involvement... representation from campus groups has been reduced and secrecy has been intensified."

The Search Committee, looking for a new president, will be composed of 11 members, 55 percent of whom will represent the Board of Governors (BOG), compared to 25 percent in 1973. The Senate will have the remaining five seats: three professorial positions, one student position, and one non-academic staff position.

Relative to the composition of the 1973 committee, student representation has been reduced from 25 percent to nine percent while professorial representation has been reduced from 38 to 27 percent.

In addition to the selection of the search committee, YUFA raised concerns about the secrecy of the process.

Janice Newson, YUFA Chairman, said in a phone interview "the selection committee will meet behind closed doors and will only reveal the short list of candidates at the Senate meeting where the vote is to take place."

Bruce Brydon, BOG Chairman justifies this secrecy on the grounds that "the applicant being sought might not wish his/her candidacy to be known."

Newson said, "it would be in the university's interest to have the candidates known but BOG seems to want candidates that hide under a cloak."

At a recent Senate meeting, one member of the Senate's Executive committee said, "The search for a president should be a joint effort (between students, professors, administrators, and all other staff) but the proposed procedures make a joint effort impossible since BOG not only makes the final decision but also controls the Search committee. What should be a partnership is far from that."



Hey, you! *Excalibur* photographer Mario Scattoloni spotted these future York students while strolling on campus one day.

Bearpits may go into hibernation

By GARY SYMONS

Almost since the beginning of York University's 24-year history, the two aptly-named Bearpits have traditionally served as meeting places for the exchange of ideas and opinions. It seems, however, that the tradition could be at an end.

According to Jack Moore, manager of the Conference Centre, an organization that acts as the University's "booking agent," there will be no more "political rallies, speeches, amplified music, or any other event that will cause congestion problems" in the Bearpits.

Immediately affected by this new policy is the York Association for Peace (YAP), and they aren't happy about it. YAP, a group of students and faculty members concerned with the threat of nuclear war, had scheduled a two-hour open-microphone meeting concerning the proposed testing of the cruise missile in Canada for today. The meeting was originally supposed to be held in the Bearpit, but has now been relocated to Curtis Lecture Hall C.

Michael McNamee, Computer Science professor and YAP chairman, thinks the change is unsatisfactory. "A closed door lecture can not take the place of an open forum," he said. "Certainly we could take a room and make speeches, but only the people that are already concerned will show up."

According to YAP members, the concept of an open forum for discussion is essential to the university, a place concerned with the exchange of ideas. "We're fighting this for everybody, not just for ourselves," said McNamee.

He believes the congestion issue was simply an excuse to move the meeting. "The real reason is that they fear some kind of conflict or riot," he said. "It's ridiculous. We're a peace organization."

Another YAP member, Math professor Melvin Zimmerman, said the move was unjustifiable. "The Bearpit has been a place for public discussion for as long as I've been here at York and I've never seen the halls congested so

badly that people had problems getting through."

Zimmerman pointed out that the administration has allowed other, non-political events to take place in the area this year, such as art sales and fashion shows, "yet they (the administration) are singling out congestion as a reason for refusing our application."

Moore denied that the relocation was due to the political nature of the group. He said the decision to ban political meetings and rallies from the Central Square area was made as early as last spring. "It's become so congested in that area that any activity causing a large crowd will have to be relocated," he said. "We're not trying to stop the event, it's just that the location is no longer appropriate."

Moore maintained that the decision had been taken by "a consensus of the people involved with Central Square." That "consensus" includes officials from York Security and the Conference Centre, he said.

Rosenberg bitter at government

By MARILYN LITWACK

"I believe that if we allow the Government of Ontario to get away with what they did, then we should be ashamed to be Ontario Canadians."

These could be considered fighting words if they were said by almost anyone else. This comment, however, was made by Leonard Rosenberg in a presentation by him on the trust companies affair, sponsored by the John White Society at Osgoode Hall yesterday.

Rosenberg said he's bitter about what has happened to him. The Government of Ontario stepped in and put Greymac Credit Corp., his trust company, into receivership, but in Rosenberg's view, all his business transactions have been legal and completely above board.

About being denied the right to a trial, Rosenberg said "I am entitled to a hearing and so far they've stonewalled me."

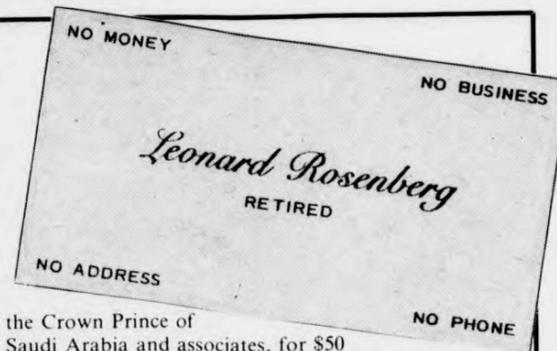
Addressing the fact that the government has closed all access by anyone to his personal moneys, he said "I can't feed my family. I've got a great family, though, they bring us chicken soup." Obviously, he has maintained a sense of humor through all the troubled times.

On 5 November 1982, the Greymac Credit Corporation (owned by Rosenberg) purchased some 10,000 apartment and townhouse units from the Cadillac-Fairview Corporation for \$270 million. That same day Rosenberg resold these properties for \$312 million to John Player's Kilderkin Investments Limited. The dealings did not end there.

The properties were resold again, this time by Player, to 50 numbered companies rumored to be affiliated with



Leonard Rosenberg spoke at Osgoode yesterday.



the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia and associates, for \$50 million, within a few days of the original sale.

On 21 January 1983, the Province of Ontario put Greymac Trust, Greymac Mortgage and Crown Trust companies, Seaway Trust Co. and Seaway Mortgage Corp. into receivership. All of these companies were involved in the financing of the deal.

The government then sold the Crown and Seaway companies. The government's reason for seizing the companies was its concern that the trust companies were in poor financial positions and had overstepped their borrowing bases and should therefore not be allowed to receive money.

To date, no criminal charges have been laid and a public hearing has not been held.

The presentation at Osgoode yesterday took the form of a question and answer session. Rosenberg answered the questions and interjected humorous comments on government, his looks, and his entourage—plain-clothed policemen, a camera man, and government personnel. One of the highlights was his circular flow chart outlining the events that took place in the sale of the Cadillac-Fairview buildings.

"Where are we going from here? Your guess is as good as mine," said Rosenberg.