

Fifth annual symposium

York hosts top Ontario high school students

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The fifth annual York symposium is being held on campus this week with students from all over Ontario as guests of the university for presentation of their topics.

The aim of the programme is to provide an original challenge to superior secondary school students so that they may research a topic and have it adjudicated by a university professor. Students may submit papers concerning Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, Fine Arts, Business or Education. Larry Davies, assistant director of Administrations, explained that it was not a competition but "a forum for ideas". Eighteen readers and twenty honourable mentions have been chosen, and in these two categories, no distinction is made

concerning individual standing. He also made it clear this program is not a recruitment effort, and that in fact, the first year that the symposium was held, York's enrolment was over by 150.

Students and teachers arrived on Tuesday for registration. At an orientation programme Tuesday evening, guest students were introduced to their host and hostess students. These students stay with guests, giving them an idea of university life.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week are scheduled for the presentation of the papers. Six papers are presented each day, and are adjudicated by a professor in the appropriate field. The papers are later discussed by the professor with students welcome to make comments

and discuss opinions with professors and other students.

The eighteen readers are presented with certificates which are hand-made by George Steffen, calligrapher at York. Those with honourable mentions will receive pencil holders with the York crest.

This year there were 150 entries

from Ontario with most of the entries coming from outside Metro. In fact, there were more entries from outside Metro than the total number of entries last year.

This year's topics ranged from "The Descent towards absolute Zero: a paper on the rapidly growing field of cryogenics" to "The Saxon Poems

of J.L. Borges." A wall hanging was also entered under the classification of Fine Arts, and a children's story entitled "About Two Fish." York's symposium offers a wide range of topics and interests to secondary school students. For further information call the schools Liaison Office, Steacie Science Library at (416) 667-2334.

U of T professor is under fire

TORONTO (CUP)—Students and representatives of the Italian community disrupted a meeting of the Governing Council at the U. of T., Jan. 24, after the council refused to hear their charges against medical professor, Ian Hector.

Hector has been under fire for at least a year over his theory that injured Italian workers are "culturally predisposed" to play the sick role.

After they were ruled out of order, protestors presented a petition with

1,000 signature demanding an inquiry. John Grohovaz, editor of an Italian language paper in Toronto, said, "We already have too many Ian Hectors in the world and if we can do away with just one of them we have done a great service to society and mankind."

Chile resistance grows

VANCOUVER (CUP)—News of an underground meeting in Chile's socialist base indicates that the fascist regime there is beginning to meet organized resistance.

Present at the clandestine meeting were Carlos Altamirano, general secretary of the Socialist party and number one on the junta's most-wanted list; Miguel Enriquez, general secretary of MIR; representatives of MAPU; and the new interim secretary of the Communist Party. The former secretary of the CP is in a junta prison.

The resistance leaders also surfaced in different workers' sections of Chile to convince the people of the vitality and strength of the liberation movement.

Prior to the coup, the Chilean left had many differences. In a recent broadcast on Radio Quimantu, which describes itself as the Voice of Resistance and is now once again sporadically on the air, Miguel Enriquez told fellow opponents of the dictatorship; "...this is not the time to revive old differences. It is important now that workers learn the lessons of the recent Chilean experience so as to avoid new errors."

Law students still on strike

MONTREAL (CUP) — The Québec Bar Association and a student negotiating committee failed in a meeting Jan. 27, to provide a solution to the strike called by the bar students, Jan. 18.

The students are protesting the high failure rate in bar exams and the increased articling period.

The bar association's executive committee rejected proposals that the passing grade on two of the six exams be lowered to 50 per cent from 60 per cent. However, the committee said it would be willing to discuss a third proposal, calling for a six month articling period instead of the present 12.

Michael Robert, spokesman for the bar, said the executive committee would look into the high exam failure rate, but would not say what this might produce. About 42 per cent of the bar students have failed at least one of three exams already written.

Despite the boycott, the bar association plans to go ahead with the fourth exam.

"Many students have said they want to write the exam", said Robert. "We have received telephone calls, letters, and written demands to respect the contract we have with the students, and it is our duty to do so."

The student negotiating committee, however, said the boycott will be respected.

"In Montreal," said a committee member, "We're sure of all but perhaps five or ten people." There are about 350 students in Montreal, 130 in Québec City, and 32 in Ottawa.

Italian graffiti on city walls

ROME (CUP) — In Rome, the writing is on the wall, all the walls.

"Americans and Russians — get out of the Mediterranean! O.L.P." appears in huge black letters on a palace wall. (The initials stand for the French for "Palistine Liberation Organization"). City Hall has budgeted \$28,000 for graffiti-cleaning this year.

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