

NEWS



Some of the recipients of the Canada scholarship award gather to grab their \$2,000 cash award last Wednesday

## Canada scholarships awarded

by John A. Vink

MDS Health Group Limited, who operate clinical laboratories in Canada, will be providing seven annual \$1,000 awards over three years to outstanding Canada scholars at York.

Recipients must be in their final year of study in the field of biological science such as biochemistry, genetics and microbiology.

This year, 82 York students received Canada Scholarships which are worth \$2,000 annually and renewable up to three additional years for a total value of \$8,000.

"The future of our economy and our ability to provide the high standards of living that we now enjoy will depend on the development of our

human resources in science and engineering," said MDS Director of Research William Davidson in his speech to students and faculty last week.

Developing Canada's engineering expertise has become a high priority for the federal government.

Each year, the government grants 2,500 Canada Scholarships to first-year university undergraduates entering natural sciences and engineering studies.

The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers predicted that Canada will be short 30,000 engineers by the end of this decade.

"We could be fighting to keep our own Canadian-trained scientists and engineers in Canada," said Ordette

Cordu, a representative from Industry, Science and Technology Canada.

After each student had been presented with an award by Cordu and congratulated by York President Harry Arthurs and Dean Kim Innanen, York Chancellor Dr. Larry Clarke presented the SPAR Chapman award to Ty Man Wong for his outstanding performance in Space Science.

Although York has a 38 per cent female enrolment in the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science, this ratio climbs to nearly 50 per cent at the Canada Scholar (87%) level. Because of this, York receives an unusually high proportion of scholarships compared to other universities.

# SECURITY beat



Wednesday Jan. 9

Theft (personal) — Osgoode Hall Law School  
A student left a leather jacket unattended for a few minutes at the Osgoode library. When she returned the jacket had been stolen.

Friday Jan. 11

Attempted Theft — Parking Lot 6A  
A student reported that an unknown person had made an unsuccessful attempt to enter her car through a passenger door and hot wire the car's ignition system. A suspicious car was seen driving in the lot earlier that day but there are no suspects.

Tuesday Jan. 22

Impaired Driving  
Security officers stopped a car driving the wrong way on Ottawa Rd. and determined that the driver was impaired. Metro police were called in and the driver was taken into custody.

### \*\*Security Alert\*\*

A security officer's badge that had been stolen before Christmas has yet to be recovered. The badge, '24, could be used to impersonate a security officer in order to gain access to offices or cash pickups. Any one seeing badge '24 being used should report the incident to security control centre ext. 33333 or 736-5333.

## York students fill a lecture hall to listen to tuition debate

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tuition would automatically exclude a section of lower income students from a post secondary education. He cited a tuition freeze in Quebec which resulted in higher enrolment of students from lower backgrounds. By implication, a tuition increase at York would have the opposite effect, Ghomeshi said.

Ghomeshi lamented the lack of consultation between York and the

YFS while the COU proposal was being drafted. The COU had alienated students and faculty by acting alone without the input of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) and the Ontario Confederation of Faculty (OCUFA), Ghomeshi said.

He explained the OFS "Agenda for Budgetary Reform," a four step plan he feels would eliminate the need for tuition hikes.

The plan includes a more progressive taxation system, a net wealth tax, a minimum corporate tax, and a revision of the GST which is considered regressive to students. According to Ghomeshi, these reforms would raise enough revenue to effectively eliminate tuition fees within a year.

The YFS president went on to criticize Arthurs' plan for overhauling

the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and contingency repayment proposals.

The OSAP pool was already too small to support existing student demands, Ghomeshi said, and their estimate of \$116 per week for students' living allowance was ridiculously low in realistic terms. Furthermore, he argued that a greater demand from students for repay-

ment would leave a smaller piece of the OSAP "pie" for everybody.

Conversely, according to Ghomeshi deferring payment for university until after graduation would leave most students burdened in debt with double digit interest rates.

Ghomeshi got in the last word at the forum and called for Arthurs and the university to remove their support from the COU proposal.

The Undergraduate & Graduate Business Councils present:

## CA\$INO NITE

Blackjack  
Wheels of Fortune  
Crown & Anchor

Thursday, January 31  
9 pm to 1 am  
Bethune Dining Hall

Cover: \$5 incl. \$2 in chips  
Proceeds to CHILD FIND

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# ISRAEL WEEK

Monday, January 28  
OPENING DAY

12:00 noon  
**STUDENT SUPPORT FORUM FOR ISRAEL**  
West Bear Pit

12:30 p.m.  
**ISRAEL WILL LIVE!**  
Malawah, a Band with Taste  
West Bear Pit

1:15 p.m.  
A Model of Coexistence:  
**BAHAI FAITH IN THE HOLY LAND**  
SLIDE SHOW & PRESENTATION  
with Ted Taylor, ABS York  
West Bear Pit

4:00 p.m.  
**Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah**  
Stedman Lecture Hall C

Tuesday, January 29  
**NO GUTS, NO GLORY**  
Israel Programs Day

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Representatives and Displays from:

Hebrew University  
Tel Aviv University  
Ben Gurion University  
Bar Ilan University  
Kibbutzim  
Yeshivot  
etc.

West Bear Pit

12:00 noon  
"The Challenge of Aliya",  
Tamar Meroz, Aliya Director  
JSF Portable

Wednesday, January 30  
**ISRAEL & THE ENVIRONMENT**  
TU Bishvat

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Israel Reforestation Project  
"Help replenish Israel's trees and environment" - J.N.F.

Representatives from:  
Jewish National Fund  
Society for Preservation of Nature in Israel

Fruits from the Holy Land  
Judaism and the environment info

12:00 noon  
**Water and Politics in the Middle East**

— A Looming Danger?  
with Morris Zilka, Executive V.P.  
Jewish National Fund,  
former Deputy-Mayor of Jerusalem  
224 Stong College

Thursday, January 31  
**ISRAEL AND EXODUS**

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Israel and Exodus Display  
West Bear Pit

12:00 noon  
**Ethiopian Jewry Update**

Daisy Benchimol,  
Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jewry  
West Bear Pit  
Co-sponsored by the African Student Association

1:00 p.m.  
Operation Exodus Update,  
Eli Rubinstein,  
United Israel Appeal  
West Bear Pit

**In The Shadows**

A documentary about the plight of Syrian Jews  
West Bear Pit  
(Repeated throughout the day)