



MESSY DIVORCE



MOHAMED WAHBA
"Obsessed" with his junk.



WHAT A DUMP: Samira Wahba (below left, with her lawyer) says her Hofstra prof hubby forced her to live in a Long Island condo (above), which he crammed with junk he had picked out of garbage bins. Victoria Will (below)

Pack-rat prof made my life a hell: wife

EXCLUSIVE

By ERIC LENKOWITZ

A nutty professor forced his wife to live in squalid conditions in their Long Island condo for more than a decade — subjecting her to years of abuse while refusing to remove the mountain of junk he amassed rummaging through Dumpsters, the wife charges.

Samira Wahba, 63, said she's been left penniless by miserly husband Mohamed Wahba, 70, who owns several properties and just last month retired from a \$100,000-a-year post as a business professor at Hofstra University.

"I stood by this man as his mental illness progressed," Wahba said in divorce papers filed in Nassau County Supreme Court. "He was unable to do the simplest of tasks as he was more obsessed with collecting debris until it got out of control."

She said he would routinely go outside their Long Beach home at around 1 a.m. and sift through garbage containers for items like clothes, machines, boxes and broken TVs.

"He forms a bond with his trash and fears losing it," Samira Wahba said. "Nevertheless, I ... could no longer bear living with this man who forced me to live in a Dumpster, dictated my life, my finances and my job."

The couple married 11 years ago after she left her job at Oxford University in England.

Samira Wahba said he soon began his habit of collecting junk and became verbally abusive and forbid her from answering the phone or cleaning up.

Wahba said she is severely in debt because of the stranglehold her husband put on her finances — forcing her to use most of her \$9,000 salary as an adjunct Hofstra professor to pay for both of their living expenses.

Mohamed Wahba's lawyer, Leonard Ross, said Samira Wahba collected a \$60,000 profit from the sale of her Mastic home, which his client encouraged her to buy several years ago. "She never shows where that money went," Ross said.

Samira Wahba's lawyer, Susan Chana Lask, said that money is already earmarked for repaying debts amassed during her nine months away from her husband with no support.

Ross said, "My client is very willing to provide her what she is entitled to and let her live in a house he owns in Wading River."

Ross said his client has been severely ill for years with liver damage, hepatitis C, brain seizures, hypertension and diabetes.

