

Tatham affectionately remembered

By GARRY MARR

"A real renaissance man," that is how Dr. George Tatham is recalled by the many students and associates who worked with Tatham throughout his career at York University.

Tatham died on August 3rd, and a memorial service was held on October 4th at the Scott Religious centre. Four generations gathered to pay tribute to a man described as a dominant force in the development of the university.

Tatham was born in 1907 in Kendal, England and he began his academic career at Liverpool University, studying geography. After graduating with a BA in 1929, Tatham went on to earn his PhD at Clark University in the United States. In 1939, he joined the University of Toronto's expanding Geography department and taught courses in European and human geography. Tatham came to York in 1960 and assumed the position of

Dean of the Faculty and later became Dean of Students. He believed strongly in a liberal education and was in favour of the general education programmes that remain today.

In 1968 Tatham became Master of McLaughlin College, a position he held for ten years. Gerald Jordan, professor of History at York, recalled how Tatham always showed concern for his students. "He would always loan money personally to students," said Jordan.

For example, one third year student was faced with the prospect of quitting school after his father's death, but Tatham managed to secure him a bursary. The loyalty students felt towards Tatham best expresses the impact he had on their lives, Jordan explained.

A group of students who became very close to Tatham, were known around the college as the "Tatham toughies". The Tatham toughies

grew into a kind of fraternity", recalled Drago Samsa, a member of the Tatham toughies. "When he retired, over 300 people showed up to pay tribute to him. He touched the lives of over 50,000 students. In qualitative terms he loved all his students and he commanded great loyalty," recalled Samsa.

Father David Mulholland, another member of the Tatham toughies, reflected about Tatham's tenure as Master of McLaughlin. "He was Master of the college in the old sense of the word." Mulholland recalled. "George pulled us out of ourselves. He was a teacher and he gathered disciples; he was a bit like Socrates."

Tatham is probably best remembered for his vast knowledge and love of students. Samsa recalled Tatham's famous "sex talks." "He was frank and honest to students. He provided leadership in a time of tur-



HE'LL BE MISSED: George Tatham is probably best remembered for his vast knowledge and his concern for and love of students. His influence was felt throughout the university.

moil, and was willing to break tradition. George contributed to college life, and the last few years he became a critic of the (present) college system."

As a tribute to Tatham, professor Robert Lundell, has organized the

George Tatham Memorial fund. He hopes that it will provide up to three scholarships. In addition, it will allow for bursaries, to be given away at the discretion of the Master. The bursaries would be in keeping with the generous spirit of George Tatham.

York daycare workers strike for better salaries, pensions

By MARK HUNTER

The picket lines at the entrances to the York University campus have grown as employees of York's daycare centre joined ranks with picketing YUSA members in an official strike.

The 21 York daycare workers, who are in charge of 110 children, walked off the job on October 7, following a rejection of their latest contract proposal. The daycare workers are not employed by the university, but by a parental co-operative committee to which they have submitted their proposal.

The central issue at stake in the dispute is money. The daycare workers are seeking a four year wage grid that would see a 4% annual pay increase; a 2% hike in pension funds based on annually modified income as opposed to base salary; plus, an automatic salary increase of \$1000.00 every year, for each of their first four years of employment.

The last offer made by the parental co-op was turned down,

because it was only a three year plan. This would leave all the daycare workers who have presently given three years of service confronted with a wage cap. Under the four year plan proposed by the daycare workers, these employees would receive an additional \$1000.00 in salary for their fourth year of service.

According to Kimberley McCool, daycare worker and chairperson of the negotiating team, "our main concern is for the senior members of our staff."

The Ministry of Labour has appointed a mediator, but for the time being the two sides are not at the negotiating table. The parental Co-op is presently considering the latest proposal put forth by the daycare workers and have yet to table a counter-proposal. When asked how long a strike she anticipated, McCool responded: "we're waiting to hear from them, hopefully it won't be long. Everyone just wants to get back to work."

Longer school year possible

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ing to Webber, reducing the December exam period is one of the options. This would enable the faculty to hold an extra week of classes. There would be an exam period only for fall half-term courses. In full-term courses exams would be held in class, or a new marking scheme would be devised. A second option available is for classes to go right up to Christmas, and exams would subsequently be held in January. Webber said that the elimination of Reading Week is also being considered. He added that priority was being given to "maximizing academic integrity and minimizing inconvenience to students."


In the meantime it was announced that the Scott library would be opening. The crowd of 300 at the demonstration greeted this announcement with enthusiasm. YUSA and their supporters began to scream "stop scabs now," when the announcement was made. They were met by a counter-chant of "education not vacation." The library is to be staffed by professionals and managerialials as well as part-time students.

The new library hours for Scott will be Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Archives, films, maps, the listening room and special collections will all be closed. The Frost and Steacie libraries will be open Mon-

day through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., while Government Documents will be open 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. The Law library will be closed, and only circulation that will be allowed is from Scott reserves.



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