

Library hours normal again

By Agnes Kruchio

The York administration last week backed off on plans to curtail hours of operation in libraries across the university following a widely publicised campaign by Osgoode students to stage a sit-in last Friday if their library closed early.

Library hours were to be reduced by about 18 hours on weekends in order to cope with a \$97,000 cut in the \$5.07 million budget for all York libraries.

A meeting of about 150 to 200 law students voted two weeks ago to occupy the Osgoode Hall library last Friday at 5 pm, the new closing time, and to repeat the occupation each Friday until the ad-

ministration rescinded its decision. They also asked for a meeting with top administrators of the university.

Several commercial newspapers carried stories on the proposed sit-in.

Carol Beckman, president of the Legal and Literary Society, Osgoode's student council, told a meeting of Osgoode students last week that cuts in library hours are serious for all students, but particularly for Osgoode students. Much of the material needed by law students cannot be removed from the library.

Legislation to cut the number of hours the library

is open is legislation to cut the number of hours we can work," she said. Statutes and casebooks are among reference materials needed, she said.

In a strategy session before meeting with the university's top administrators, Beckman argued that Osgoode students should base arguments for keeping libraries open on the need of all students, not just law students.

She was supported by many from the floor who said the "very last thing," that should be cut in the case of university budget constraints are library hours.

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Angry members storm from meeting

Council cuts 6 grand off Harbinger's grant

By Laura Brown

Seven angry CYSF (Council of the York Students Federation) members stalked out of the council's Monday night meeting, after council voted by a slim margin to allocate Harbinger \$6,000 less than it received last year.

CYSF finance vice-president Tom Silverhart, had proposed that Harbinger receive \$2,000 this year. Silverhart said the constraints of this year's budget necessitated the cutting of funds for most campus organizations.

Harbinger is a centre which

provides birth control, drug, abortion and pregnancy information and counselling for personal and sexual problems.

Debate began when the validity of Harbinger's services was disputed. Council president, Paul Hayden said that the council had to re-evaluate the students' need for Harbinger.

He said that today's students with problems are "sophisticated and are not deathly afraid of a doctor who holds a degree." No staff member of Harbinger has a degree and their competence as counsellors was challenged.

Steven Muchnik, representative from Founders College, said, "People who have serious problems should have professional help."

Sue Kaiser, Harbinger's only full-time staff member, said the centre provides direction for students with problems. She said that talking out a problem could prevent it from being serious.

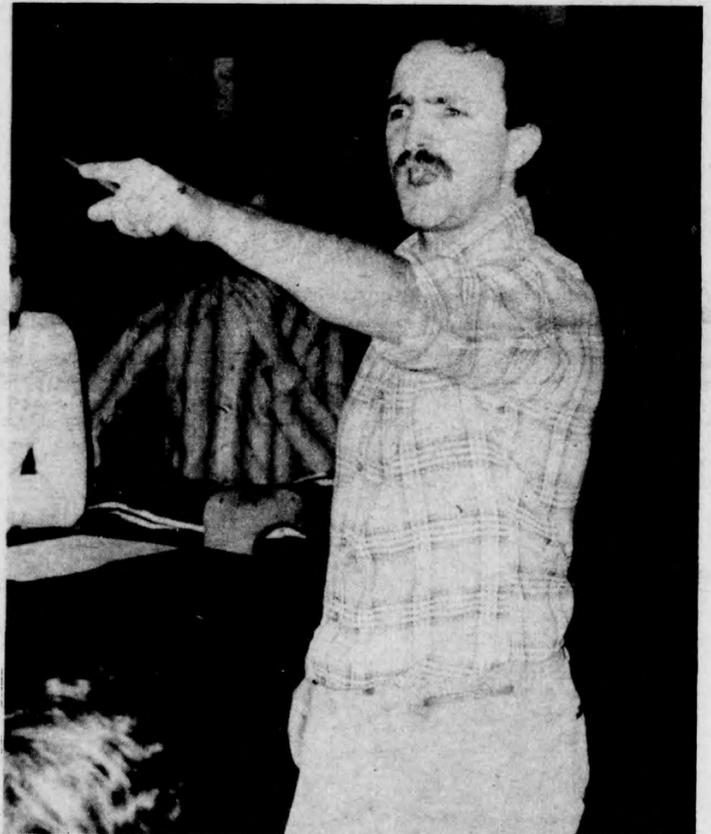
Kaiser told council that 2,500 students received counselling from the centre last year. She presented a petition with 573 signatures supporting the centre.

David Chodikoff, vice president of communications and student services, said that council must consider the legal aspect of this issue. Chodikoff said the centre has no liability insurance. If Harbinger was sued for misinformation leading to physical harm, the university would have to pay.

Hayden was accused of personally attacking Kaiser when he suggested that Harbinger would require less money if Kaiser was replaced by someone who would work for a lower salary. Kaiser earns \$850 a month and works a 60 hour week.

Chodikoff said that Kaiser clocks a 40 hour week and that the extra 20 hours is her own voluntary work. Chodikoff was met with jeers by spectators when he suggested that she delegate more responsibilities to her eight volunteer staff members.

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CYSF president Paul Hayden angrily makes a point during debate on Harbinger's budget. Hayden supported cutting Harbinger's grant.



Supporters of Harbinger walk out of meeting after Harbinger's grant was cut to \$2,000. CYSF executive member Gary Empey (far right) looks the other way. Empey supported cutting Harbinger's grant.

Caught in red tape, student pays extra

By Maxine Kopel

Sharon Heim is a student without a country.

Heim, an American now living with her family in Halifax Nova Scotia, attended York last year for one term, but is required to pay the foreign student's fee. (150 per cent more than regular tuition.)

If she returned to the States, Heim would be required to pay foreign fees there as well, as she has no American address. If she took up residency from 6 months to a year, depending on the state, she would become exempt from differential fees. However, she wants to remain in Canada with her family.

The Ministry of Education states that Heim, 19, is exempt from the foreign student tuition fee although the York Registrar claims she isn't.

As of January, 1977 newly enrolled foreign students are required to pay \$53 per course credit, or \$1590 for five courses. Canadian and formerly enrolled foreign students pay \$25.50 per credit, or \$770.

Heim attended classes from September, 1976 through January

1977, when she became ill and officially withdrew from the university. As a first year student, she was unable to take any half year courses.

Roger Cummins, University Affairs Officer at the Ministry of Education, maintains a student is "exempt if she has completed a term up till January 1977." M.A. Bider of York's registrar office, says a student must have at least one credit in order to be exempt.

Heim's father moved his family from Texas to Halifax in August, 1974, where he was offered a position in the clergy. According to Heim, her father didn't apply for landed immigrant status before moving because he wasn't sure if he was going to stay.

He was under the impression he could apply later on. Landed Immigrant status doesn't give him any more privileges than he has already.

"We're included as his dependents. He's under a work permit which he gets renewed every year as his contract is renewed," she said.

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New contract ok'd, staff strike called off

By Paul Kellogg

Close to 700 members of the York University Staff Association (YUSA), bursting the seams of Curtis "I", overwhelmingly voted last Friday in favour of accepting a contract agreement hammered out the day before between their negotiating committee and representatives of the York administration.

The negotiating committee and the administration had signed a memorandum of agreement Thursday morning, just as Keele buses

were making their first early morning trips onto the York campus.

The bargaining session had lasted through the night.

The staff union's vote to accept the agreement (629 for, 74 against, with 4 spoiled ballots, out of a membership of 910) averted a strike by the support staff, slated to begin Monday of this week.

The decision to take strike action had been made October 20 at the then largest YUSA meeting ever, when 513 out of 689 members voted in favour of striking.

Friday's vote turnout of 707 surpassed that total.

The agreement calls for a 7 per cent or \$700 salary increase whichever is greater for individual YUSA members, and for the university to pay 50 percent of a dental plan. It is valid until August 31 next year.

The wage agreement is retroactive to September 1, and averages out to an increase of approximately 8 percent over-all. The dental plan comes into effect December 1.

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