

# Law students offer aid

By JERRY OWEN

So you were arrested for possession of marijuana last weekend, you have to appear on the 25th of the month, and you're confused. You best advice right now is to phone Dave Taman at 635-3141.

Taman is the administrative director of the Community Legal Aid Services Program, which involves over 150 law students in four special projects which cover every facet of legal aid. Here's the run-down:

## Student Defenders Project

This is a project in which 75 law students donate their time to defend people who otherwise would go without counsel. The project last year handled over 600 cases ranging in complexity from simple summary conviction offences

in Magistrate's Court to complicated Family Court cases involving suits for maintenance, child care problems, and eviction disputes. The student defenders this year expect to handle over 1000 such cases. Virtually all defendants who come to CLASP have been refused aid under the provincial government's legal aid program.

## Ossington Project

This is a youth drop-in center designed to handle the usual big city youth problems ranging from drugs to stolen hubcaps. CLASP keeps 25 law students handy to help the project staff with any legal aid problems.

## Family Hostel Project

The family hostel is a social work clinic set up at Bathurst and Dundas by the Ontario department of welfare. It is designed to help people cope with eviction notices, desertions, and assorted legal-socialwork problems involving family disputes. There are about 20 CLASP volunteers at the clinic's

disposal.

## Detached Workers Project

This is a project organized by the YMCA in which law students and social workers go into the community's problem areas trying to find possible trouble spots before they come to the surface. This involves getting to know and gaining the trust of the local youth, like being trusted with information about who is pushing bum acid in the neighbourhood or where the next knife fight is likely to flare up. There isn't much court work involved. The measure of success is not how many cases the student can win in court but rather how many cases he can solve before they come to court.

In short CLASP takes up where the overly bureaucratic and inefficient government welfare and legal aid services leave off. That makes Dave Taman one of the busiest men on campus. If you have any legal problems or if you want to know how to set up an effective community aid program, drop in and see him in room 118E, Osgoode Hall.

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For information call 787-0381.

## York Briefs

### Ochs to sing for radical conference

One of the most prominent folk protest singers in North America will be holding a concert in Toronto in two weeks to help pay for Glendon's international forum "The Year of the Barricade". Phil Ochs will play at the Ryerson Auditorium Oct. 22 at 8 pm. Tickets, at \$2.50 and \$3, are available at the York Student Movement book table in the Central Square, the Glendon student union offices or at the Ryerson ticket office. Ochs has not been in eastern Canada for two years. He and his brother Mike will be two of the more than 50 resource persons at the Oct. 23-26 conference of radicals from around the world.

### Founders master to resign next year

Founders College master John Conway has announced his resignation, to take effect at the end of the school year. He has been master of the college for five years. "I am of the opinion that all deanships, chairmanships and masterships should be non-renewable five-year appointments," he says in a letter of resignation to administration president Murray G. Ross. "Only this policy can ensure a constant flow of new ideas and new approaches into these areas of responsibility." Conway will continue to teach in York's humanities department. He plans to continue his research and writing on Canadian problems and comparative Canadian-U.S. studies. A committee of students and faculty of the college will be formed to make nominations for Conway's successor.

### Peace club discusses world problems

Do you have a world problem that's bugging you . . . Vietnam, Biafra, Israel, Guatemala? If so the International Peace Club is for you. Organized by a law student last year, the club provides a forum for discussion and debate on any problem where human rights or liberties are at stake anywhere in the world. Membership is open to anyone at York. Meetings are held Sunday evenings in the Vanier Common Room. Controversial personalities like Dick Gregory have been invited to speak, and regular confrontations are planned.

### Grad exams may be taken on six dates

Graduate Record Examinations, as required by many graduate schools, may be taken on six different test dates this year. Choice of test dates should be determined by the requirements of graduate schools or fellowships to which students are applying. Scores are usually reported to graduate schools five weeks after a test date. The first test date for the GRE is Oct. 25. The other five dates are Dec. 13, Jan 17, Feb. 28, April 25 and July 11. Graduate Record Examinations include an aptitude test of general scholastic ability and advanced test measuring achievement in 21 major fields of study.

### Winters student planning art group

A third year Winters College student is trying to set up an art group in the college "to relate everyday feelings to the world of art and the world around us, and thus increase the individuals' powers of perception and awareness." Dubbed a "York Experiment in Visual Art" Ron Lunn's group would consist of a 10-week evening course in the fall and spring terms, where students could study life drawing, contemporary painting and free form dimensional work. Emphasis would be placed on space, form and color throughout the course. Artwork created by the students in the course would be displayed in the Winters Art Gallery. Lunn estimates the course would cost about \$500 to run each term.

### Founders court rep appointed

Ron Freedman will be the Founders College student court representative, and Andy Willen will be the college's senate representative. The appointments were announced at a Founders College council meeting last Thursday.

### Faculty members get research grants

Eight members of York's faculty have received research grants from the Council. George Eaton, director of Atkinson College's professional studies program has been awarded a \$9,487 grant for research on the development of the trade union movement in Jamaica. Esther Greenglass, Kurt Danziger and Kathryn Koenig, all professors in York's psychology department received a grant of \$8,494 to continue psychological research on the relationships between the moral behavior of children and child-rearing practices followed by mothers of several ethnic groups. Other recipients include Carleton Perrin, John Priestley, Donald Willmott and Joseph Woods.

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