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## hey you, c'mere

by Tina Wood and Candice E. Cooper

- Q1) Do you think that York's new recycling bins are a good idea and will you be using them?  
Q2) Why have the flags been at half-mast all week?



Elie Soberano, Arts II

- 1) Good idea, but I'm not the type to use them.  
2) Leafs lost four in a row.



John Vavistas, Co-op, Business I

- 1) I would use them for the papers I buy.  
2) Because a teacher died?



Jenifer Lev, Arts I

- 1) It's a good idea, but I don't use cans  
2) Somebody died?

## New bursary helps students attend York

by Jackie Dillon

York University officials recently held a special luncheon to announce the establishment of the Beland Honderich Bursary Fund.

The programme is intended to assist disadvantaged students from four local high schools with the ever-escalating costs of post-secondary education.

The programme benefactor, Beland Honderich retired in September 1988 as publisher of *The Toronto Star*, but remained chairperson of the Torstar Corporation board of directors. The bursary fund, worth \$500,000, will be equally financed by the Torstar Corp. and Honderich's family.

A press release from York's external relations director, Jessie May Rowntree, outlined the particulars of the programme. Each year four high schools — C.W. Jefferys and Westview Centennial in the public system and James Cardinal McGuigan and Regina Pacis in the separate system — will select one 10th grade student to receive the award.

The programme will then follow the students, grades permitting, to the completion of a full-time four-year undergraduate degree at York. The specific academic requirements, which will be determined by the individual high schools, have yet to be finalized.

For each year in high school students maintain the required academic standing, they will receive a \$500 credit towards university.

If the recipients choose to attend York, they will be eligible to receive \$2,000 for each year of four years of study. Students who decide not to attend York will receive the money collected in secondary school but will not be eligible for any further bursary assistance.

The programme begins immediately but will not be fully operational until the initial recipients enter their freshman year at York in 1993. In the meantime, each participating school will select one graduating student who has chosen to attend

York to receive a \$1,500 university-level Honderich award.

The programme will be administered by York's financial aid office, with the assistance of the secondary schools involved. It will be managed by a university committee which will review the progress of the programme with the representatives of the four high schools, the Honderich family and *The Toronto Star*.

The programme's monetary merits are enhanced by its incentive characteristics. Principal Brian Hughes of Regina Pacis Secondary School emphasized the fund's encouraging tone over its monetary merits.

Hughes explained, "Telling a student as early as grade 10 that you see him or her as a prospect for university can only have positive effects on the student."

Elizabeth Rudyk, director of financial aid at York, expressed great enthusiasm for the Honderich Award. It constitutes the largest bursary programme the financial aid office has ever had the opportunity to work with. Rudyk explained, "The demand for financial assistance has never been greater." She was confident the programme will make a difference to students in need.

Following the ceremony, York president Harry Arthurs expressed gratitude for the generosity of those involved. Arthurs explained to *Toronto Star* reporter Bruce Demara, "An awful lot of young people are going to have an awful lot of good come out of today's event." Alluding to the bursary's two-fold purpose, he continued, "The presence of (bursary recipients) in each grade will provide a terrific demonstrative effect — it can be done."

It was Honderich's intention that recipients of these awards be not only academically deserving but also facing socio-economic barriers in their pursuit of an education. Honderich did not say why he chose the schools involved.

He said to Demara, "As I look back on my own career, I am mindful of the fact I would not be here today had it not been for the interest and assistance I received along the way."

## CYSF stops \$ to Women's Centre

Staff story

A motion to release \$300 to the Women's Centre from the equality commissioner's budget was defeated at the November 22 CYSF meeting. The Centre was asking for the money to "present a series of educational movies and speakers."

Brian Archdekin, the CYSF equality commissioner, said the motion was denied as the Centre's programming budget was not supplied at the meeting. He said, "They really need the money, and will present a different motion [at the meeting] December 6."

Alyssa Beckman from the Women's Centre said the motion that was presented was not the one that was supposed to go in that day. Currently, the Women's Centre is recognized by the CYSF as a club, which means it receives \$200 in base funding and can apply to Council for additional funding on a per project basis. The Centre would like to be recognized as a service, like the Peer Support Centre, which received \$5,000 from the CYSF last year, or the Volunteer Centre, which received \$3,000 last year.

This motion was not put forward because a report on the Centre being prepared by Archdekin was not completed. He plans on having it done by this Monday, in time for the next Council meeting.

Beckman said, "Brian has a good heart, but at our first meeting he didn't even know what affirmative action was."

Paul Vendrasco, external commissioner of the CYSF, voted against the motion because the request was not specific enough. Beckman said the lack of a detailed proposal was because, "We had to put a proposal together fast."

Also at the Council meeting, a motion to give \$350 to the Sexual Harassment Education and Complaints Centre (SHEACC) was passed. The CYSF will co-sponsor a play by the Sirens on sexual harassment, which will cost SHEACC \$1,000.

In addition, the CYSF voted to "act in accordance and reflect to views of the student population in the context of the current abortion issue." Archdekin said in a resolution passed by CYSF

The resolution is being pursued, according to Archdekin, in light of a referendum held recently on the abortion issue at Queen's University deciding where the students stood on the issue and whether the student government should represent the students on the matter.

"To clear many discrepancies between political and ethical values, I believe the CYSF should support the side the students feel is correct," Archdekin said in the resolution. "Dealing with groups and organizations who do take a stance on the matter have been left in a quagmire. I feel the CYSF should take a stand on the issue which will greatly clarify political stance."

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