

## Drop in education discussed Research being suppressed U.S. prof says

By ANDREW ZARNETT

Underfunding as the major cause of the decline in the quality of higher education was the prevailing topic at a panel discussion titled "Student Politics in the 1980s," held at York last Thursday.

Ian Nelmes, chairman of the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario/Ontario Federation of Students (CFS-O/OFS), opened the discussion by outlining the role of the (CFS-O/OFS) and issues the organization is working on.

The major concern now is that the quality of education is drastically declining, said Nelmes. Faculty cuts are beginning to appear as a result of the severe underfunding, forcing many universities into deeper deficits.

According to Nelmes, the government is pushing a bill through the Ontario Legislature that will restrict universities to a deficit that is not more than 2 percent of their total operating budget. "The universities that have a deficit greater than 2 percent will be in trouble because the government will have the power to appoint a supervisor who'll have ultimate powers within the institution to override any decision made by the President or Board of Governors," said Nelmes.

"We are beginning to see increased class sizes where any liaison between students and teachers is very limited. At the University of Toronto students were forced to sit on milk crates and at Guelph, students at the veterinarian school have lost their accreditation," he said.

Charles Doyon, of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW), said that it's not only the government that's putting pressures on the university but "administrators are also culprits in the dismantling of the higher education system." He pointed out that York was the only university to accept a 9.9 percent increase in funding where the other universities said it was too much money and took a 6.4 percent increase.

Terry Conlin, of the Graduate Students Association, stresses that graduate students pay as much as undergraduates but use fewer resources.

Speaking last was York University CFS-O/OFS field worker Peter Hoy. "We must all work together to provide students with a better quality of education," said Hoy.

CYSF President Chris Summerhayes was also a panelist. The discussion was sponsored by the All Students Union Movement.

## Research being suppressed U.S. prof says

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

A U.S. psychology professor says research refuting the claims of a group of hereditarians—who attest to the genetic and intellectual inferiority of blacks—is being suppressed by some major U.S. academic publications.

*American Psychologist* (AP) along with the publications of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) are the journals in question.

Guest lecturer Jerry Hirsch, who's also a professor of Ecology, Ethology (the study of character formation), and Evolution, and a director of the Institutional Racism Training Program at the University of Illinois spoke to a handful of faculty and grad students in the Behavioural Sciences building last Friday. Hirsch is also editor of *Comparative Psychology*.

During his presentation, titled, "Genetics, Race, and IQ: A Tale of Charlatany in Evolutionary Science," Hirsch recounted the historical legacy of a segment of mid-to-late nineteenth and twentieth century U.S. hereditarians who claimed to have scientifically established the biological inferiority of non-whites, especially blacks. He said it is still argued by some that blacks possess lower IQs because of their supposed genetic inferiority.

Hirsch said that same argument was forwarded by A.R. Jensen, professor of Educational Psychology at the University of California (Berkeley) in 1969 in a highly controversial article published in the *Harvard Educational Review*.

Hirsch said when Atam Vetta, professor of Math and of Statistical and Quantitative Genetics at Oxford Polytechnic, attempted to publish his refutation of Jensen's supporting data, the NAS and AP would not publish his findings. Only when Hirsch incorporated Vetta's article into one of his own was it published. AP also declined to publish Hirsch's article "A Tale of Charlatany in Evolutionary Science."

In the course of his presentation, Hirsch also quoted Doug Wahlsten, professor of Psychology at Waterloo, who complained of "the pitifully low standard of scholarship in the fields of heredity and IQ."

L.M. Terman, a psychologist who developed and translated IQ tests for use in the U.S. during the 1920s and his professor G. Stanley Hall of John Hopkins University, were also pointed out by Hirsch as being part of the lineage of U.S. hereditarians who believed blacks to be biologically and intellectually inferior to whites.

Though he could not document his claim, Hirsch said that Jonathon Harwood, a professor at Manchester University, England, told him that B.F. Skinner (a prominent U.S. radical behaviorist) privately sided with the hereditarians but kept this to himself "lest he alienate his colleagues."

F. Weizmann of York's psychology department stated that he did not possess enough evidence to make a judgement about the validity of Hirsch's claims—the suppression of his and others work criticizing the hereditarian position—he agreed with Hirsch to the extent that there have been "a lot of misleading statements, statistical errors, and confounded terminology plaguing hereditarian literature."

## Other Campuses

### The 'A-Men' caught

A University of Regina sociology professor has pleaded guilty to nine counts of gross indecency in Saskatchewan Provincial Court. Professor John Anson Warner allegedly formed an elitist fraternity called the "A-Men" that was involved in giving special tutoring to exceptional students in exchange for sexual favors.

To become members of the "A-Men" club, students were allegedly required to maintain a set grade point average, and participate in an initiation ceremony that included masturbating the student, photographing the student in compromising positions, and hitting the student's bare buttocks with a wooden paddle.

Dr. Warner will be sentenced on December 13.

—The Carillon, University of Regina

### Campus paper teeters

The University of Saskatchewan student council is out to cut another service offered to the university community—their student newspaper, *The Sheaf*.

At their last council meeting, councillor Martin Kalmokoff tabled a motion to suspend the paper's funding, claiming the paper does not report campus events properly.

Finance Vice-President Brad McDonald referred to the motion as "ill-advised, premature, and under-handed." He agreed that there are problems with *The Sheaf* but that it was a poor time to alter the newspaper funding.

—The Sheaf-University of Saskatchewan

## OCUFA brief on underfunding

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account, operating grants have fallen short of requirements by about 25 percent over the last decade."

OCUFA members also took issue with the government's "excessively instrumentalist view of universities," saying "they (universities) must not be subject to the whims of politicians and bureaucrats intent on using them to deal with short-term labor market or other demands."

OCUFA's brief also pointed out "the economic and social benefits gained by keeping universities strong," and criticized the popular view that universities are unproductive. "Universities," the report states, "far from being 'unproductive' are producers of both economic and social wealth without which neither the economy nor the society can continue for long."

On the role universities would play in helping shape Canada's future, the brief stated "the work performed by the universities is a necessary precondition for the future of Canada. Spending on higher education is simply the most important investment that we can make in our future."



Photo GARY SYMONS

Bambi, a Radio York disc jockey spins a tune as the station held its first remote broadcast of the year in Central Square yesterday.

## Radio York goes remote

By GARY SYMONS

Radio York was heard loud and clear yesterday in their first remote broadcast of the year held in the Central Square area.

Radio York's Promotion Director Delores Halpin, a first-year Mass Communications major, said the station management was "hoping to start remotes as a regularly weekly event to raise Radio York's profile."

"The idea was to generate interest and a lot of people did ask questions and make requests," she said.

Yesterday's broadcast starred four Radio York disc jockeys: Dave Bidini, Ken Huff, Jeanie Berryman, and the ever-inscrutable Bambi, a D-J that seems to possess no

surname.

The program was also heard in the Grad Lounge, the Orange Snail, the Absinthe and the Cock 'n' Bull.

Although Radio York is currently broadcasting on a closed circuit, Halpin said "we are working on getting a carrier current [a radio signal carried through the electrical wiring], which we should get in September."

When the carrier current is installed, getting Radio York will be as easy as plugging into electrical outlets in designated areas on campus," she said.

She said Radio York and CYSF will co-sponsor a dance in the new year to raise funds for the carrier current.

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