

Senate committee challenged by student

By DONOVAN VINCENT

On September 25th a York student successfully challenged a decision of the Senate Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards (CEAS) before the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Bashir Hajee was accused of academic dishonesty, which allegedly occurred following a Biology examination at York earlier this year. After an unsuccessful appeal before the York Faculty Council, Hajee appealed the Council's decision before the York Senate CEAS.

Two witnesses were involved in the case, A. Singh, and B. Singh. During the Senate proceedings which took place on May 13, 1985, Hajee's lawyer John Sopinka asked to cross-examine the two witnesses. The Senate CEAS disallowed this request deciding that cross-examination of witnesses went against what they felt were fair appeal procedures. Upon hearing this decision Hajee and Sopinka immediately walked out of the Senate proceedings, and later

appealed CEAS cross-examination decision before the Supreme Court of Ontario. The case was heard before Supreme Court judges J. Krever, Graig, and J.J. Osborne. After hearing the testimony from both the Applicant (Hajee), and the Respondent (York University), the Court ruled in favour of Hajee. Krever stated that the Senate's CEAS decision against cross-examination was 'a departure from the essential principles of fairness.' Krever also stated that there was 'no justification for refusing the Applicant (Hajee) the opportunity to test the accuracy of the critical, direct evidence of Mr. B. Singh in light of the known position of the Applicant, that he denied Mr. B. Singh's evidence.'

The Court also ruled that in the event of further proceedings (with respect to the allegations against Hajee), 'any tribunal created by the proceedings should consist of persons none of whom served on the Senate CEAS when the case was heard on May 13th, 1985.'

The proceedings concerning the charges of academic dishonesty against Hajee are still in progress.

CYSF prepares academic rights book

By DRAZEN BULAT

For the first time in its history the Council of York Student Federation (CYSF) is preparing to publish a student handbook on Academic Affairs.

Rob Castle, CYSF's Academic Affairs Representative, said that the purpose of such a handbook is to "provide a central location to which students can look to for help when petitioning grades."

According to Castle there is a definite need for such a handbook. "There are students who don't know they even have academic rights," he said, adding that the information contained in the calendar "is inadequate," because of the vagueness of the rules and the lack of information on petitioning. The handbook is a compilation of all the rules and regulations of all the faculties. One accessible location provides and explains all the rules in a more clear manner than in the calendar, Castle said.

The handbook also contains instructions on petitioning though it "is not intended to be a 'form letter,'" Castle said. He added, however, that it does contain "general guidelines for writing petitions and

appealing those petitions." As well, the handbook contains a list of grounds for petitioning and also lists those services on campus which might be able to help those in need of further advice.

The information contained in the handbook was gathered over the summer and is being put together by

Castle and BOG representative Chris Costello. Castle warns that it is "nothing fancy" but hopes that it will be redone and updated every year as the academic rules change. That, however, "is up to my successors," he added.

Castle said the handbook should be available in about three weeks.

Ali devises OFS compromise

By BRADY HASKELL

Reya Ali, president of the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF), has come up with a compromise plan for the proposed withdrawal of CYSF from the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

Under the compromise, CYSF would leave OFS through a decision in council, without a student referendum. Then, sometime after the withdrawal a referendum would be conducted to ask all students at York, not only those represented by CYSF, if they would be in favour of paying three dollars each to join OFS.

If the response was in favour all York students would eventually pay for a direct representation in OFS. Under the current arrangement, only students represented by CYSF are

represented in OFS and the cost, \$35,000, comes out of CYSF's budget.

According to Ali, if his plan of action is adopted and students vote to join OFS, CYSF would save money and York would benefit as a whole because the entire student body would be represented which would mean greater voting power for York in the OFS. Asked if he thought OFS would react favourably to his proposal, Ali said "I think they will. If they don't they stand to lose a lot."

OFS chairperson Bernard Drainville declined to comment on the proposal saying only that he believes a referendum is necessary for CYSF's withdrawal.

Despite the advantages, Ali said he expects some disagreement when he presents the compromise to his executive.

Campus centre provides aid for aged

By DONOVAN VINCENT

York has recently been graced by yet another addition to its long list of services. The Retirement Consultation Centre found in room D130 of the West Office Building is a new effort of the University, established to provide information concerning all matters related to retirement and aging.

The Centre will be providing a Retirement Planning Program for employees who are within 10 years of retirement. This program which starts October 21 in the Masters Dining Room, will be aimed at giving retiring York employees valuable

insights into issues like Retirement Planning, Health Benefits and Financial Planning.

The Consultation Centre's Coordinator Melissa Spore says that the Centre also provides "educational services for anyone interested in retirement issues." Spore says that all members of the York community are invited to use the Centre's Resource Library.

The idea for a Retirement Consultation Centre was proposed by the York University Faculty Association (YUFA) which felt that some sort of retirement service was needed for its members. In response to this the

Administration with the help of YUFA set up the Centre last April.

The Centre is funded entirely by the York Administration, and is managed jointly by the Administration and York's labor unions.

The Centre is open Monday through Thursday from 9 to 5 p.m. All those interested in setting up an appointment for consultation should call Melissa Spore at 667-6228.

As part of the 25th Anniversary celebrations the Consultation Centre is holding a private reception on Thursday, October 17 to honor retired employees of York.



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Dublin finds lost artifacts of the past

By SHELLY WEISFELD

Today's Dublin is sitting on a goldmine of architecture and artifacts, but is a city that "until recently has had a relatively low level of public consciousness of what could be lost," according to a professor from Dublin's University College, who spoke at Winters College on October 3.

Kevin Nowlan, in his lecture "Architecture and Culture: Conservation in Ireland," used as an example an incident several years ago when some of the most important Viking ruins in the world were lost because of the construction of two municipal buildings.

"Instead of imagination, and a sense of history and time being applied, and despite enormous public agitation, where nearly 20,000 people (protested), the buildings prevailed," Nowlan said.

Nowlan is the president of the National Trust of Ireland, a member of the Royal Institute of Architecture and Chairman of the Castle-town Foundation, a group involved in the preservation of Irish buildings. He came to York at the invitation of Winters Master Maurice Elliot, after lecturing at McGill.

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