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Teaching assistants strike

(Toronto) Teaching assistants (TAs) at the University of Toronto went on strike last Thursday, mainly over hiring practices, including numbers of TAs, class size, and who gets hired.

The local Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW), which represents the TAs, wants a grievance procedure similar to those at other universities, to prevent favoritism when professors hire TAs.

The union has asked professors to cancel classes, and the public to stay away from the campus, but although some departments have cancelled classes, many departments are continuing without TAs. U of T librarians have noticed no decrease in library use, and most evening classes are also continuing.

Says the editor of a U of T newspaper: "You can tell there's a strike, but they're not causing any altercations.'

York's local CUEW supports the U of T TAs, and has sent out picketers to the U

the newspaper

Bookstore credit cancelled

(Toronto) The University of Toronto Bookstore has announced it will discontinue its charge card service at the end of this month because of rising operational

A Bookstore spokesperson said the number of outstanding accounts on the cards was a big factor in the decision. He said there are 10,000 accounts with outstanding balaces, but does not know how many of those are overdue. The Bookstore issued between 13,000 and 15,000 cards.

The Bookstore will not reduce its mark-up on books once the charge cards have been discontinued.

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Center marks assaults

(Kingston) The Women's Center at Queen's University placed 10 blue stop signs at sites where asssaults had occurred on campus.

The signs, which were placed on Valentines day last month, stated, "A woman was sexually assaulted here." Most of the signs were damaged during the night.

The director of Queen's security said he was not aware that sexual assaults had occurred at all 10 sites, but that in some cases assault victimes approach the Women's Centre instead of Queen's security.

Queen's Journal

Student attacked

(Kingston) A first-year student was attacked at Queen's University on Feb. 14 while she was looking for signs marking the sites of sexual assaults on campus.

A man grabbed the student from behind, pressed something hard against her back and forced her to walk with him. He began choking her, then hit her over the head with a bottle when he heard other students approaching.

Queen's Journal

Racism on campus

(Toronto) A local arts and entertainment weekly says institutional racism has spread "from the police to the universities." (Metropolis, Feb 23)

The article says that "student press inflames prejudice" and cites a series of U of T publications which have been called racist and sexist.

Toronto's daily newspapers have also covered the issue.

Concerned with its reputation, U of T's administration is attempting to pass a ruling which would effectively censor those campus publications it considers

Equality watchdog hired

(Guelph) An employment and educational equity officer will begin work May 1 at the University of Guelph, to act as a watchdog and ombudsman for equality.

This is in response to a May 1988 report which found uneven gender distributions and systematic discrimination in some areas of the University

Five of 148 full professorships at Guelph were held by women, and only 29 per cent of new faculty appointed were female, according to the report.

University 'would protect Rushton'

(Kingston) Queen's University would pursue a similar course to the University of Western Ontario if faced with controversial research like that of professor Phillipe Rushton, said a Queen's representative last month.

Rushton's contentious research into racial characteristics came under fire because it suggests that orientals are superior to whites, and whites to blacks. Western has defended Rushton's work on the grounds of academic freedom.

AIDS policy adopted

(Toronto) The University of Toronto passed its AIDS policy last month.

The policy requires U of T Health Service to start AIDS education programmes aimed at students, and states that medical researchers must take precautions when handling AIDS-infected blood.

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