

UNIVERSITY NEWSBEAT

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Women at York: resourceful

The wide range of services and counselling for women on the York campus was emphasized by the recent Open House held by the York Women's Centre. All of the women's centres on campus sent representatives or displays, and the tables offered everything from a sumptuous buffet to birth control counselling from **Harbinger**, a York community service dealing with health-related issues.

Attending was Marian Shepherd, assistant professor, computer sciences, and the newly-appointed Advisor to the President on the Status of Women. Dr. Shepherd's office is symbolic of the continued attention to the issues surrounding the employment, education and treatment of women at York University which began with the Senate Task Force Report on the Status of Women at York in 1975.

Assoc. Prof. Jane Banfield Haynes, Prof. Shepherd's predecessor in the office, issued a Statement on the Implementation of the Report's Recommendations in May, 1977. Continuing to follow up the Report and advising the President of any new areas of concern will be among the main duties of Prof. Shepherd's position. Her office, S743 Ross, also acts as an informal channel of communication for women's groups and studies on campus with the help of a small collection of reading materials and secretary Catherine McWhinnie.

The York Women's Centre, which hosted the Open House, acts as a drop-in centre and a central

source of information on, and referral to, the other women's centres and groups on campus. The Centre is presently located in 257 Atkinson but will be moving shortly to Room 106, Stong College.

Its full-time director Charlotte Sykes is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, the centre being staffed by volunteer workers during the balance of hours. The centre is offering programs this year in films, women's issues and feminist politics. It has several shelves of books and periodicals on women and acts as a clearing-house for information about events and services across Toronto as well as on campus.

The Women's Workshop in Room 102 of the Behavioural Sciences Building offers a more spacious drop-in area with ferns, comfortable chairs and coffee. Women are encouraged to make use of the room for reading from the small feminist library and discussions.

Several free Counselling and Development Skills groups are offered this year in a variety of skills and special interests. Fall groups begin the second week in October, and winter groups get underway the third week in January. Groups which meet for six weeks in each term are in: assertiveness training, leadership skills, sexuality and health, consciousness raising and issues relating to mature women.

Weekend groups are also planned which deal intensively with the same areas over a two-day period. For further information and schedules

contact Barbara Brummit at 667-2519.

With the help of Stong College Master Virginia Rock, the Resource Centre for women's studies has amassed a collection of hard-to-find reading materials on issues relevant to women's studies in the Stong College Library, room 215. Books, journals, clippings, and conference papers are included in the collection. For information visit the library or contact the Master's Office, 667-3062.

Osgoode and Administration Studies each have centres spe-

cifically for the use of women in their faculties. The Osgoode Women's Caucus offers a forum for the discussion of mutual interests, sponsors speakers and holds an annual informational meeting for women intrigued by the possibility of a career in law. Marion Wharton and Beverly Wire are the organisers of the current year's programs, and may be reached at Room 202A, Osgoode, 667-3391.

Students and faculty in Administration Studies may use the counselling and reference library facilities of the Women's Resource

Centre located in room 024, Administrative Studies Building. The telephone number is 667-3413.

The on-campus forum for writing, art and poetry on women's issues is *Breakthrough*. The magazine, currently directed by Lynn McFadgen (667-3768) and Janet Patterson (661-5651) is distributed free at York and Glendon. Currently undergoing a financial crisis, *Breakthrough* seeks help in the form of volunteer subscriptions in order to continue its three-year history of producing five issues a year.



Enjoying the hospitality at the York Women's Centre Open House are [from Left] Marian Shepherd, Advisor to the President on the St. Status of Women; Assoc. Prof. Naomi Black, political science, and President H. Ian Macdonald.

Scott Centre Open to All

Where on York Campus can you find Moslems, Jews, Transcendental Meditators and student organists in one room?

These groups and other religious associations all make use of the Scott Religious Centre, the glass-pyramid-topped structure between the Ross Building and Scott Library.

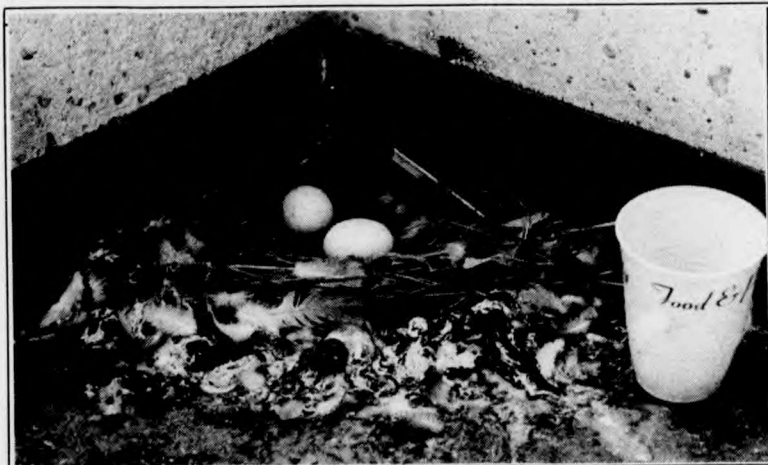
Opened last spring, the Centre has regularly scheduled services for about ten religious groups and is also available for private meditation, weddings, christenings, and practice on the organ by Music Department keyboard students. Special Holy Day services are also planned by the Jewish Student Federation, York Catholic Community, and Moslem Student Federation which take precedence over regular services on the schedule.

Catholic Noon Masses are celebrated Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:30 to 12:30, and an evening mass is held each Sunday from 6:30 to 9:30. The Christian

Science Group meets Monday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Weekly Moslem Student Federation services run from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fridays.

Also on Friday are Jewish Student Federation services from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Lutheran services are scheduled for Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:00. Several student Christian groups use the Centre: The Student Christian Movement Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Thursday 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.; the Christian Women's Fellowship Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. the Chinese Christian Students from 4:00 to 7:00 the same day, and the Interservice Christian Fellowship meets 7:00 to 10:00 Wednesdays. The 6:00 to 10:00 slot on Thursday is reserved for Navigators of Canada.

Watch the *Daily Bulletin* for other meetings and special services. To reserve time at the Centre or obtain additional information, telephone 667-3171.



These freshly-laid pigeon eggs were photographed September 1 on an eighth-floor Ross balcony. Professor C.D. Fowle of Biology said "They do it all the time, at least the semi-domestic ones. Pigeons are curious in that the ovulation cycle is brought on by the courtship display of the male". Apparently York's birds lay eggs almost throughout the year, although the young may not survive. Dove daycare, anyone?

Footnotes

Gordon to Lecture

One of the most outspoken Canadians on the subject of Canada's economic independence will be speaking in the Edgar McInnis Lecture Series, October 12 and 13.

The Honourable Walter L. Gordon, federal Finance Minister from 1963 to 1965, recently retired Chancellor of York University, and co-founder of the Committee for an Independent Canada will speak on the general theme "What Is Happening to Canada". The lectures, free to the general public, will be given Wednesday, October 12 on "What Has Happened in the Last Twenty Years" and Thursday, October 13 on "Our Basic Problems and Some Suggestions for Dealing with Them" at 3:00 p.m. in the moot court room, Osgoode Hall.

The Edgar McInnis Lectures were inaugurated in 1976 in memory of York's first faculty member, Edgar W. McInnis, who was also the first University Orator, and Professor Emeritus since 1970. Contact the Faculty of Arts at 667-3189 for further information.

Parrott to Talk

Changes in Ontario government grant programs for university students which will be instituted in the 1978-79 academic year will be explained and discussed by the Hon. Harry Parrott, Minister of Colleges and Universities, in Toronto, October 5. The changes result from consideration of the report of the

Interim Advisory Committee on Student Assistance, submitted January 1977 after two years of research, hearings, and studying of briefs.

Among the major principles of the new program are that: each student awarded a grant has to contribute to the costs of his or her education; the program will have "different and stricter criteria" than the federal Student Loans Plan; grant amounts will be determined by family income; and part-time students may apply for assistance.

About forty per cent of Ontario university students receive some form of financial assistance; \$74 million was allotted by Ontario for 1977-78, and \$100 million is expected to be borrowed from the federal Loans plan. Dr. Parrott will be available for questions and suggestions at Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, 1750 Finch Avenue East on Wednesday, October 5 at 2:30 p.m.

IODE Scholarships Announced

Twelve post-graduate scholarships worth \$5,000 will be awarded by the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire (IODE) to successful applicants this year.

Candidates must be Canadian citizens, and in possession of a first degree from a recognized Canadian degree-granting institution. Studies for a Master's degree must be underway or completed at the time of

application. The age range is 20 to 30 years.

The scholarships, in honour of Canadians who died in service during the First and Second World Wars, are restricted to those planning study in the Humanities or "any subject vital to the interests of the Commonwealth". The deadline is December 15, 1977. Application forms may be obtained from the Communications Dept. or: The Provincial Office, IODE, 168 Jackson St. West, Hamilton, Ont. L8P 1L9

Fleet Feet to Meet

More than 1,200 Ontario high school students will race across the York campus Saturday, October 1; not for free B.A. degrees, but honours in the 11th annual cross-country meet sponsored by the York Department of Physical Education and Athletics. The races get underway at 9:45 a.m. and are organized into age levels from under 15 years to under 20 years, as well as events for university men and women. All races start and finish on the playing fields to the west of the university ice arena.

Stong Bursary Starts

A Stong College Bursary fund has been started. Donations of any size are welcome, and are tax-deductible. Cheques should be made out to the order of the Stong College Bursary Fund and sent to the Master's Office, Stong College.