

# The WEATHER GOOSE

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Thursday - Sunny with cloudy periods  
Brisk southerly wind  
Probability of precipitation factor 10%  
High -5

Friday - Cloudy, chance of some snow, windy  
Low: -14 to -9  
High: -3 to -6

Saturday - Sunny with cloudy periods  
Chance of flurry over Lake Huron  
Low: -15 to -11  
High: -7 to -4

Sunday - Low: -14 to -9  
High: +2 to -2

## Former York prof outlines way to beat pension plan in new book

By BEN RAFAELI

A former Atkinson professor beat York's pension system and in a recent book tells how he did it.

Earle Beattie, author of *Canada's Billion Dollar Pension Scandal*, said



Earle Beattie

that when he realized he would only receive \$403.00 per month from his pension plan, he set out to find a way to beat the system. During his 10 year career at York, Beattie accumulated over \$56,000 in the York Pension Plan, but found he could not, according to provincial law, transfer the full capital amount out of the pension fund. As it turns out he is now earning \$802 per month from the fund, which through a loophole he managed to transfer to his best bidder, Standard Trust of Montreal.

In his book Beattie details the extensive search he undertook for a loophole in the York plan. "There were two ways in which I could not take the money out—death and retirement. I could not retire. Ergo, I

had to resign (or die quickly)," Beattie said.

Beattie resigned from his position at York just hours before his retirement deadline, and he found the technicality held water. But surprisingly, although his book has sold well, Beattie hasn't had the kind of response he anticipated. "I thought I would have a crash of people coming to ask me how I did it, but they haven't," Beattie said.

Beattie wrote that the plan has its flaws, such as a lack of choice in selecting an annuity for accrual and the exclusion of part-time staff.

Another problem with the plan, Beattie said, is "they don't invest it for you (the employees), they invest it for the plan." Beattie said that the York University Faculty Association (YUFA) should do something about the handling of the fund in order to make the plan more competitive in the marketplace.

## Course evaluation handbook doubled in scope

By DAVID BYRNES

CYSF's 1986/87 Course Evaluation Handbook, due out for priority enrolment in March, will offer at least twice as many course evaluations as last year, says Rob Castle, CYSF director of Academic Affairs.

Castle coordinated last year's handbook, which on a \$2000 budget offered student evaluations on courses in the departments of History, Political Science and Economics, based on a questionnaire approved by the individual professors under review.

This year Castle has an \$8200 budget and will add Anthropology, Geography and Urban Studies courses to the handbook. Castle said he also hopes to include courses in the Faculty of Fine Arts and the department of Biology.

"This will be a big breakthrough this year. If we're as successful as I hope this will put our feet in the door

for future expansions," Castle said.

Castle said he has been able to expand the handbook this year because of the growth of departmental student unions, which are needed to compile information on courses.

"They're mushrooming in number and its high time. Other universities have had these associations for generations."

Despite the "mushrooming" of student unions however, Castle said a major drawback he has encountered is the absence of a general university policy concerning student course evaluations, which has made it necessary for him to get approval from the individual departments and professors.

"It's a matter of university policy at U of T and Queens that students have a right to evaluate their courses and professors," Castle said.

Castle said that having to get permission from each professor is

"tough, because we're dealing with very sensitive egos when it comes to professors."

"I don't think any of us should be free from evaluation," said Don Newgren, Associate Dean of Fine Arts. Newgren said he is "sympathetic" to the idea of student course evaluations in the Faculty of Fine Arts, and in fact "was surprised how little was said about the quality of teaching" in last year's handbook.

Dean of Arts (Tom) Traves said he is also supportive of the idea of a more comprehensive handbook. "I have no objection at all to the notion of a student survey, as long as it's done responsibly, is well-researched and the information is relevant."

Castle said he expects at least 7000 copies of this year's handbook to be printed, which will be distributed from the participating departments, the Office of Student Programmes and from the CYSF office.

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