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NEWS DIGEST

Game explores female poverty

By JANE SAKAY

The Poverty Game is much more than a board game. Sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and Founder's College, the Poverty Game simulates the experience of living on welfare. The objective is to provide a unique opportunity for students to step into the shoes of women who are forced to live on welfare, and experience the emotional trauma that goes along with it. The game is structured on real life events and confronts the issue of how women become caught in a system that works against them.

The Poverty Game was designed using the experience of six women from British Columbia who were on family benefits. Each participant spends time being one of the six characters, while game monitors portray welfare officers. Professor Linda Briskin of the Social Science Department is heading up the York event, planned for February 27. Briskin says that "the Poverty Game enables those of us who aren't poor to better appreciate the reality experienced by those who are."

Briskin stresses how important it is for students to understand the plight of women in poverty. When we leave the university, many of us undertake administrative, political, or social service occupations which will touch the lives of poverty victims. Briskin says that "We have a collective responsibility to understand women in poverty." After the event, the Game will be available for classroom use from the Women's Studies Program.

The Poverty Game scheduled for Saturday Feb. 27, in S501 Ross from 9:00-4:30, is limited to 168 participants, the game is open to virtually everyone; men, women, faculty, staff, community members, and students. The cost is \$5 and is part of a fund-raising campaign.

The game is the first of a series of events put on by the Women's Studies Program on the subject of the Feminization of Poverty. The problem of women and poverty is becoming increasingly worse; 47% of all families headed by women live in poverty, nearly one out of every five Canadian women live below the

poverty line, and women employed full-time earn on average about 65% of what men earn. Other events include the launching of the new film, *No Way Not Me*, which follows the everyday lives of women who have become trapped in the welfare situation. The film will be shown on Tuesday, March 3, 12-1 pm, in Curtis D.

For more information on the Poverty Game or other upcoming events contact Linda Briskin at the Social Science Department, or go to the CYSF office.

Caucus seek reduced fares

By JAMES FLAGAL

The Metropolitan University Caucus (MUC) is another step closer in establishing cheaper transportation fares for post secondary students.

The caucus is made up of student representatives from colleges and universities across Toronto, and was set up in the fall of 1986. Their goal is to get the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to establish a four-month



LOWER FARES? Metro student groups are getting together with the TTC in an effort to lower fares for university students.

pass for post-secondary students for the price of three months. Currently a monthly TTC pass costs \$46.00 per month.

This past Tuesday, MUC announced the findings to a survey which they started last fall, in order to see what kind of market existed for the passes, and what kind of revenue loss TTC would experience as a result of the pass. The report estimates that between 26-38% of the student population would purchase the pass, and that the TTC would

experience a loss of about \$2.3-3.0 million.

According to Marjorie Wallens, Public Affairs Manager for the TTC, MUC will now be forwarding the report, conducted by Market Facts, to city councils, the Ministry of Transportation the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, and the Ministry of Treasury and Economics. Even though the TTC is totally behind the idea of reducing student fares, Wallens explains, MUC still has to find government funds to make up the financial loss which the TTC will incur with the introduction of these passes. Not until that financial backing is found can TTC begin issuing these passes, says Wallens.

Tammy Hasslefeldt, Director of External Relations for the Council of York Students Federation, says, "Right now we're trying to lobby the government in order to get the funds we require to make this plan go through. We'll be approaching the government with a comprehensive proposal in the next few months. We feel it is in the government's interest to reduce transportation costs which will then enhance accessibility to post secondary education."

Angry boyfriend assaults Ex

By MARIO PIETRANGELO

Charges were laid against Wallied Youkhani after he assaulted his ex-girlfriend following a domestic incident on January 28.

The incident, which occurred on the York Campus happened when, Youkhani went to talk with his ex-girlfriend, a part-time parking lot attendant. After the ensuing argument Youkhani left, only to return later that evening before his former girl-friend finished her shift.

Youkhani was upset, and he broke off the handle to the parking lot booth. He then punched his ex-girlfriend in the mouth, splitting her lip. Director of Security Michael O'Neil referred to the incident as a domestic dispute.

However, "I wanted charges laid because I feel I have an obligation to protect my employees," O'Neil said. O'Neil also indicated that this was an isolated occurrence, and therefore the incident should not be blown out of proportion.

O'Neil referred the incident to Metro police's 31 Division and they will proceed with the case. Metro police would not release any further details until the court hearing, which is scheduled for February 15th.

Science appointments put new emphasis on atmospheric studies

By SUJATA BERRY

With the establishment of two one million dollar chairs and the recent formation of an institute devoted to research in atmospheric chemistry, York is quickly developing one of the foremost academic programmes in this field.

Bruce Bryden, Chairman of the Board of Governors, hosted a luncheon presentation held last Friday to formally announce the appointment of Dr. Hiromi Niki to the NSERC/AES Industrial Research Chair in Atmospheric Chemistry. (NSERC refers to the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council; AES is the Atmospheric Environmental Service, part of the federal department of Environmental Canada.)

In addition to his very impressive academic credentials, Dr. Niki brings to York 20 years of professional research experience in the area of atmospheric and environmental chemistry, which he gained while working with the Ford Motor Company in the United States. As the beneficiary of the Industrial Chair, Dr. Niki perceives his role as being similar to that of a nucleus that over-looks and co-ordinates the many

research projects within the area of atmospheric chemistry. He hopes to concentrate his own research within the broad parameters of such areas as: acid rain, the depletion of the ozone layer, the greenhouse effect, and the examination of carcinogenic compounds in the environment.

Another development highlighted at the luncheon was the significant role of York University in the newly-formed Canadian Institute for Research in Atmospheric Chemistry (CIRAC). The Institute is a federally-incorporated, non-profit organization devoted towards research in atmospheric chemistry. CIRAC is a collaborative effort between the government, industry, and Universities seeking to alleviate some of the more fundamental environmental concerns such as acid rain and the accelerated rise in temperatures around the world.

York University and AES jointly developed the concept of CIRAC. Currently, York is working on four projects under the auspices of the Institute. Additionally, the University provides graduate and undergraduate degrees in Atmospheric Chemistry. Participating in the acti-

vities of the Institute has enabled York to provide its students with unique research opportunities, thus attracting the best quality of graduate students. The Ford Motor Company (Canada) recently presented the University with a cheque of \$80,000 in order to finance further research projects under the banner of CIRAC.

A few years ago, York made a commitment to developing an expertise in the area of Atmospheric Chemistry. According to Deter Bohme, Head of the Chemistry Department, York already had a base of expertise in this area with the presence of Harrold Schiff, a York Professor and one of the foremost Canadian authorities in atmospheric chemistry. In addition, there has been a great increase in public concern about environmental problems, which has generated a sense of urgency to find solutions. Bohme cited the recent \$1 million donation made by Mary Rogers (in memory of her late husband, Guy Warwick Rogers, Chairman of St. Mary's Cement Ltd. and a York graduate) to set up a second atmospheric/environmental research chair, as an example of the degree of public support for further research in this area.