



Got a ticket for the rat race?

Science week kicks off on Wednesday

Messages from inner space, laser spectroscopy and stratospheric chemistry will be the order of the week next week, as the science faculty sponsors a special three day program filled with tours and talks. All so the university community can discover what is going on in research at York.

"Science week" organized by the Science Students Association, is primarily directed towards science undergrads says coordinator Dr. Keith Aldridge, but anyone is welcome to attend. It runs from October 25th to the 28th.

Among the tours offered is a tour of the observatory facilities in Petrie, which will be conducted Wednesday at 11 am, Thursday at 2 pm or Friday at 11 am.

Science week will finish off with a "Science Olympics" in which 150 students from 25 high schools in Metro Toronto are expected to participate. Nine events designed to "work against the clock on various science related events" and organized in track meet fashion will be held throughout the day.

By far the most popular of the high school events, judging by the registration forms, is the rat race maze. Events also include a tea making contest, a catapult contest and a musical instrument design contest, to name a few.

For a timetable of the weekday science events to room 101 Petrie or phone 667-3849.

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Grad strike probably off

By Kathy Ford

Members of the Graduate Assistants' Association have been offered an average 6.7 per cent wage increase in the administration's latest offer and all indications are they will accept the offer.

In a straw vote taken at a meeting Monday, almost all of the approximately 150 people in attendance voted in favor of the offer and chances are next week's official balloting will be as overwhelmingly in favor, association executive members say.

The final terms were reached at 2 am Saturday after a marathon bargaining session, negotiation committee member Leslie Saunders said.

"It is not a great settlement..." she said. "But it (the financial offer) is in the range that we could have expected."

"We have YUSA (York University Staff Association, which recently settled) to thank for that. It (the contract) has a lot more protection for us.... and hopefully that will come out very quickly in grievance procedures."

Saunders said the administration, which had offered an average four per cent wage increase in its previous offer, opened the bargaining with a six per cent average increase and the association was able to persuade administration negotiators to offer an extra 0.7 per cent.

"The real victory is that we got raises for all categories," Saunders said.

If the 750 member association agrees to the new contract, a teaching assistant will earn \$3,200 up 6.7 per cent, a course director will earn \$3,575, again a 6.7 per cent increase, a tutor one will be paid \$1,260 an assignment, a 6.8 per cent increase, a tutor-two will get \$4.50 an hour, a 5.9 per cent increase and the first in three years for this category, three-quarter tutors will be paid \$8.75 an hour, a 25 per cent increase and a college tutor will earn \$1,400, a 7.7 per cent increase.

But in addition to the financial benefits, the union has won fringe benefits that will give its members greater job security, something in short supply for graduate assistants.

Both Unite I—Ta's—and Unite II—part-time employees—have won the right to request teaching evaluations. And these evaluations will be the main basis by which competence and ability will be judged in future hirings.

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Soccer Yeomen block a Waterloo assault in Saturday's game. The match ended in a scoreless tie. More sports - pg. 16.

Councils at the crossroads

By Greg Saville

With the Council of the York Student Federation's campus-wide referendum only six days away, the CYSF may be headed into a term with its most serious political dilemma in its ten year history.

The issue of the role of the colleges in the CYSF is a problem that has faced York for years. For the first time this past summer the CYSF hosted a series of college conferences in an attempt to change a trend established by years of the college's isolationism. But did the conferences really help to mend the increasing number of cracks in the central federation?

After almost two months of CYSF leadership this term there's still no change in the Calumet General Meetings decision to withdraw from CYSF. In fact they remain as adamant as ever about leaving and now only await final arbitration from university vice-president Bill Farr, the appointed arbitrator.

Osgoode's legal and literary society's president, Murray Myskin said after the summer conferences, "in terms of student organizations, we're the most divided campus in the province." Myskin did not seem entirely pessimistic though since he saw potential for co-operation by the provision of services in Central Square. Yet Osgoode still has only observer status in CYSF (no vote) and there's no sign that the law

school will decide to join the federation in the near future.

Bethune college is another non-member of CYSF and according to Bethune student council chairman Bob Speller, it looks as though it's going to stay that way.

"CYSF is not representative of the whole university," said Speller in a recent interview. "It doesn't seem to meet the needs of the colleges. I realize there is a need for a central student's body, but I feel that the form that the CYSF is in now would not be acceptable to us."

Speller thought that the college's CYSF representatives do not go back to report to the colleges. Asked whether he has seen a change in this year's CYSF he replied he has not.

The newest evidence of dissatisfaction with the CYSF comes from Founders college. Founders college student council has discussed the probability of leaving CYSF, however council president Ian Brennan disagrees with Speller about a change in CYSF this year.

Brennan says his council has

decided to hold off with any imminent withdrawal from CYSF because, "the CYSF is going in the right direction at the moment, so we'll give them a chance." Founders will wait to see a change in CYSF, but how long will it last? And more importantly, were the efforts at this past summer's conferences wasted? Brad Varey chairperson of Vanier's student council was one who didn't think so.

Varey felt, "tremendously impressed with the conferences" and was optimistic about constitutional proposals designed to improve college representation.

The October 25 referendum proposes either electing two reps from each constituency, or specifying one to the CYSF constitution and it's results will reveal how the student one resident and one commuter from each constituency.

The very idea of constitutional change was developed during the summer conferences and so Varey's optimism was not unfounded.

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October 25 is student election day

This Wednesday, October 25, is election day at York. Nine candidates are vying for two seats on York's Board of Governors. Their platforms are on pages eight, nine and 13.

Nine candidates are after eight student senate seats in the Faculty of Arts (the Senate regulates York's academic life). There are four candidates for two seats on Council of the York Student Federation from Stong and Founders colleges. Council will also have a referendum on changing representation from the colleges. Details, pg. 3.

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