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Graduate assistants' association actively pursues certification

By OAKLAND ROSS
York's graduate assistants' association, now actively seeking certification as a union, had its first meeting before the Ontario labour relations board on Monday.

GAA president Mark Golden said this week that the association has claimed as its bargaining unit approximately 1,100 people, including teaching assistants, research assistants, instructors, demon-

strators, markers, tutors, part-time faculty and course directors. According to Golden, the GAA has secured signatures from "well over" 35 per cent of its membership.

"The university administration proposed an alternate membership unit at Monday's meeting," said Golden. "In effect, it would exclude all students and professional people from membership."

York director of personnel D. J.

Mitchell would not elaborate on the nature of the administration's proposed unit for fear of "jeopardizing one side or the other". But he did say that, if accepted, the university's proposal would result in a smaller membership for the GAA.

According to Mitchell, the big problem in the negotiations to this point has been the definition of job categories.

Golden said that, although there have been some problems, "the administration has been quite cooperative so far".

The next meeting will be at the labour board on March 14. Interested GAA members may contact Mark Golden at 964-8863.

Evening with Peru in McLaughlin

INTI, a Peruvian cultural group, will present an Evening with Peru, a colourful cultural show of Peruvian folk dances, songs, poetry and

fashion, next Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the McLaughlin dining hall.

The event is sponsored by York's International Student Centre and Latin American studies department.

Farmworker day

A special United Farmworker Day is being held today in Glendon's Old Dining Hall.

A farmworker forum at noon will be followed at 1:15 p.m. by the free film, *The Grapes of Wrath*. At 9 p.m., Perth County Conspiracy will perform, with \$3 for advance tickets or \$3.50 at the door.

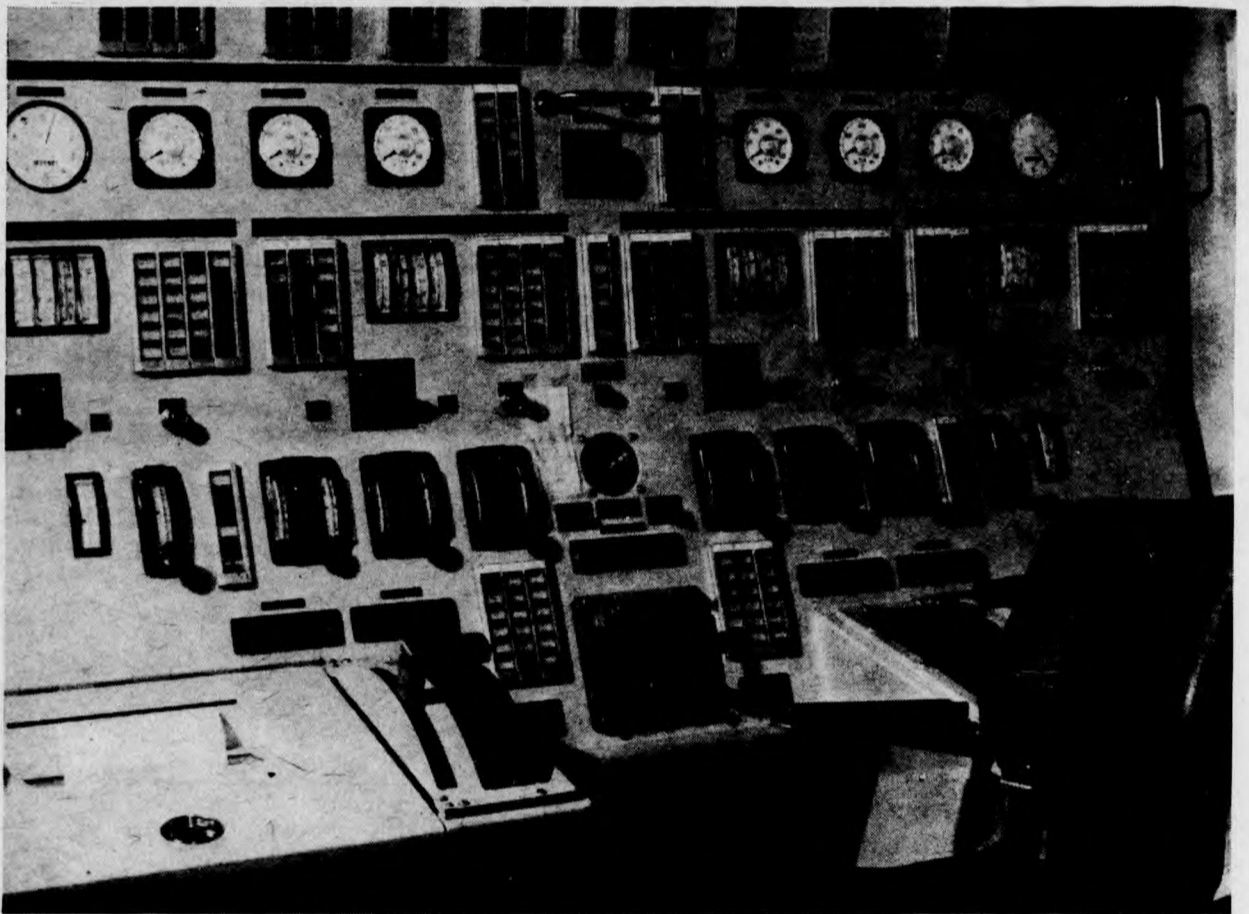
Tickets are available at the CYSF offices.

Mental phenomena to be explored

A special Stong symposium on New Scientific Research on the Capacity of the Human Mind will visit the Stong Junior Common Room today and tomorrow nights.

The conference, which will explore "paranormal" mental phenomena, will offer a speech tonight by Ashley Deans on Transcendental Meditation (7 p.m.), Bill Scott on bio-feedback (8 p.m.) and Dr. George Owen on the psychology of psychokinesis (9 p.m.).

Tomorrow night at 7 p.m., Dr. Howard Eisenberg will lecture on parapsychology as viewed by a scientist and psychonaut, followed by a discussion period. Refreshments will be served, and admission is free.



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