

An Excalibur poll

York profs speak out on teachers' strike

High school teachers are overworked and underpaid, according to Derek Cohen, an English professor at York University.

Cohen was one of several York professors who responded to a survey conducted by Excalibur

regarding the present high school teachers' strike.

"I completely support the teachers," Cohen said. "Teaching is the most necessary of all professions.

"I think when it is realized that

university professors are getting paid less than high school teachers, the university community will wake up and realize our pay should be at least as high."

I.B. Heath, a member of the

Biology department, said that "in view of the amount of training and expertise involved, it is unreasonable that high school teachers should be paid more than university professors.

"I am very much against strikes because I think it is a most unfortunate way of bargaining," he said. "It is like twisting people's arms just to get more money."

MIXED FEELINGS

Several professors said they had mixed feelings regarding the teachers' strike.

"Any dedicated teacher realizes that the people bearing the brunt of the problem are his students," commented English professor Janet Lewis. "But there is virtually no opportunity in the high school system for teacher sabbaticals. There is nothing built into their rewards system that allows teachers to re-charge their batteries.

"What the public doesn't take into account is that the number of hours standing in front of class is

not representative of the number of hours of teaching. The teacher is being called on more and more to be the solver of other problems."

Lewis said, however, that she is disturbed by the disparity between a university professor's salary and that of a high school teacher.

"I am extraordinarily offended that an acquaintance of mine, who happens to be a senior primary teacher, makes much more than a senior associate member of my department."

J.B. Baesel, of the Administrative Studies department, said that salaries should reflect supply and demand. "As the student populations in the high schools are declining, teachers are in less demand and therefore their salaries should not be raised," he said.

In response to the question of salary, Baesel replied, "I'd like to be paid as much as Pierre Trudeau, let alone a high school teacher."

Graham closes Gerstein series

By BRENDA WEEKS

A need for alternative models for men and women in the ranks of higher learning was the topic of the fourth and last Gerstein Lecture. Guest-speaker Patricia Graham from Radcliffe Institute, Harvard, told a crowd of 100 at Moot Court on Tuesday that "it was to tame the raucous male undergraduates that women were first admitted to the universities back in the 19th century. We see a

very tiny stream of women going onto higher education, even from the mid-twentieth century on, with the opening up of higher education to a larger portion of the population."

Graham pointed out how class distinctions gradually became indistinct and, ultimately, how those who graduated in the fifties lost the sense of being in an elite.

"But the women graduate," said Graham, "usually would feel that

her next appropriate step would be to marry. And then by the time she hits 40, she's wondering what to do with her life.

"We are clearly faced with modifying the monolithic standards that we have applied to men and women," she said. "That is our task for the future."

In regard to the poor representation of married women among successful women, Graham spoke of the impact of professionalism on career possibilities. She coined the phrase "deviant genius syndrome".

"When highly technical courses became required, the number of women with administrative responsibilities declined. Many women have perceived that long-term training would preclude family life, and women have chose the family first."

Graham also spoke of what she called the "collegiality problem".

"A good many men have expressed feelings of anxiety at the prospect of a female colleague. There is also the anticipation that men will resist a woman boss.

"A tough female administrator would be called clear-headed, firm, and attentive in male terms. There is an inexperience on the part of men in treating adult women as other than wives, daughters or secretaries.

"What of the future?" asked Graham in her concluding comments. "I think broader definitions of success are both necessary and desirable. A recognition for a new paradigm must be created, and hopefully adult lives, male and female, will be evenly integrated by professional needs."

Room, whither goest thou?

A conflict over use of the Excalibur staff room has developed between the Third World Students' Union and the staff of Excalibur.

The room, which has a large picture window facing Central Square, was occupied by as many as thirty members of the Union on Monday.

Two weeks ago, representatives of the Union accompanied by CYSF president Dale Ritch, approached the staff of Excalibur to request that Excalibur turn part or all of the room over to the use of the Union. At that time, the Union was sharing offices in Bethune with the Italian-Canadian Students' Association.

Last Thursday, at its weekly meeting, the staff of Excalibur voted by a narrow margin to work out some arrangements for sharing the room with the Union. Representatives of the Union were at the meeting and left it with this understanding.

Later in the same meeting, however, the staff of Excalibur voted to reconsider its decision to share the room with the Union. The Union was informed of this decision the next morning.

On Monday morning, Excalibur received a letter from John Allen, general coordinator of the Union, informing the paper that the Union intended to move into the staff room that same day.

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Later on Monday, the staff of Excalibur was informed by the paper's business manager, Olga Graham, that the staff is not entitled to make binding decisions on the use of the paper's property. Such decisions, she said, can only be made by the Excalibur Board of Publications (which is composed of representatives from the staff, CYSF, the colleges and the Alumni Association).

The staff of Excalibur will meet at 4:30 p.m. today to consider its recommendation to the Board regarding the use of the staff room.

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