

## Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Guyana to protest High Commissioner's York campus visit

By LAURA LUSH

If Dr. Cedric Grant, the USA Guyanese High Commissioner speaks at a conference sponsored by Bethune College next week, students would be "legitimizing a repressive regime that has no respect for human rights," Herman Ali, member of the Committee for Free and Fair Elections in Guyana says.

Ali sent a letter to various members of the York community, calling for a boycott of Grant's March 3 visit because "Dr. Grant represents the illegal, repressive, racist, dictatorial regime in Guyana." Dr. Grant is one of many speakers in the three-day conference called "The Caribbean Today: Third Decade of Independence."

David Lumsden, Master of Bethune, said he declined support of the boycott in a February 20 letter to Ali because the "nature of the conference involves a wide look at Caribbean cultural, and not on Guyana." He added that Dr. Grant

is a qualified academic who will "provide an academic forum for open debate and discussion."

Jill Rabjohn, president of Bethune College student council, said the conference is "intended to celebrate the achievements of the Caribbean," and that Grant was chosen because "he's a specialist academically on Caribbean development and geopolitics." She said Grant will speak on independence, regionalism and geopolitical factors in the Caribbean.

"We are not against the conference," Ali said, "but we are totally against this person (Grant) speaking." Ali added, "We are sure students and the Canadian public would not want to subsidize a repressive regime that has consistently violated human rights since 1968." In Ali's letter he charges that "the present regime, the People's National Congress (PNC) rigged the December 9, 1985 elections to give itself a massive majority." Ali said

his committee, which consists of about five other organizations, was formed last year to "highlight the fraud" which he says is apparent in the PNC.

Ali added that the Guyana government keeps itself in power "by having the largest military bureaucracy in the English speaking Caribbean: 35,000 out of a population of 800,000."

Ali said that the Guyana regime is "trying to legitimize itself by using public forums such as York University."

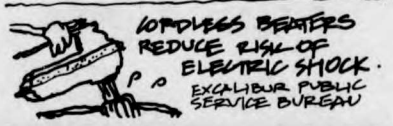
However, Provost Tom Meininger said that allowing Dr. Grant to speak is "not a legitimization—it's a way of finding out what's going on in the country." Meininger said that although he "appreciates (Ali's) sincerity of point of view," he feels Grant's visit "does not undercut the validity of the conference because it's a free exchange of opinions."

"We are hoping we have an effective boycott," Ali said. "Freedom of

speech can be misinterpreted to legitimize itself. We support freedom of speech 100 percent, but we don't have it in Guyana."

Ali said his committee will be at Bethune College on March 3 to use

"peaceful means to ensure Grant won't speak."



## McDougall discusses first 18 months of Conservative government's reign

By DOUGLAS STEWART

Barbara McDougall, Minister of State For Finance, addressed a small group of York University Progressive Conservatives in the Senate Chamber on Friday, February 14.

In a 20 minute talk, McDougall discussed the federal government's economic record, Canada's role on the world stage, and the joy of being a member of the Progressive Conservative family.

McDougall is one of several cabinet ministers, who over the past 18 months, have weathered a num-

ber of political storms. While the popularity of the Mulroney government has dwindled because of the rancid tuna affair and Eric Nielson's alleged eavesdropping on the Pearson caucus, McDougall has been forced to account for the collapse of two large western banking interests.

Despite these collapses, Canada's economic future has been revitalized, she said, due mainly to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's efforts. "Confidence does not materialize from thin air," McDougall said,

"Confidence and optimism is based on economic security and a belief in the future that there will be jobs." McDougall added, "jobs are being created at a faster rate in Canada than in any other western nation and 81 percent of those jobs are full-time."

In the question period that followed, McDougall attributed the Conservative's poor standing in national popularity to the media and its tendency towards self-serving journalism. "There is always an effort to take on the colors of the official opposition," she said. "The role of the media in the political stage is that of the critic, not the actor."

# SESSIONAL DATES 1986/87

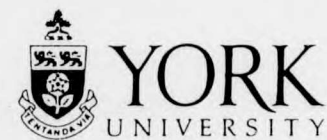
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## SUMMER SESSION 1986

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|                  |   |                   |  |
|------------------|---|-------------------|--|
| Monday, 28 April | First day of classes—Faculty of Administrative Studies  | Monday, 30 June   | University closed  |
| Friday, 2 May    | Last day to pay academic fees without Late Service Charge—Faculty of Administrative Studies   | Tuesday, 1 July   | Canada Day—University closed   |
| Friday, 9 May    | Last day to pay academic fees without Late Service Charge—Faculty of Fine Arts Evening courses  | Friday, 4 July    | Last day to pay academic fees with Late Service Charge—Faculties of Arts (Independent Reading Courses), Fine Arts, Glendon College—courses taught July 2 to August 8 inclusive; Faculty of Science—all courses |
| Monday, 12 May   | Earliest date of classes—Faculty of Fine Arts   | Friday, 11 July   | Last day to enrol in Faculty of Arts Independent Reading Courses   |
| Friday, 16 May   | Last day to pay academic fees, Faculty of Arts (Italy courses), Faculty of Fine Arts (Italy courses)  | Friday, 18 July   | Last day to withdraw without receiving a grade—Faculty of Fine Arts courses taught July 2 to July 18 inclusive   |
|                  | Last day to withdraw without receiving a grade, Faculty of Arts (Italy courses), Faculty of Fine Arts (Italy courses)   | Friday, 25 July   | Last day of classes—Faculty of Administrative Studies  |
|                  | Last day for non-bursary students enrolled in the French Immersion Programme, Faculty of Arts, at St. Georges de Beauce, to pay academic and Programme fees   | Friday, 1 August  | Last day to pay academic fees with Late Service Charge—Faculty of Fine Arts courses taught July 2 to August 8 inclusive  |
| Monday, 19 May   | Victoria Day—University closed  | Monday, 4 August  | Last day to withdraw without receiving a grade—Faculty of Fine Arts courses taught July 2 to August 8 inclusive  |
| Tuesday, 20 May  | First day of classes, Faculty of Arts, French Immersion Programme, St. Georges de Beauce  | Tuesday, 5 August | Civic holiday—University closed  |
| Friday, 6 June   | Last day to withdraw without receiving a grade—Faculty of Fine Arts courses taught May 12 to June 20 inclusive  | Friday, 8 August  | Last day to submit work to course supervisors in Faculty of Arts Independent Reading Courses   |
| Friday, 13 June  | Last day to pay academic fees with Late Service Charge—Faculty of Fine Arts Evening courses, Faculty of Administrative Studies  |                   | Last day of classes—Faculty of Fine Arts   |
| Friday, 27 June  | Last day to pay academic fees without Late Service Charge—Faculties of Arts (Independent Reading Courses), Fine Arts, Glendon College—courses taught July 2 to August 8 inclusive; Faculty of Science—all courses |                   |  |
|                  | Last day to withdraw without receiving a grade—Faculty of Fine Arts Evening courses   |                   |  |



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| Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents, Eligible Visa Exempt Students | \$49.30        |
| Visa Student Fee Rate   | \$162.55       |
| Visa Student Fee Rate (EDUCATION only)                                | \$254.35       |

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