

China Week this week at York

By Lisa Woo

The Chinese Student's Association at York University is one of several in Ontario to sponsor "China Week".

The special week, held from January 23-27, aims to promote understanding, friendship and cultural awareness among students and to introduce the new way of life of people in China today.

China Week events at York feature art and handicraft displays in Central Square, and films on various aspects of life in China, shown daily in the Bearpit.

On the weekend, over 200 Chinese students from eight universities, including U of T, York, Queens and McGill, will gather in Ottawa to participate in a three-hour performance which will include recital of Chinese folk songs and poetry. A dinner party sponsored by Ottawa University will follow, with overnight camping in the Ottawa U gym, and the return home on Sunday.

This year is the first time "China Week" has been held at York, though in previous years it has taken place in other universities in Ontario and Quebec.

New manager to be elected at CKRY

By Scott Clayton

A new station manager for Radio York will be elected today to fill the position vacated by former station manager Giulio Malfatti last week.

The two candidates, Norm Ritchie and Ian Wasserman, were given the rubber stamp of approval by the Radio York Board of Directors on Tuesday.

Wasserman was the choice of Malfatti for the post, but he has been challenged by Ritchie, with an election thereby being necessary.

The status of the \$9,000 debt that the station owes the University will not be an issue in the election, as arrangements have finally been made to clear it up. The CYSF will pay \$2,500 this year, the same next year, and the University will write off the remaining \$4,000 as a "learning experience".

Ryerson to slash teaching staff

By Harvey Pinder

Ryerson Polytechnical Institute may eliminate the equivalent of 88 full-time teaching jobs next year. Walter Pitman, Ryerson's President, claimed that, "even if we increased salaries 0%, we would be short \$2 million" if we saved those jobs.

He also said that only part-time faculty would be affected. Since many part-time faculty teach less than half the full-time load this would mean over 170 teachers would not return next year.

Ryerson is currently negotiating with the union representing part-time faculty though Pitman claimed that he was not attempting to intimidate them.

Ryerson's financial problems are being caused by the government, "whose policy" said Ryerson Vice-President Packham, "is to spend only as much as it collects. This means cutbacks in all programs, not just education." Pitman elaborated on this by saying that schools, hospitals and social welfare agencies will suffer as the government tries to revive the private sector, particularly industry.

The provincial government has allocated an increase of 5% for universities and colleges next year. The inflation rate is currently 8.5%, but the last three months have seen an 11.2% increase. The non-personnel costs for universities have increased at an even higher rate.

The result of a 5% increase is a reduction in the real dollars (dollars discounted for inflation) which universities can spend.

In response to these cutbacks the student council of Ryerson has budgeted \$2500 and assigned a full-time researcher "to fight the administration over cuts we have identified as reducing the quality of education. We'll stop them, or make a hell of a lot of noise about it," said student council President Kevin Schwenker. He added that council's efforts "will turn into a general student and public awareness campaign directed at the Ontario government".

Ryerson was in the same position as York was this past fall, unexpectedly having a shortfall in revenue. Initial estimates of a \$1 million deficit have been reduced by cutting \$700,000 from non-personnel areas. A freeze was also put on hiring, with exceptions very hard to obtain.

Pitman explained that Ryerson is conducting a "zero base budgeting" process whereby every faculty, department, and office has to justify

each request for funding. They are starting from the bottom up and determining what is absolutely essential in order to maintain academic integrity.

Parkham had previously noted that a student's time in the classroom might be reduced by 10 to

20 per cent, along with a reduction in course selection.

Pitman was very emphatic that the figure of 88 jobs was preliminary and tentative, but also noted that "we haven't set aside any money for salary settlements next year, so far".

Here at York no figures have been mentioned concerning reductions in faculty, or course selection, but a special meeting of the Board of Governors has been called for this Monday at Glendon College to deal solely with the future budgets of York.



Italian film director Lina Wertmuller (2nd from right) and actor Giancarlo Giannini (2nd from left) appeared at a symposium Friday night at Ryerson. Their work together includes *The Seduction of Mimi*, *Seven Beauties*, *Love and Anarchy*, and *Swept Away*, which was screened following the hour-long session. The program was sponsored by Ryerson, York's film department and the Italian Embassy. The two artists fielded questions from an audience of about 300, composed of faculty and students from the two schools and guests of the embassy. Last Thursday, the pair appeared on CBC's *90 Minutes Live*, and scores of ticket-holders were turned away from the studio.

Sandy Zeldin photo

Bethune council rocked by impeachment

By David Saltmarsh

On Monday evening Bethune College Council Vice-Chairman Naomi Laird was removed from the Council on the grounds she had missed three consecutive Council meetings.

As a result Council Chairman Bruce Terry announced he would have to consider offering his resignation. "Each one of those meetings Naomi missed I was aware of her inability to attend, but because of urgent business... I felt it

necessary to call those meetings, even in view of Naomi's absence. I do not consider it reasonable to have Naomi removed from her position, and I question the responsibility of the Council in making that decision," Terry said.

For two of the meetings Laird was visiting home in Trinidad over the Christmas break, and was in Ottawa for the third. This year is Laird's second term on Council.

The Council voted four to five against interpreting the constitution to allow Laird to remain on Council. A two-thirds majority would have been required to permit her to stay on.

Acting Bethune College Master Griffin Cunningham first learned of the Council's decision when contacted by *Excalibur*. He said he had no idea this was happening, and his first reaction was one of "horror and dismay". Cunningham said that Laird had been a good member of the Council, and that there must have been reasons other than absenteeism behind her removal, and that "people aren't using their heads." Cunningham noted that this is his first year at Bethune College and "If this continues to go on it will happily be my last."

Glendon paper in \$\$ trouble

By Harvey Pinder

Pro Tem, the student newspaper of Glendon College, failed to publish last week due to financial problems. Marc Everard, editor of the paper said, "If we had continued to the end of the year we would have a deficit of \$6-7,000. As it stood we had a deficit of \$1-1,500."

He added, "we will recommence publishing after missing three issues: because of special arrangements with Glendon College Student Council and Canadian University Press." The Council forgave a loan of \$3,500 which they had extended to last year's paper and CUP arranged to reduce the fees. *Pro Tem* would normally pay.

Cheryl Watson, President of Student Council, remarked, "no one was really upset because we knew it was temporary. Perhaps the paper's absence will make people appreciate it more."

Pro Tem receives a set amount equivalent of \$6.50 per full-time student, which was approved in a referendum several years ago. This amounts to \$6,600 in direct grants from the student body.

Excalibur receives \$14,000 from a student population ten times larger, approximately \$1.40 per full-time student.

The past two years have seen *Excalibur's* grant slashed from \$28,000 to \$14,000, by the student council, creating financial problems for the paper.

Pro Tem plans to resume publication February 9 in its usual format of 12 pages once a week.

Board has an edifice complex

By Harvey Pinder

The Board of Governors remains true to form, paying great attention to the structure of York and forgetting the people who live, teach or learn here. Or, as one person put it, they have an edifice complex.

The latest instance is their refusal to hold the special budget meeting at the main campus. The only reason offered? "Too far to drive."

Their refusal is particularly grating because it was the Board which decided to place us out here in God's wind tunnel.

They forget that most of us don't have cars to drive. It is beyond their comprehension that many of us spend hours each day on buses and subways. I doubt if any of the business representatives have taken the TTC in the last decade.

My motion, that the BOG should hold one meeting where 90 percent of the York community is, was countered by H. Jackman, a Rosedale native, Chairman of Empire Life Insurance, Director of Argus Corporation, and holder



of fourteen other directorships, who said, "We are not here for the convenience of the spectators."

The vote was taken and, while receiving the backing of Professors McCormack and Creal, along with alumni representative Cooper, was defeated by the mass of businessmen, joined, regrettably, by the sole labor member of the BOG, David Archer.

The BOG is scared of publicity, and worried about spectators. Another motion of mine, which would allow BOG members to attend committee meetings of the BOG was also defeated, though supported by the two faculty

representatives, along with one other governor. My motion was not extraordinary, since committee meetings at U of T are even open to the public. But to the BOG at York, dominated by the secrecy habitual to businessmen, even this partial openness was anathema.

The trend seems to be that the two students and two faculty, plus one or two other governors, vote in favour of "controversial" matters; while the remaining 20 or so businessmen vote against. That is, if the businessmen attend. The last meeting had twelve out of thirty governors present. Our new Chancellor, John Robarts hasn't come once. John Turner, former finance minister, now director of some of the biggest companies in Canada, comes to one in three. But even with poor attendance the businessmen still beat us. We will have to change the composition of the BOG before we can call it representative or responsible to us, students, faculty and staff.

In the fall, I raised the matter of money being spent on free liquor and food for Chancellor's Dinners at the same time that the library

hours were being chopped. At the BOG meeting following that article I was led to believe that the money came from donations, not the university.

Afterwards I was told by a person of responsibility that the announcement was not quite correct.

Well, wonders of wonders, and after the uproar has died down, it came out at a BOG meeting that the University did, indeed pay for the liquor and food, as part of the expenses for the Honorary

Graduate at each commencement, to the tune of over \$10,000.

In view of York's financial problems I suggest that we cancel the dinners, donate \$5,000 worth of books, suitably inscribed, to the library, and present a scroll of appreciation to the honored person.

In addition, if we diverted the money from frivolous spending to the library we could have a half-decent library instead of the indecent abomination we are currently burdened with.

In this box I was going to urge all members of the York community to attend the special BOG meeting to discuss the budget which was to be held Monday.

However, the BOG has cancelled the meeting. Instead, its executive will meet in secret with the Senate executive. I repeat, IN SECRET.

Even I, a governor elected by the students, cannot attend. Neither can Jay Bell, the other student; nor the two faculty representatives, Michael Creal and Thelma McCormack.

But 70 percent of the remaining BOG members can, because they are members of the executive. I predicted last fall that the ridiculous increase in the size of the executive would result in continued secrecy, although meetings of the whole were opened to the public.

Likewise, their recent refusal to allow BOG members to attend meetings of committees of which they are not members perpetuates the seige mentality.