

Peace conference planned

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The York Federation for Peace (YFP) will be sponsoring "A General Speaks on Peace" at York as part of their International Peace Day celebrations.

General Leonard Johnson, a former Canadian representative to NATO will be speaking at the conference on February 27 to give an overview of the world peace situation.

Other events planned for the day include a poetry reading featuring works from such war torn countries

as Lebanon, El Salvador and Iran, followed by a question and answer period.

The YFP is a non-profit organization on campus that is dedicated to raising the level of awareness of students and others of issues regarding the arms race.

"We believe that disarmament can and should be brought about by agreement between the superpowers and all other countries of the world," says Maria Pendaraki, a member of the YFP. "It should be a step-by-step

process aiming for the goal of complete disarmament."

By offering this conference the federation hopes to make more students aware of the need for peace. "People should not be indifferent to these war-zone countries," Pendaraki said. "Instead, they should find out what they can do for the fight for peace."

The conference is to be held in Curtis lecture hall E from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. and is open to all.

AIDS epidemic must not become AIDS scare: Orr

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homosexuals, intravenous drug users and prostitutes) get AIDS, but the virus itself doesn't understand this distinction," Orr noted. (In Canada, only three out of over 800 cases of AIDS have been caused by intravenous drug use. It is in countries where syringes are illegal or hard to obtain, such as Scotland and the United States, that the incidence of AIDS from "IV" use is high.)

Orr stressed that the virus is rarely passed on through the saliva, but rather by the transmission of blood or semen, primarily through sexual contact. Hence the fear of living or working with someone with AIDS is largely unwarranted. In fact, "there have been no incidents of AIDS contracted in households," Orr said.

Orr stressed that the AIDS epidemic should not become an AIDS scare. He compares the fear of AIDS

to people fearing that they will get into an accident every time they drive a car. "Think of wearing condoms as like wearing a seatbelt," he said. "It's a precautionary measure."

"AIDS has shaken us out of our complacency toward STDs," Orr noted, "yet no one has a good handle on how people can integrate prevention in their lives. Fear and sex don't get along well."

Terrorist groups gain sponsorship from South Africa

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itary capacities," Saul added.

Saul also described other "mechanisms of resistance" like trade unions and township organizations which are moving to "strengthen and broaden the movement against apartheid." Most importantly, emphasized Saul, "we must be willing to actually condone the violence of the ANC and give them strength to

arm."

The South African government, Saul said, must not only be overcome because of its apartheid policy, but due to their sponsorship of terrorist groups in the region which create destabilizing political environments in the bordering states. Saul pointed to Mozambique as an example, where the National Mozambique Resistance (NMR) sponsored by South Africa "systematically attacks the infrastructure of Mozambique," Saul explained that NMR was first founded by the Rhodesian government to "undermine the population's confidence in the newly independent Mozambican government."

The South African government assumed the sponsorship role of the NMR after the fall of the Rhodesian government by continuing to "bleed the revolution to death," Saul said, adding that the South African government is attempting to "kill the dreams" of the surrounding states to realize their goals of development and prosperity.



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