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New, improved OSA seeks to aid students

By NANCY PHILLIPS

The office of Student Affairs is offering new and improved programs in order to provide better information and assistance to York students.

Postings of updated listings of a roommate registry are available to help students find off-campus housing. Student Affairs has also published three pamphlets to assist students in finding off-campus housing: General Information, Temporary Accommodation and Living Off-Campus.

An important improvement this year is the expansion of Career Days from one day to three. Brenda R. Hanning, the Foreign Student Advisor and Assistant Director of Student Affairs, said that the expansion occurred because "we want better opportunities for our grads to get jobs."

Hanning is also coordinating the Speakers Bureau to provide foreign students with the opportunity to talk to people in the community about their home country. In addition there is also a Translators Bureau that will enable students to give assistance in both oral and written translation.

Included in the expansion is the information library where students can find calendars from other universities, information about study abroad and newsletters from foreign embassies and consulates.

One of the new programs is The Pursuit of Excellence. It involves assisting students applying for prestigious scholarships

and awards such as the Cambridge Canada Scholarships.

Student Affairs distributes funds for 11 student governments, and this year Radio York, Excalibur and CLASP (Community and Legal Aid Services Programs) were added to the list.

Cora Dusk, the director of Student Affairs, said she would like to make leadership seminars available for campus clubs. These half-day programs, for a minimum of 15 people, would instruct club members in topics such as time management, cross-cultural community relations and how to run better meetings.

Student Affairs is located at 124 Central Square.

Ali says students will not be "hostages"

The students cannot be "held hostage" of yearly labor disputes, said CYSF President Reya Ali.

In an attempt to prevent the dispute between the York University Faculty Association (YUFA) and the administration, CYSF circulated a petition saying "WE DON'T WANT A STRIKE." The petition, with approximately 400 signatures, was delivered to both sides of the negotiations yesterday.

As well, CYSF has written letters of concern to both parties and taken out an ad in *Excalibur* explaining students' views on a possible walkout. "We are speaking as the student voice," Ali said, adding, "CYSF doesn't want to take a side. We'll act as middle man, because we want both sides to continue negotiations."

In the event of a YUFA strike, CYSF plans to take action. Last

October, during the Canadian Union of Educational Workers strike, then-CYSF President Chris Summerhayes threatened to sue for financial restitution on behalf of students who lost valuable in-class hours.

When asked to comment on Summerhayes' action, Ali said, "Right now that is not a feasible measure. If the strike occurs, and if it goes on for a while, we'll possibly ask students to de-register as a form of boycott."

In order to aid students, CYSF is also considering the installation of a second phone line for up-to-date strike information.

Rowdy rugby lads won't be dancing

By SHELLEY WEISFELD

Those who enjoyed the dances held in conjunction with the Men's Rugby team last year may have noticed by now that they have not received any invitations this year.

The rugby team, which has recently had a disorderly reputation, has been formally banned from holding any liquor-related events for the next 12 months. This sanction has been implemented as a result of a bar brawl which occurred in April 1985.

In a disciplinary hearing last May, the decision, which concerns itself with promoting "acceptable, proper student conduct," was made by Provost Tom Meininger and Coach Mike Dinnings. Dinnings believes that by forcibly ending the organizing of such social events he will not only promote proper decorum but also help to end the stigma that has been attached to his team.

Due to the liquor ban, the players must find another way of raising money previously made by throwing licensed social events.

Dinnings said that the York Rugby team will continue to strengthen itself and abide by a rule of conduct that the board feels all students should support.

Ali nixes debate offer, U of T 'not impressed'

By BRADY HASKELL

CYSF President Reya Ali has declined an offer made by Scott Burke, President of the Student's Administrative Council (SAC) at the University of Toronto, to debate the comparative excellence of the two universities.

The debate would have involved Burke and Ali and any back-up teams the two might muster. The reason for the debate would be to highlight the U of T/York football game scheduled for Thursday October 10, Burke said.

The two universities have established a rivalry both on and off the playing field and the SAC President is not impressed with Ali's refusal to debate.

Burke says "I think York students would be a little bit ashamed that their student council president would decline the U of T offer to debate this motion. His decline of this offer is sheer cowardice."

Ali explains "It's obvious York is a better institution than the U of T so why debate the fact?" While Ali thinks it would have been a "friendly type debate" he adds "history persuaded me not to engage in these things because such things have had a habit of becoming acrimonious and bitter."

Burke would like to see Ali prove York's supremacy and he thinks the refusal to debate will only harm York's school spirit. Despite his decline Ali does have confidence that any team of his could win.

United Way drive underway at York

By GLENN GUSTAFSON

For the second year in a row, The United Way, in conjunction with the York Steering Committee, is canvassing at York.

The Steering Committee, chaired by Provost Tom Meininger, will decide on the structure of the campaign and how funds will be spent, campaign coordinator Jackie Rankine said.

Rankine said the campaign is geared toward the employees of the university. All employees will receive information on the United Way, and the various programs it represents as well as pledge cards.

The Steering Committee has representatives from the administration and the York University Faculty Association (YUFA). Currently there are no student representatives although Meininger said that the Council of York Student Federation (CYSF) has been invited to send students to sit on the committee.

CYSF President Reya Ali said the council is still looking for a representative. Ali said it is difficult to find a representative because students are so hard pressed for funds. Although Ali said student fund raising events would "be beneficial" he said "CYSF has neither the staff, nor the monetary resources that other universities have to hold such events."

In the last three years the United Way has tried to raise funds for other community needs such as emergency shelters and centres for ethnic minorities. In the Jane and Finch area the United Way has been actively involved in bringing about Dixon Hall, a community and family centre.

"The main objective is not measured in dollars," Rankine said, "but to increase understanding and support for the United Way."

The campaign is scheduled from September 22 to November 8.



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