

Taylor elected

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The Varsity

York student Barb Taylor was elected Chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students last weekend.

Taylor, a fourth year Canadian studies and economics major, said of her term in office, "It's going to be one hell of a year." She will begin in June.

Taylor has been involved in student politics for her entire university career. Last year she served as Vice-President (External) of the Council of the York Student Federation, and is currently the Ontario representative to the National Union of Students' central committee.

Taylor will bring two major concerns with her as she enters office; 'rationalization' of post secondary education, and the impending redrafting of the Established Program Financing Act.

Despite the heavy work load that awaits her, Taylor remains committed to her alma mater. "Even though I'm chairperson," she said, "I'll still have a special interest in York."

Taylor defeated Carlton



Newly elected OFS Chairperson Barb Taylor discussing her future.

University's Eleanor MacDonald for the post. The two candidates saw eye to eye on most of the

issues, which included: the recent university fee hike, the OFS fee referendum and the fight against cutbacks.

Strategic Studies promo premature

John Molendyk

A new study program currently being advertised around the York campus has not been approved by the University's Senate, according to York University Faculty Association Chairperson Howard Buchbinder, raising questions of improper approval procedures.

According to Buchbinder, posters on campus dated November 1980 advertised a "Research Program in Strategic Studies at York University." The December 1980 bulletin of the Canadian Association of University Teachers advertised an assistant director position for the proposed program.

The proposed program, to be affiliated with the Canadian Institute for Strategic Studies, would pursue research in the field of strategic studies including Canadian defense policy, arms control and conflict studies. Partial funding for the proposal has already been secured by the Donner Canadian Foundation, a grant organization which funds studies in various areas of Canadian scholarship.

Professor R.B. Byers, director of the proposed program, explained that while it is usual to advertise for a program not yet approved by Senate, such promotion should carry the caveat "pending Senate approval". Byers stated that he "should have known better" than to leave this caveat off the posters and the CAUT ad.

Byers said he has contacted both Buchbinder and Chairman of the Senate David Logan to clarify the situation.

There seems to be no indication of any intended wrong-doing in relation to the approval of the CISS-York program.

Vice-president of Academic Affairs Wm. Found, chairman of the Senate's Academic Policy and Planning Committee, said that the promotional material was a "mistake, it should not have been advertised this way".

Prof. Martin Steinbach, chairman of the Senate Committee on Research, said that he saw nothing "sinister" in the whole affair.

Prof. Brian Massam, Dean of Research and a member of SCR,

likewise stated that he felt there was "nothing scurrilous" going on. He said that the proposal had been approved by SCR and had been forwarded to APPC for further consideration.

Byers said that if the APPC approves the proposal it will go to the Senate for final consideration. He said he expected the matter to come up at the next Senate meeting, scheduled for February 26.

Glendon, CYSF dispute trust fund

Greg Saville

Misunderstanding and bargaining discrepancies between Glendon's student union president and the CYSF president about the use of money in their joint trust fund may lead Glendon to go directly to York's Board of Governors for satisfaction.

Glendon College Student Union president, Dorothy Watson, told her council Monday that there was a controversy about the percentages of fee disbursement in the trust fund.

Apparently, Watson says CYSF president, Malcolm Montgomery, has asked for additional cash this year by a 50-50 split in the disbursement of the trust fund. Last year, she said, 71 per cent of the trust fund was spent on Glendon activities while 29 per cent of the fund went to CYSF activities. Montgomery disagrees with Watson's interpretation and says that Watson is "just playing the figures game" with her council.

"She might have been misunderstanding the nature of this bargaining," said Montgomery yesterday, "but it's just a blatant rush for more money." Montgomery said the trust fund does not work on a percentage basis to CYSF of Glendon. The Glendon student council disagrees.

Prof studies loneliness

Terry Van Luyk

During his 20 years of teaching psychology, York Professor Vello Sermat became increasingly aware of a common dissatisfaction among students, but it wasn't until he talked to a group of his own that the subject of loneliness arose.

Sermat realized many students suffer from this condition. Upon discovering that little had been written about loneliness, his interest grew. Sermat spent last year on sabbatical in Holland and Finland studying loneliness among students.

A summary of his findings were presented in an informal talk last Friday called, "Quality of Life: from below sea level to the Arctic Circle". Among the findings:

- one third of men and women

under 25 are more dissatisfied with their romantic/sexual relationships than their family relationships, friendships, and group relationships,

- single men around 22 years old are more dissatisfied with their romantic/sexual relationships than are married, separated, divorced or widowed men,

- among women it is the separated, divorced or widowed group that is most unhappy in romantic/sexual relationships,

- on the whole the separated, divorced or widowed group is most dissatisfied in their relationships, including those with family, friends and groups,

- people who are less willing to take social risks score higher on the loneliness scale.

Sermat's colloquium was highlighted by slides of his visit and included scenes of people and beautiful landscapes he had encountered. Enthused by his travels to Holland and Finland Sermat is currently thinking of organizing a tour to Finland for interested students.

The group was as eager to learn about Sermat's travelling experiences as about his psychology studies. As one colleague pointed out, Sermat had actually given two talks—the first one about his entire year of travels and studies and the second about himself and his feelings on loneliness, people and life.

Sermat replied this was his intention; he would like his colleagues to know him better.

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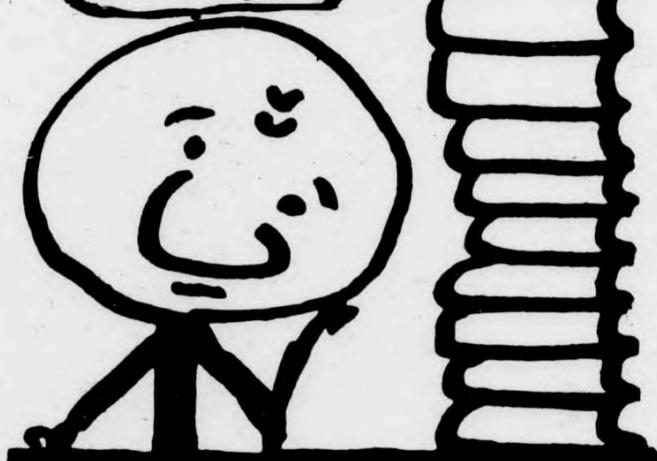
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