



ROCKIN' COPS: Off the job, Metro constables Rob Henderson and Rick Milsom form the band Badge AKA, otherwise known as The Singing Policemen. The band was invited by the Office of Student Affairs to play in the Bear Pit to commemorate Handicapped Awareness Day yesterday.

Group appeals law appointment

By LIDIA CABRAL

Sex discrimination is the focal point of attention in investigations currently being conducted by the OHRC (Ontario Human Rights Commission) in response to the complaint that a female was passed over and instead a male candidate was appointed to the position of Dean at Osgoode Hall Law School.

The complaint, which was lodged by a group of women (including students, lawyers and researchers), indicated that Mary Jane Mossman, currently an Associate Dean at Osgoode, was overlooked because of her gender. Instead a male outsider, Jim MacPherson, formerly a legal officer with the Supreme Court of Canada, was chosen for the position of dean.

The complaint, officially lodged on September 28, 1987, alleges that Mossman was the better qualified candidate for the position. Accord-

ing to the complainants, the case was launched in an effort to recognize the dearth of promotions for women in the academic field. Mossman said that she did not launch the complaint herself because the women putting through the case felt that this was an issue that affected many women and therefore it should be treated on a broad basis. She has, however, fully co-operated with the group, giving them all the pertinent information required for the investigation.

York President Harry Arthurs feels that the sex discrimination complaint is "blatantly false," adding that "the committee and I both turned our minds very carefully to the question of getting more women in senior positions." He pointed out that "Five of the eleven appointments of people for such

positions as Deans, Associate Deans, Associate Vice Presidents and Masters have been women. I don't think there's a university in the country that has a record like that." Mossman stated that one must always put the issue in relative terms, adding that "there are certainly a number of law schools in Canada where the proportion of women teaching as members of faculty is higher than the proportion of women who have been teaching at Osgoode Hall Law School."

Arthurs noted that the committee responsible for hiring decisions for Osgoode was particularly concerned that women be fairly considered for the position. He noted that "I asked them, in my letter of appointment to them, to seek out highly qualified women candidates. After extensive research, the Committee (in which Arthurs was not a member) decided

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Administration escalates war on cockroaches

By NANCY PHILLIPS

A new method of pest control is being developed for the apartments on campus that will be more effective in killing cockroaches, but will not kill or harm live biology specimens in the Farquarson Building.

Norman Crandles, the Director of Housing and Food Services said that the current method of pest control for 2,4,6 and 8 Assiniboine, and Complex 1 and 2 is being changed. The present routine for the apartments involves spraying apartments and hallways with pesticide on Fridays for those tenants who request it. There is no real cockroach problem in the undergraduate residences.

This method has kept tenants satisfied, but has mysteriously caused damage to live specimens used for laboratory research in the Farquarson Life Sciences Building. Biology professor Arthur Forer told *Excalibur* in November 1986 that "Various research material has been affected deleteriously since at least 1983." The problem has continued into 1987.

After he was made aware of the problem, Crandles imposed a moratorium on spraying until a new method could be found.

During that period the cockroach population on campus soared. A new method was tried in June, but after it was found to be ineffective, regular spraying resumed.

Another attempt to stop the damage involved the installation of a new air filtering system in the Farquarson Building. Only fresh air that is charcoal filtered is allowed to enter the building. Still, Dr. Peter Loughton, a biology professor, complains that his locust colony has not developed since a spraying in August. The work of other professors and graduate students is also being set back. Loughton estimates that at least \$200,000 in external research grants have been affected.

Exactly how the pesticide gets into the Farquarson Building is not clear, and the only solution apparently, is to reduce the amount of pesticide by cutting back on on-campus spraying.

A committee has been set up to solve the problem which includes representatives from Housing and Food Services, the Department of Occupational Health and Safety, the York University Tenants Association, Physical Resources, biology

professors and the pest control company, PCO. The committee has developed a more effective means of pest control that will reduce the amount of pesticide used.

Instead of spraying every Friday, entire buildings will be comprehensively treated two or three times a year. This will include spraying plumbing, heating and electrical lines, as well as crawl spaces, halls and the apartments themselves. Maxforce traps will be used for long term control. The traps contain a sex pheromone to attract the cockroaches, and a poison that kills them in 3 or 4 days. Traps will be installed by PCO above water pipes and in the backs of cupboards.

Jim Salmonds of PCO said that a comprehensive treatment of a whole building at once is necessary to completely rid it of its cockroaches.

According to Salmonds, the current method of weekly spraying is ineffective and only "cosmetic." The insects move away to a safe place and return later. A single cockroach is capable of having thousands of offspring.

Comprehensive spraying and the use of traps can be effective, but only if every apartment is treated. And

Festival to be held on schedule

By DAVID DOLLARD

In the wake of the resignation of Council of York Student Federation (CYSF) Director of Social and Cultural Affairs Meiyin Yap, Gavin Ferreira has been named as coordinator of this year's Multicultural Festival.

Ferreira is presently coordinator for logistics of the Hispanic Students Association. He was appointed by CYSF President Drew McCreadie to fill the liaison vacuum between the CYSF and the clubs that followed Yap's resignation at the CYSF General Meeting on October 15.

Last week there was some speculation in the CYSF office that the Festival, scheduled for November 2-6, would have to be postponed to a later date because of an apparent club boycott of the event following Yap's resignation. However, Ferreira assured, "I think (the Festival) can happen, if we get support (from the clubs)."

By week's end, he had "eight or nine" clubs' applications for the Festival returned to him indicating their participation. Ferreira indicated that another seven to 10 applications are expected this week, bringing club involvement near the previous year's level. Ferreira said that York can only have the Festival if it is a group effort between the clubs and CYSF, and that the "respondents so far have been very favourable."

President McCreadie confirmed on October 27 that the Festival will be taking place as scheduled with ads for it appearing in *Excalibur* this week.

Prior to his appointment, Ferreira said he had been working in concert with Nazanin Nassehi, of the Iranian Students Association, to provide entertainment for the Festival. Ferreira said his involvement in the Festival grew as a result of the York University Staff Association (YUSA) strike, explaining that he was worried that he had not heard anything from the CYSF about the Festival during the strike, prompting he and Nassehi to approach McCreadie to find out what action was being taken by CYSF. Former Social and Cultural Affairs Director Yap was honouring the YUSA picket lines and was unavailable in the CYSF office during business/school hours.

McCreadie said he was unaware of the lack of communication with the clubs during the YUSA strike. He therefore called a Club's Commission meeting on October 14, as he explained, "to bring me up to speed" on what was being done with the Festival.

A problem that Ferreira has indicated in organizing the Festival has been getting the clubs together. He explained that as the CYSF budget, which includes \$60,000 in club funding, had not been passed as of October 25, the clubs cannot even afford to have their own parties, let alone help in coordinating the Festival. Despite Ferreira's claim that Yap had basically done all the paperwork for the Festival, he has had difficulty in contacting all the clubs because he does not have the private phone numbers of several of the club representatives.

CUEW reaches settlement

Following a set of constructive negotiations this week, CUEW and the University have struck a tentative agreement. The agreement, details of which have not been disclosed, will be brought to the CUEW membership for ratification next Monday and Tuesday. Watch *Excalibur* for more details next week.

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