

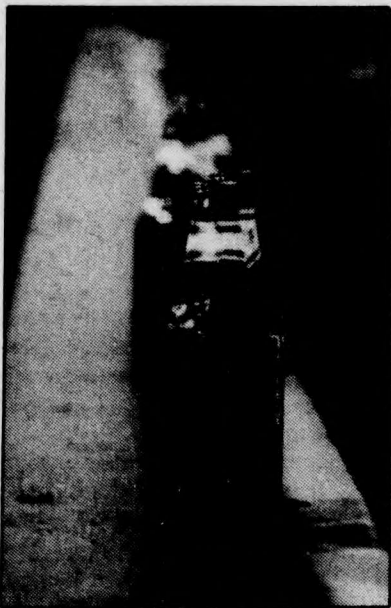
## Pubs hope draft beer can substitute for bottled suds

By SANDY MACINTYRE

The pubs and restaurants on campus that serve beer are beginning to feel the effects of the lockout by the major breweries, now dragging into its second week. And there appears to be no agreement in sight.

Inventory and Operations Officer Tom Pelletier is responsible for ordering the beer for the campus pubs. Pelletier said he stockpiled an emergency cache of beer in anticipation of the current labor dispute. This beer was distributed among the various pubs and restaurants on March 5, Pelletier said, but instead of the usual 50 to 100 cases per week they could only obtain 19 to 20 cases each.

When this domestic beer runs out students will only have the options of buying the more expen-



The last time beer bottles were seen on York campus: Feb. 21 at York-U of T hockey match.

sive imported beer sold by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, switching to liquor or wine, or abstaining completely until the dispute is settled.

The Cock and Bull and Open End coffee shops and pubs will both be out of Canadian brew by today. Canadian beer sells for about \$1.75 per bottle while imported fare fetches about \$2.30. The majority of the people employed in the pubs and coffee shops are students. If the shortage lasts for any length of time it may eventually affect student employment.

Glen Dodds, Manager of the Graduate Student Lounge does not

expect to be as severely effected as other pubs on campus. Food sales account for about 50 percent of the Graduate Lounge's overall sales. Nevertheless the reduction in beer sales will depreciate overall returns.

Dodds said there is no beer left at the Graduate Lounge and that surprisingly nobody had seen fit to do anything about keeping stocks in reserve.

Pelletier says this is not true, that he kept stock in reserve precisely for this purpose.

Dave O'Sullivan, the Manager of JACS and Norman's in Norman Bethune College said he expects that by next week there will be no beer left. He has decided to limit the beer used per function to 20 cases and some has been put aside for their year-end dinner-dance. Norman's is one of the few pubs that has a regular supply of draft beer on tap. The draft beer which sells at a cheaper price than the bottled beer is not expected to last much longer either.

The Cock and Bull Coffee Shop and Pub, one of the more popular ale houses on campus, is expected to reel from the lockout. Seventy-five percent of their overall sales can be attributed directly to beer said pub Manager Patty Gosse. When this article goes to press Gosse said their supply should be completely exhausted.

Gosse said several of the pub managers were planning a private meeting last Monday afternoon to try and determine how to tackle the beer shortage. Gosse suggested that draft beer could be ordered directly from Amstel Breweries in Hamilton, thereby bypassing the immobilized Brewers' Retail.

If it is decided to obtain draft beer from Amstel Brewery pubs will have to adapt their equipment to cater to the change. This could prove to be an expensive procedure for the pubs that are currently not equipped to serve draft. Draft beer also has a shorter shelf life than bottled beer; it remains fresh for about 21 days, whereas bottled beer lasts up to three months. This means that if an agreement is reached suddenly between brewery workers and management the pubs may find themselves with a lot of draft beer on their hands.

There is only defect in this plan, says Pelletier, and that is that Amstel, the only Ontario brewery still open, does not produce draft beer.

## Former CYSF candidate urges election boycott

By GARY SYMONS

Last week the York Student Front (YSF) pulled a surprise move by withdrawing its slate of candidates from this year's CYSF elections.

If the YSF's withdrawal of their entire slate of candidates from the elections surprised some people, their latest move—a campaign encouraging students not to vote—must have surprised a lot more.

Alex Riha, who ran for CYSF president last year, told *Excalibur* last week that the YSF had decided as a body that "taking part in CYSF is fruitless," and as a result of their disillusionment with York's student government they had voted to withdraw their candidates for CYSF positions.

This week the YSF took their protest a step further as posters urging students to boycott CYSF elections were spread across the campus and YSF members voiced their disapproval at Tuesday's presidential candidates meeting at the bearpit in Central Square. The YSF's presence was made known from the beginning of the meeting as a woman stepped to the microphone urging students to boycott the elections, saying that CYSF is an elitist group that does not represent the student population. She was cut short by CYSF Speaker Marshall Golden, who turned down the microphone.

Later, Riha and other students believed to be members of YSF criticized the presidential candidates for making the same "empty promises that have been made and broken before."

CYSF Chief Returning officer James Crossland condemned the boycott, quoting former Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson, who said, "If you want to play politics, get yourself elected."

"If YSF wants to change things," Crossland said, "they should run and change the way CYSF is operated."

Crossland did say, however, that there is nothing that CYSF can do to stop the boycott campaign since the election regulations only cover the actions of candidates, but, he added, "I think it's ironic that a progressive group of students are encouraging student inactivity."

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## Skeptical students harangue candidates

By STEVE STRIBBELL

Candidates for the position of president of CYSF were subject to a great deal of criticism at Tuesday's All-Candidates Meeting in Central Square.

During the question period following the speeches student negativity became obvious when a woman, identified only as Roxanne, burst into a monologue recommending that students boycott the election and saying that the CYSF is an elitist group that does not represent the student population. She was cut short by Speaker Marshall Golden who had her microphone turned down.

Several students also accused the candidates of simply pledging the same things that have been promised in previous elections. Most candidates defended themselves by asking the audience about their involvement in student politics, suggesting the provocation of change at York would require a great deal more student involvement than has been evident in recent years.

Though some tempers were running high, the majority of students who chose to question candidates remained calm and directed their queries to CYSF and its stand on the

Bovey Commission's recommendations and CYSF's involvement in the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS). Both Reya Ali and Valance Ellies were criticized for their lack of involvement in the OFS despite their statements to the contrary. All of the candidates supported CYSF's invol-

vement with OFS except John Christie, who believes that the \$30,000 annual membership fee can be put to better use by the CYSF.

All of the candidates agree that some sort of protest should be lodged against the recommendations of the Bovey Commission.



**SILENCE IS:** CYSF Speaker Marshall Golden hosts the all-candidate's meeting which brought hopefuls for six CYSF Directorships to Central Square bearpit on Monday afternoon. Audience grilled candidates during the question period.

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