

## Faculty Ass'n sponsors public forum

**John Molendyk**

The York University Faculty Association is sponsoring a public forum today to discuss the implications of a brief submitted to the Ontario government in which wide-ranging and possibly detrimental educational reforms are called for.

The brief, prepared by the Council of Ontario Universities, recommends the scaling down of university objectives and services to adapt to recent decreases in provincial funding. A special

tripartite committee to study the future of Ontario universities in depth was also recommended, and has since been established by the government.

At present the committee consists of representatives from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, COU, and the Ontario Council on University Affairs, an organization which acts as a liaison between Ontario's government and universities.

YUFA President Howard Buchbinder stated that it is very

important to have faculty representation on the committee, but stressed that COU acceptance of government underfunding is the major issue to be dealt with.

Student interests will be directly affected, according to Buchbinder, in the matter of rising tuition and increasingly limited accessibility to university education. He called the COU proposal "a self-destructive plan" for long-term educational considerations.

Although the brief is a very important document, said

Buchbinder, it was not approved by the entire COU body. COU is made up of Ontario university presidents, and was formed to improve the lot of the universities.

CYSF President Malcolm Montgomery is a member of the six-person Presidential Advisory Committee charged with formulating York's position before the tri-partite committee. He stated that while CYSF and YUFA have a community of interest in the discussion of the COU question, the student body is largely

unaware of the brief's importance and its implications for the future of Ontario universities.

A special meeting of the York senate is also scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today to discuss the issue.

Prof. Buchbinder stated that the forum is the first step in York's initiative to involve interested individuals and organizations to make the university's administration and the Ontario government aware of the York community's concern.

## No U.N. hookers

**Greg Saville**

The Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations last week claimed that a York economics professor, Dr. Nuri T. Jazairi, has made "an incredible exaggeration" about U.N. officials paying for "an army of mistresses" in Beirut, Lebanon.

Jazairi refused to be interviewed by *Excalibur* last week.

Last Thursday's *Toronto Sun* stated that Jazairi, who worked as a U.N. statistician in Beirut for two years, made allegations in November that his superiors financed "an army of mistresses".

The article by *Sun* Staff Writer Mike Tenszen also said that U.N.

Assistant Secretary General James Jonah had set up a committee to investigate Jazairi's charge but thought there were "some strong indications of conduct inappropriate and unbecoming...the charges of a wide-spread network of corruption are not sustained by any evidence."

Jonah has disclosed there was some "misbehaving" by two U.N. officials but "not to the extent that it was a bordello situation".

Jazairi has stated that he felt the *Sun* article was "rubbish". According to the *Sun*, "Jazairi has a case still before the U.N. appeals board claiming wrongful dismissal from his Beirut job."



Pam Mingo

## Monty eyes post with Young Tories

**Neil Wiberg**

CYSF President Malcolm Montgomery is seriously considering running for a position on the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation national executive. The election will take place at the Conservative national convention in Ottawa, February 27 to March 1.

Montgomery told *Excalibur* that he is considering running for either the Universities Director, Ontario, Director, or Policy Director of the young Tories.

Montgomery suffered the first setback of his campaign when he failed in his bid to be elected as a York delegate to the convention. Seven York students ran for the five delegate positions. Mont-

gomery failed to finish in the top five.

A lot of campaigning is usually required to win election. Allister Campbell, a University of Toronto Tory running for the Universities Director post, is spending long hours campaigning. Campbell is travelling to Alberta and the Maritimes as part of his efforts to get elected. He is writing scores of letters and spending hours per day on the phone in order to drum up support.

Montgomery has been active in Conservative politics for some time. He is a campaign worker for Ontario Treasurer Frank Miller in Muskoka riding, and a long-time member of the York Tory Club.

## Excal uncertain

### CUP forms ad co-op

**Lydia Pawlenko**

Canadian University Press (CUP) voted almost unanimously to approve the setting up of Media Services—the organization's own national advertising organization, at its 43rd annual Conference held from December 27 to January 3, in Val Morin, Quebec.

This decision could bring about the end of CUP's association with Youthstream Canada Limited, a subsidiary of Cameron Consultants of London, by April of this year. The company has represented CUP papers in the national advertising market for the last 10 years.

While gross sales are expected to hit \$1 million next year, it is not until three years from now that Media Services is expected to generate a profit.

Line rates will now be calculated on circulation, under the proposed contract between CUP-Media Services and the individual

members. Every paper will receive a base line rate of 7 cents. An additional 2 cents would be added for every 1,000 circulation. According to this formula, the *Excalibur's* current line rate of 37.9 cents will be reduced to 31.0 cents.

"Bad news," says *Excalibur's* Business Manager Alex Watson. "We obviously stand to lose money in the next couple of years." Watson questions CUP's capability of establishing such a large-scale business operation. "I can't see that we could be anywhere as successful as Youthstream was."

He feels the best solution is for Youthstream and CUP to negotiate and come up with a new contract that will be acceptable to all parties. "Youthstream will probably make counter offers," Watson estimates. "Otherwise, we have to weigh the cost of belonging to CUP."

## Sewell to lecture here

**Arnaud de Borchgrave**

John Sewell, Toronto's controversial former mayor, will be giving a number of guest lectures at Atkinson College.

According to Associate Dean Ron Bordessa, arrange-

ments are not yet complete, and naming just which courses will be honoured with Sewell's "guest appearances" would be "premature".

Final arrangements are expected to be completed late next week.

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