

## Fine Arts information officer layed off due to 'redundancy'

By JASON SHERMAN

A reorganization of York's Communications Department, resulting in the lay-off of Media Relations Officer Richard Paul, has raised fears that Faculty of Fine Arts events will not receive sufficient media coverage.

Paul's position, which included coordinating media coverage for all Fine Arts events, was declared "redundant" in his termination notice dated April 30, 1984.

Acting Director of Communications Temple Harris said he is "reorganizing the department into certain key areas;" Science, Research, Environmental Studies, and Bilingual Studies.

While there is no position dealing with media coverage for Fine Arts-sponsored events, Harris claims that function will be sufficiently covered within the new departmental structure. "The support previously given to Fine Arts," he said, "will be covered either by myself or other staff in the media relations department."

Harris also pointed to his background as former Assistant Dean of Fine Arts as evidence of his commitment to the faculty.

Present Assistant Dean of Fine Arts Don Newgren disagreed with Harris' assessment, however, "We do around 350-400 concerts, performances, and exhibits by students . . . and faculty a year, not including . . . events of regional, national, and international stature," he said. "Unless Communications is providing coverage, these things will go unnoticed and unattended."

Paul also felt that the reorganization could

hurt the faculty. "If they don't have a person with the expertise and the proper contacts, it can only be to the detriment of York," he said. "I know which stories to call in downtown (to the major media) and which to leave in North York."

Newgren echoed Paul's sentiments, saying, "We need support press-wise more than we ever have, because publicity budgets in each department have been decreased. We need people in the audience."

Paul, who has worked four years in Communications, is not the only employee affected by the reorganization. Director Stan Fisher was fired, and three other employees, including Administrative Assistant Dawn Ansdell, have had their contracts terminated.

Of three full-time Media Relations Officers, two remain, but only one will continue on a full-time basis.

York University Staff Association (YUSA) President Rod Bennett said the problem of staff reductions is wide-spread. "Lay-offs have been increasing over last year and it is university-wide."

"From what we (YUSA) can see, it (the university) is trying to re-emphasize the skills areas. It is putting far more (emphasis) into the sciences, which means, basically, it is taking away from the arts."

"Here we have somebody like Richard Paul with plenty of experience," Bennett continued. "It is rather shameful to remove this man, a reliable person, building contacts—it is a waste of a valuable resource."

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tion of quality would occur naturally, since better qualified applicants would tend to favor some universities over others. He asked the OFS panel, "Are you saying that some institutions should reject some first-class students in favor of second- or third-class ones, in order to have a balance? How do you get a balance?" The question flustered the OFS panel, who explained that by proposing an egalitarian structure their intent is to prevent a "tier" system from developing, since in a tier system the better universities would likely receive more funding than the poor ones.

The Commission also heard submissions from the Ontario Graduate Association and the Ontario College Association (OCA).

The OFS has asked that the Commission make their proposal public when they present it to the Government on November 15, as a "sign of good faith."

"The pursuit of learning is really the pursuit of fine living."

—J. Roby Kidd



## Security chief seeks photo ID

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Santorelli noted the lack of picture identification at York. "York is one of the few academic institutions in the world without picture I.D.," he said.

Santorelli said that he is anxious that his department be seen "as an essential element of the university community." He said that the incorporation of Student Security is a step in that direction.

Student Security has also extended escort service hours. They now operate Sunday-Wednesday 8 pm to 2 am, and Thursday-Saturday 8 pm to 3 am. Patrols will provide escorts to any bus stop or anywhere on campus, including the Graduate residences. Student Security can be reached at 667-3333.

## Volunteers gain experience

By CHERYL KATES

"Volunteering is a unique experience, well supported, fun, and it's a great way to learn and share information and gain experience in the field," says Dr. Morris Eagle, Chairman of York's psychology department.

One community group looking for student volunteers is the Community Therapy Association (COTA), a non-profit organization providing occupational services for the mentally ill, elderly, and chronically ill.

COTA was formed in January of this year and provides training for volunteers who work on cases with therapists. COTA visits a variety of people from those with minor disabilities to the more severe. They attempt to help them become more independent in all aspects of their daily life.

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endangered, Nash claimed he found "nothing more frightening than to cover the terrorizing hatred of the US racial crisis. I think I was certainly far more scared when I was in southern Alabama than I ever was in Vietnam."

The second part of Nash's speech was dedicated to his thoughts and observations on the modern-day role of the media in a democratic society. He began by saying, "I believe the media are the glue that holds together our democratic society. It is only through the media that the public can find out what's going on."

About television as a medium of communication, Nash said, "TV, for good or for ill, has become by far the single most powerful instrument of journalism that the world has ever known." He quoted staggering statistics of the number of hours Canadians spend in front of television, and he also noted one study that

Clare Malcom, a volunteer coordinator for COTA is a strong believer in volunteer work. "People become connected," she says. "Volunteers can help and become involved more than the professionals."

Eagle "totally approves from A to Z" with the program, although he feels that the name 'therapy' might "turn people off" because it implies theory.

"Everyone I know that has done some volunteer work has learnt at least as much as they have in courses, there is no substitute," said Eagle. As a student Eagle did some volunteer work in a state hospital in the US. He says that volunteering there was "the reason I became a psychology major."

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found two-thirds of all Canadians talk out loud to their TV set, the highest incident being 84 percent in New Brunswick.

Nash finished his speech by summing up the role of the news media. "I believe that the media today are doing a very good job," he said, "but not good enough." He said he feels that the quality of modern-day journalism has never been better, but given the huge responsibility of the media, journalists must continually strive to better fulfill their role in society, that role being "to increase the understanding of our society so that all of us can be more effective, more knowledgeable, more aware citizens."

And for the benefit of any aspiring journalists in the audience, he had these words of guidance: "I like Joseph Pulitzer's three words of advice for journalists: accuracy, accuracy, accuracy."

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