

Centre reports small increase in sexual harassment cases

By NANCY PHILLIPS

There was an increase in the number of sexual harassment cases reported to York's Sexual Harassment Education and Complaint Centre (SHEACC) compared to last year, according to the Centre's annual report.

The Centre dealt with a total of 66 incidents, 15 more than last year.

Dale Hall, the Acting Summer Co-ordinator of SHEACC explained, however, that "things are not getting worse. It's just that people are finding out that we're here." SHEACC has been in operation for five years.

SHEACC's aim, according to the report, is "to help members of the university know and understand their rights and obligations with respect to sexual harassment."

SHEACC counsels victims of sexual harassment, and hopes to reduce and help eliminate the problem altogether.

Along with counselling, SHEACC reached out to the York community this past year with 50 educational engagements aimed at "students or people who work with students," according to the report. Posters and brochures were also widely distributed. SHEACC also has a resource library.

Hall said that SHEACC will expand its educational engagements this coming year, along with the distribution of new posters and brochures.

The report says that SHEACC sometimes has to deal with sexual assault cases, "in particular date and acquaintance rape." The Centre realizes that more systematic education is needed in this area.

York was the first university in Ontario, and maybe even in Canada, to have a sexual harassment centre, said Hall. Many other universities still don't even have committees set up to deal with the issue.

Allegations soar after ACSA-Kruchio affair

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The Atkinson College Students Association (ACSA) has come under heavy criticism following a decision not to rehire Agnes Kruchio, editor of the college's student newspaper, the *Atkinsonian*.

Kruchio received official notification that her contract would not be renewed in a letter from ACSA Secretariat Sonny Francois on March 31, 1988. Francois wrote that Kruchio's contract was not renewed because she had "violated the terms of the . . . contract." According to ACSA Internal Affairs Director Ann Elsdon and ACSA President Winston Charles, these violations included failure to submit staff payroll on time and meet specified publication deadlines.

Kruchio, however, feels that the ACSA's complaints were about the "pettiest things," that did not constitute a breach of contract. In fact, she stated, the Board of Publications approved extensions of the deadline each time she allegedly missed it. Elsdon qualifies this claim, however,

noting that the Board had no choice but to approve since the request was always made when the paper was already late.

Steve Weller, the *Atkinsonian's* printer, stated that of all the student newspapers he had dealings with, the *Atkinsonian* was by far the least punctual. "You never knew when the paper was going to arrive for printing," he said. "That's not good for business."

Kruchio maintains that the ACSA's actions are "all political." She says that the ACSA could not handle the criticism she levied against it, citing recent *Atkinsonian* coverage of alleged ACSA financial improprieties as an example. She further states that the ACSA tried to "kill" her last issue because of the editorial stance taken, adding that Charles personally called the printer to stop the issue.

Charles, however, noted that the decision to suspend printing of the paper was made by the Board of Publications for purely financial reasons, and that "we (the ACSA) do not need to be vindictive towards an editor for criticizing us when we can prove that there was no basis for such criticism." In response to the allegations of financial mismanagement, he referred *Excalibur* to a review of the Association's finances by accountant Philip Creighton that indicates the books to be in good order.

Kruchio also alleges that she was "fired without being given fair warning or a fair hearing." Henry Jin, Chairperson of the *Atkinsonian* Board of Publications, agreed, noting that the ACSA Executive "is telling the Board of Publications what to do, both indirectly and directly." He feels that the Board is being rendered impotent by excessive ACSA influence.

In response, Charles noted that Jin "had his own view of what the Board of Publications should be doing." According to the ACSA Constitution, the Board of Publications is to act as a buffer between the ACSA and the *Atkinsonian*. However, Charles notes that the newspaper is completely funded by the ACSA, and functions as one of many services offered to Atkinson students. Ultimately, he adds, the ACSA Executive is responsible for the newspaper.

He pointed out that under normal



I FINALLY DID IT, MA: York students of every shape and size officially graduated this past week during York's annual convocation ceremonies. A Nobel prize winner and a Pulitzer prize winning business historian are among the nine honorary degrees that will be awarded.

conditions the Board would not have been bypassed. But in Kruchio's case, the administrative difficulties the *Atkinsonian* was experiencing could have led to financial problems for the ACSA.

Karen Crozier, former editor of

the *Atkinsonian*, feels that "the publications board, perceiving their role as one of serving the executive, plan to replace [Kruchio] with a 'yes' person who will not question ACSA spending or policy decisions."

Jin added that, in an inappropri-

ate move, the ACSA Executive has told the Board of Publications not to consider Kruchio as a candidate for next year's editorship.

Charles responded to this by stating that "it just did not happen" and stated that Jin was "lying."

Copyright law potentially costly

By NANCY PHILLIPS

In a potentially costly move for educational institutions, the federal government has passed the first phase of the new copyright legislation.

According to Lesley Harris, the Copyright Policy Analyst for Communications Minister Flora MacDonald, the 1924 Copyright Act practically prohibited the photocopying of all articles or books. The legislation made photocopying a substantial part of any copyright material illegal.

Harris states that Bill C-60 provides a mechanism that helps legalize the present activities of institutions, such as libraries, by means of a collective. The collective, consisting of copyright owners, will negotiate with users to set royalty rates. Users

will then pay a blanket license fee to the collectives, which will cover a specific period of time. The blanket license fee will be determined by a statistical analysis of the quantities of copies made at the respective institutions.

If a user and a collective cannot agree on a license fee, a Copyright Board will step in to settle the dispute, explained Harris.

Raymond Lepage, a Copyright Policy Officer, said that the second phase of the Bill has yet to be passed. Lepage explained that Phase 2 "will address the exemptions for educational institutions." There is a possibility that universities may be exempted from paying certain royalties. Lepage said that Phase 2 should be in place by September.

Currently York and other educational institutions are not being directly affected by C-60, as the pro-

visions for Copyright Boards and collectives are not in place. Lepage stated that they will be formed very soon and that Phase 1 will be fully implemented, whether or not Phase 2 is passed.

Joe Zammit, the Director of External Affairs for the CYSF, is convinced that if York has to pay royalties on library photocopying and course kits, student fees will go up. Zammit said that "students may get burned."

However, it has yet to be decided who will pay the royalties to the collectives, said Harris. In Quebec, the provincial government negotiates and pays an annual license fee for all schools, but it is possible that in Ontario each university will have to negotiate on its own.

York's administration has yet to issue a statement regarding the passage of Bill C-60.

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