

## EXEMPTION FROM VISA STUDENT FEE RATE CONVENTION REFUGEES AND REFUGEE CLAIMANTS MAY 1989

The Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities has announced a revision to its regulations regarding fee assessment. Under the revised regulations, included for exemption from the Visa Student Fee Rate are:

1. a person, and his/her dependents, who is officially recognized by Employment and Immigration Canada as a Convention Refugee within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1976.
2. a person, and his/her dependents, who is a refugee claimant in Canada. The claim for refugee status *must have been made, to Employment and Immigration Canada prior to January 1, 1989.*

These new regulations are effective May 1989, and are applicable to the Summer Session 1989 and subsequent academic sessions. *These regulations are not retroactive to any previous sessions.*

If you believe you qualify for exemption under these categories, please contact the Registration Office, C130 West Office Building, telephone 736-5155. Office hours for telephone enquiries only are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Office hours for in-person enquiries are 10:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. During the months of July and August, inclusive September 1, 1989, this office closes at 3:30 p.m. on Fridays only.

### FINAL DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS:

Summer Session 1989:	June 30 July 16	- complete session - only for certain Summer courses which begin later in the session, e.g. July 2 - check with the Registration Office
Fall/Winter Session 1989:	October 31 January 31	- complete session - Winter Term only
Winter/Summer Session 1990:	February 28 June 29	- complete session - Second Term only

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## Students not happy with phone system

Enrolment time-consuming, frustrating

by PAUL GAZZOLA  
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It is not very often that something works as well as it is intended to the first time around and it now appears that York University's new enrolment system is no exception.

The Voice Response Enrolment System (VRES), which became accessible June 26, is supposed to make enrolment and course changes more convenient by allowing students to enrol "from remote locations using a touch tone phone." However, Leanne MacMillan and many other frustrated York students probably debate its convenience.

MacMillan, who works in Osgoode administration, spent over three hours trying to gain access to the system on Monday June 26. Although she did manage to get through shortly before noon, she was not impressed by the long wait or by the "unsympathetic" attitude of the Office of Student Affairs to her complaints.

"Basically, I was told that all I could do was write a formal letter of complaint to the administration about my difficulties with the system," MacMillan said. Also, the whole process of dealing with recorded messages and seemingly uncaring administration made the whole experience "extremely alienating."

"I have worked in the administrations of three universities," says MacMillan, "and I have never seen one that treats its undergraduates as dimly as this one."

Rita Devin, a sociology major straddled between third and fourth year, tried for close to four hours to get through on Thursday June 29. She said, "It's a good

thing I'm unemployed. I feel sorry for those who have to work."

Susan Salisbury, manager of Student Affairs, freely admits that there are still a few problems in the new system. One is the repeated failure of a recorded message to be played when students enrol improperly, therefore giving them the impression of being disconnected. This is currently being investigated, said Salisbury.

But, she maintains that most of the problems are due to students enrolling on the wrong dates or in the wrong courses. She also said that the long wait to get through had more to do with the fact that Monday was the first day that the system was available to students than with any problems within the system. Salisbury said that on Tuesday June 27, over half the lines were open at lunchtime and Wednesday was "extremely quiet."

As usual, what has some of the student population up-in-arms has the opposite effect on others. Mike Portelance, a York history major entering into his fourth year, has had no hassles with the new system.

"I think most of it is people reacting negatively to something new. I'd rather wait at home and be able to do other things while waiting to get through than to stand in a lineup for hours."

If you are experiencing difficulties with enrolling, you should call Student Affairs at 736-5477, where they will pull out your file and go over it with you. Salisbury also promises that "they will work a little harder to make the instructions a little clearer for next year."

## President of Israel honored by York



President of Israel Chaim Herzog pictured with Bruce Bryden, chair of the Board of Governors

President of Israel Chaim Herzog was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at a special convocation ceremony on June 29.

You may have noticed the men with binoculars on top of all the buildings on campus. Attending along with the OPP, the Mounties, Metro Police, Herzog's own secret

service and York Security, were Federal Minister of Employment and Immigration Barbara McDougall, Chair, President and CEO of McDonald's George Cohon, and Mayor of North York Mel Lastman.

Watch for extensive coverage of this event in *Excalibur* on July 20.

## Flasher convicted

by DEREK WEILER

A fourth-year UW student was convicted of indecent exposure last month in a Kitchener courtroom.

Steve Linseman — a Recreation student who was also assistant captain of the Warriors Hockey team last winter — was found guilty of exposing himself to a female UW student in Dana Porter

Arts Library. Linseman was charged by the UW Police after they received a complaint from the female student.

Evidence presented at Linseman's trial indicated that this was not his first such offence. He was sentenced to twelve months probation and given a conditional discharge.

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