

NEWS

YFS appoints commissioner

by Leslie Barrell

The York Federation of Students has recently appointed Elissa Horscroft as the new Equality Commissioner.

The Equality Commissioner is responsible for checking that the activities and publications of the YFS as well as those supported by the council are free of racist, sexist or homophobic material.

Horscroft has been involved in the York Women's Centre and has experience in lobbying for the rights of marginal and minority groups.

As Equality Commissioner, Horscroft will find herself very busy. Working as a liaison with the Sexual Harassment Education and Complaint Centre, York Security, the York Women's Centre, York University Race and Ethnic Relations Centre and the Lesbian and Gay Alliance at York, Horscroft is doing the work of ten staff members.

"Awareness is really important, but it's not enough," Horscroft said. "We need the tangible change as well. We want to actually see something."

Although the YFS and other groups have already lobbied the



Elissa Horscroft, YFS's new equality commissioner

York community on the damaging effects of prejudice, Horscroft feels that there is still a long way to go.

"The problem is that a lot of people don't realize how in-depth the issues of sexism, racism and homo-

phobia are," Horscroft said. "They go past calling someone a name. Your prejudices are well-formed by the time you get to university. I'm hoping that maybe because we haven't lived in them so long that they are susceptible to change."

In the future, Horscroft hopes to launch a campaign alerting women to the availability of student government positions on campus and urging them to become more involved in their college councils and in the executive.

Horscroft wants to reverse the traditional stereotypes of women in politics as well. "I think women are a little hesitant to put themselves in a position where before they even open their mouths they have things going against them," Horscroft said. "There will be a part of the voting population that simply won't vote for a woman."

Horscroft's personality and outlook will be essential in bringing about positive changes in prejudiced attitudes at York. "You always have to believe things will get better", Horscroft said. "There is light at the end of the tunnel and the more we work the better results we'll get."

Flashback: 21 years ago York Prof denied immigrant status

A radical American historian who has just taken a job at York is being denied landed immigrant status by the Canadian government.

Gabriel Kolko, an internationally known scholar of American history, has received a tenured position with York's history department but has not been able to obtain the landed immigrant status needed to teach.

Without landed immigrant status, Kolko cannot apply for certain Canadian grants and may in fact be unable to remain in Canada at all.

Kolko has been a constant critic of American foreign policy and has written books on U.S. economic and military domination of underdeveloped countries.

In his book, *The Roots of American Foreign Policy*, Kolko calls for "profound social change" in the U.S. which he says is trying to create "total world economic integration not on the basis of equality but of domination."

York's history department and John Saywell, dean of arts, have declined to comment on the situation although they are negotiating with immigration authorities.

Sydney Eisen, history department chairman, said yesterday, "I'm very much interested in having Dr. Kolko here."

Kolko, who is now in Toronto, had "no comment" Tuesday night.

He said however, he has no idea why he would be refused landed immigrant status since he meets all qualifications.

Kolko, a graduate of Kent State

University, obtained his MA from the University of Wisconsin and his doctorate from Harvard.

His books include, *The Triumph of Conservatism*, *Wealth and Power in America* and *The Politics of War*. Kolko believes the root causes of U.S. foreign policy are economic.

He has outlined America's attempt to control the world's natural resources and insists that such military ventures as the war in Vietnam are not 'mistakes' but, "the logical outcome of a consistent reality we should have understood long before the United States applied so much of its energies to ravaging one small nation."

"Ultimately, the United States has fought in Vietnam with increasing intensity to extend its hegemony over the world community and to stop every form of revolutionary movement which refuses to accept the predominant role of the United States in the direction of affairs of its nation or region.

"On the outcome of this epic contest rests the future of peace and social progress in the world for the twentieth century, not just for those who struggle to overcome the legacy of colonialism and oppression to build new lives, but for the people of the United States themselves."

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Friday Nov 14

Theft (personal)--Administrative Studies Building

A wallet containing \$300.00 and personal papers was stolen from an office left unattended and unlocked for five minutes.

Sunday Dec 9

Theft--University & Personal

After security responded to a prank alert at Stong residence, they returned to their patrol car to find that an unknown person had used a slim-jim to break into the security vehicle. The culprit did some serviceable damage to the interior radio and made off with two flashlights, a hand-held spotlight and a security officers hat with the badge number 24.

Wednesday Dec 12

Trespassing--Osgoode Hall Law School

A male previously given a notice of trespassing was arrested after being found in the junior common room. On being escorted from the premises he resisted being placed in the security vehicle. Serving him with a provincial offense ticket, Metro Police escorted the trespasser off campus.

Thursday Dec 13

Theft (personal)--Parking Lot 6A

An AM/FM car stereo was stolen causing an estimated loss of \$450.00. Although there were no signs of forced entry, the victim believes the car was definitely locked.

Thursday Dec 13

Theft (personal)--Fine Arts Phase 2

A wallet containing \$40.00, credit cards and personal papers was stolen from an unlocked, vacant office just before noon that day. During that same period, a white male, 5'11" approx. 175 lbs. and 20 yrs. of age was seen in the area.

Tribunal member charged

by Brent Poland

A member of the President's University Disciplinary tribunal has been charged with break and enter.

Richard Markovitch has been charged by Metro Police with breaking and entering, possession of stolen property and possession of burglary tools.

These charges stem from a York Security and Metro Police investigation into a recent number of thefts in the rooms of Stong Residence.



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Anyone wishing to register after this date must submit a written petition to the Registrar's Office no later than Friday, February 8, 1991. The appropriate form is available from the Registrar's Office, Suite C130 West Office Building, telephone 736-5155.

Petitions which demonstrate administrative default on the part of a University office or cover compassionate reasons are considered. The Registrar's decision is final.

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