

# CLUBS ON CAMPUS

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*For many newcomers to York, involvement in campus clubs helps to alleviate the impersonal feelings often associated with university life. There are many diverse clubs to be found on campus and include academic, cultural, social and religiously oriented organizations.*

## ACADEMIC

### Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economique et Commerciales



The Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economique et Commerciales (AIESEC, pronounced eye-sec) is a student-managed, non-profit organization operating in 58 countries, at over 400 universities.

The objectives of the association are three-fold: "To expand business studies by providing practical working experience; to develop management skills and leadership potential; and to promote international understanding and cooperation."

The organization is rewarding for all members. "Those students with particular interests in international affairs, business affairs or perhaps in an overseas occupation will, no doubt, benefit the most," said group representative Michael Denny.

There is a great deal of emphasis placed on membership participation within AIESEC.

"The real value comes from getting heavily involved," Denny said. AIESEC offers its members one of the most extensive lists of activities and programs, both at an international and local level. Members who wish to participate in the 'International Job Exchange' program have the opportunity to gain, first hand, practical experience while working abroad on a traineeship program that can last as briefly as three months or as long as 18 months.

Other programs such as a *Summer Reception*, *Career Days* and *Contact Talks* have already occurred or are scheduled to take place during the year. A *Seminar Training Program* is forecast for next summer. Discussion topics include: "The Ethics in the World of Business." This is an Ontario-wide project, where all Ontario universities help in its coordination. The project will be advertised in Europe and Denny expects that Ontario will host about 50 foreign students.

A study tour is currently in the preparatory stages, and is planned for next summer. Later in the year delegates from 32 universities will attend a meeting in Vancouver to elect the national executive committee which will subsequently coordinate the International Job Exchange program. Sometime in the month of March, the International Congress will be held in Barcelona, Spain.

However, it should be noted that ventures of this type are paid fully by participating students. Admittedly, Denny pointed out that he is "worried that AIESEC may turn into a 'York University rich man's club'."

The organization relies heavily on funds provided by CYSF, business councils, businessmen, the colleges on the York campus and charity events. Also, the members supply a substantial portion of expenses, through a membership fee of \$10.00.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information can visit Room 008 Administrative Studies Building and ask for Michael Denny.



MARIO SCATOLONI

### History Students Association

The History Student Association was formed last year after a 10-year hiatus. Rob Castle, chairman of the association, explained that the HSA has a "three-fold function: political, academic and social, and acts as a general assembly for history students, discussing issues of policy in the History Department and sends students to sit on department committees."

The association is planning to invite a number of guest speakers, and 'Career Seminars' are scheduled to take place in December or January. A 'Medieval Day' is also planned during mid-January, involving films and guest speakers.

Socially the association hopes to have wine and cheese-type gatherings and pub-nights. The association is funded primarily by CYSF and there is no membership fee. Students registered in any one history course are encouraged to join. "The History Student Association offers an opportunity for students to meet other students with mutual interests—social or political."

"Our main purpose is to prove that history can be fun," said the group's chairman.

If interested in obtaining more information, you can drop by Vanier College, Room 225, and ask for Rob Castle.

### Philosophy Students Association

The Philosophy Students' Association is a new organization whose purpose, said the association's president, Jane Lamantia, is to "apply the question-answer techniques of pure philosophy to various social issues, and to provide a setting to discuss topics of specialized philosophic study that are not offered in the classroom."

Activities such as seminars, study groups and discussions are in the preparatory stages. For instance, the association is planning a tentative seminar on the punk sub-culture, which will take place in the next few weeks.

"The interest must be there for anyone wanting to join," La Mantia said, "and we've got the stimulation to enhance those interests. We want to appeal to students' desires to discuss amongst themselves and to encourage dialogue between the students and their professors. It's important that students feel they have an impact on courses offered in the Department of Philosophy. But especially, we want to get the idea across that philosophy is an activity, a source of personal enjoyment and not just a passive thing."

All students are welcomed and there is no membership fee involved. If interested in obtaining more information contact Jane LaMantia through CYSF or drop a note in their mailbox at S660 Ross.

## SOCIAL

### Winters College Chess Club

The Winters College Chess Club is a new club on the York campus with two objectives: to provide a setting whereby Winters College students can meet one another, and to promote chess playing competitions between Winters and other colleges.

The club hopes tournaments and chess seminars for beginners will take place later in the year. Club organizer Joe Resendez stressed that the club is not solely for "fantastic" chess players but for anyone who is interested in having a casual game from time to time.

"We would like to see inter-college chess tournaments," Resendez said. "In fact we'd like to challenge anyone interested to give us a call. We'll provide the trophy and we'll have a bash to celebrate afterwards."

The only pre-requisite for anyone interested in becoming a member, is that they must belong to Winters College. For more information contact Joe Resendez at Room 220 Winters College or through CYSF.

### York University Cricket Club

The York University Cricket Club was first organized by faculty and students at York in the early seventies. The YUCC runs various events during the year, in addition to cricket, including video-nights and dances, and "first class cricket games," said William Ward, the club president.

Ward said the "special thing about this club is that all facilities are our own and therefore we're able to participate more as a club. Also the social network, that is promoted by this type of game, is beneficial in that it supports positive relationships with other game players."

All students are welcome to take part in the club's "friendly games." Although there is not a membership fee for the casual games, there is a \$40.00 fee for those interested in participating in the cricket league.

The club is funded by Recreation York and money generated through dances held. If interested in obtaining more information contact William Ward at 667-3576.

### York Association for Peace

The York Association for Peace was organized about three years ago and at present has nearly 500 members. Although only 20 members are "active," M.C. Namee, a representative of the association, pointed out that most members usually attend the group's rallies.

The objective of the association is to place pressure on the Canadian government for a nuclear, multi-lateral disarmament freeze. The association generates petitions from time to time and initiates or becomes involved in various demonstrations in Toronto.

There is no compulsory membership fee and therefore the association relies on donations and funding provided by the Graduate Students Association and CYSF.

The association plans to announce upcoming events such as discussion groups, seminars or rallies.

For more information contact M.C. Namee at 667-3431.



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### York University Scuba Club

For any of you Jacques Cousteau fans the Scuba Club is certainly the club for you. The York University Scuba Club originated last April and is currently planning seminars such as "How to Handle a Diving Accident" and films that will deal with marine biology, reefs and shipwrecks.

The club provides the chance to get involved in a few "treasure-hunting" outings on weekends. The club is also planning a "fish-hatchery." Divers will be able to "swim around in a man-made lake where fish breeding takes place... imagine eye to eye contact with a fish!" said Curtis Jones the club's president.

The club is not affiliated with any particular scuba-diving certification agency.

"We don't provide certification for people, but we provide information with regards to rescue diving, night diving, underwater photography, etc.," Jones said.

"Scuba equipment is expensive. However, as a group we're able to get better prices for better quality scuba gear," added Jones.

The club was initially formed at Glendon College, with a total membership of only eight people. That number has increased to 21 today. The club holds seminars and meetings on both York and Glendon campuses. The membership fee is \$24.00 which includes a free t-shirt. Anyone interested in obtaining more information can contact Heather Asals at 351 Stong College or Curtis Jones at 481-0201.

Regrettably, although efforts were made to contact almost all organizations on campus, they were not always successful. Some expressed disinterest and were therefore not pursued, and others simply did not show up for scheduled interviews. Some remained unknown to the writer.