## calendar

#### 14 thursday

Awards Nominations for Founders College students are now being accepted for the Alice Turner Award, the Alumni Citation Award and Ring Awards. Nominations to be sent to Pearl Ginsler, 221 Founders. Nominations period is today through March 28, 1985, 12 noon

#### 15 friday

A conference addressing the anticipated effect of S.15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms will have in achieving equality for women. Workshops/Speakers. Women's Caucus Osgoode Hall Law School. Today from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Conference fee: \$5. Dinner additional \$10. Registration forms/info

16 saturday

Racial Unity Conference—10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. today in Curtis Lecture Hall 'L'. A conference of speakers and films on racial unity. "The Earth is but one country and Mankind its

#### 17 sunday

Dr. C. Holmes-seminar: On Mystical Views of Consciousness, the Spirit, Soul and the Universe, IMSS, Phone 832-2436

### 18 monday

Samuel Zacks Gallery is pleased to announce "Lifeboats: sculpture and installation

by John Notten and Karyn Ross. Opens today at 5:00 p.m., through Friday. 109 Stong College.

Literary Theory and Practice Series: Dr. Jane Nelson, Professor of English, Northeastern University (Boston), will speak on "The Elliptical

Theatre of Emily Dickinson—A New Reading" at 4:15 p.m. in Sylvester's (201 Stong). Sponsored by the Graduate Programme in

#### 19 tuesday

The Gay Alliance at York meets today and every Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in the Purple Lounge of the Fine Arts Building. Everyone is welcome to participate.

## 21 thursday

YUSA Mini-Series: Pat McDermott. Sociolo gist and Labour Lawyer will discuss the effects of technology on the workforce. The discussion will be held from 12-1 p.m. and 1 p.m.-2 p.m. in Room S133 Ross. Everyone is welcome

## **EXCAL STAFFERS!!!**

Candidates for the position of Editor (1985-86) will be screened this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the News Room. If you are not certain of your eligibility to vote, speak to Graham. You must attend the screening or listen to the taped interviews to be eligible to vote.

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# Mid-east peace agenda

By ELLIOTT SHIFF

Former Middle East advisor to President Nixon, John Rothman, spoke to students Tuesday about the latest peace initiatives in the Middle East.

The lecture entitled 'Arafat talking peace-reality or fallacy,' dealt with the US view of the peace process and the recent Hussein-Arafat accord. Rothman said that Ronald Reagan "is the first president since Coolidge who believes his own rhetoric." The result of this, Rothman said, is that Reagan is the best friend Israel has had in the White House since Truman.

Rothman listed several reasons for the broad base of support Israel receives in the US. Rothman also said Israel is an important strategic US ally because it provides a gateway to Asia, Africa and Europe. In addition Rothman spoke about the US airbase located in the Negev and mentioned the importance of Haifa as a port in the Mediterranean.

Rothman also spoke about points of national consensus in the US concerning the peace process.

Rothman said that the US role in the Middle East is to get the moderate states such as Egypt and Jordan to formulate some sort of agenda for peace with Israel. The main stumbling block, as Rothman sees it, is the relationship between Hussein and Arafat, who are sworn enemies. Arafat cannot let Hussein enter the peace process of he faces further rebellion from within the already fractured PLO while Hussein, who rules over a Palestinian majority, cannot run the risk of inciting rebellion in his country which is 70 percent Palestinian, Rothman said.

Rothman said that the US favors direct negotiations between Jordan, Israel and Palestinians living in the disputed territories. "No one will get everything they want," Rothman said, adding, "everyone has to compromise.

"The longer the Palestinians wait, he less likely they are to get any thing," Rothman said. "It is up to Hussein and the moderate Palestinians to assert themselves and get the peace process moving."

## Student Front dissatisfied

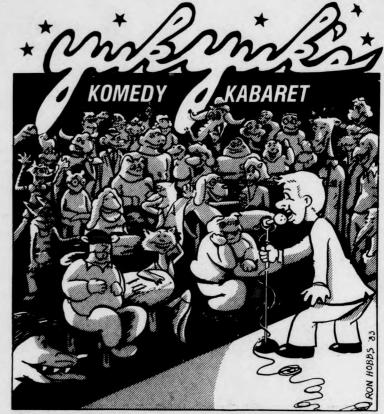
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Jorge Echegoyan, a YSF member and a campaigner for Riha's ill-fated run at the presidency last year, said the boycott meant to express the organization's dissatisfaction with what CYSF has been doing in the past, and their expectation that "the present candidates won't do any more" than their predecessors.

"We just don't see them doing the job of representing students," Eche-

"The alternative is to go towards the student movement and form a pluralistic, non-partisan body-to act against government actions aimed against students."

Echegoyan stressed, however, that YSF does not want "to replace or get rid of CYSF. "If we did that we'd have to create a structure as rigid as this one," he said. "Basically we are committed to providing a student voice and working with the grassroots."



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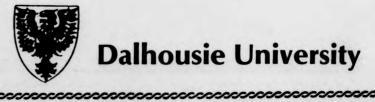
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