

"Too much frustration"

Editors resign over apathy, schoolwork

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

The college paper editors from Stong college resigned last week citing manpower problems, and adverse criticism from Stong college students.

Kim Killen and Sarah Lawley, both Stong students decided to end their fruitless jobs as co-editors of the Stong Flyer after weeks of 'frustration and anxiety'.

Killen says that the monthly paper received less than an average of seven contributions per issue and too much negative criticism to make the job worthwhile.

"I was thinking of going into journalism after I graduate from

York, but now I've changed my mind", he told an Excalibur reporter over the phone.

Adds Lawley, "the work was too much to do for an unappreciative audience."

Lawley says the most depressing experience she had working on the paper was when the Flyer surveyed the college last year and discovered that only five people had read the Flyer. "There is," she says unhappily, "no support for the paper."

"It would take us", she continues, "10 days to edit, layout and do the paste-up of the paper because there were only two other people helping us on the production."

SEER EDITOR

Last December, Mike Southam followed suit and announced his resignation as editor of the Winters Seer but for entirely different reasons. "I was taking a full course load, working two days at a bank, and editing the Winters paper. The load was too much."

Phil Carr, the Seer's assistant editor will now replace Southam as editor this month.

At a Winters college council meeting last November, it was noted that there was general dissatisfaction with the quality of the paper by several council

members. But little evidence could be found to suggest that Southam resigned because of the council's criticism.

Virginia Rock, Master of Stong college, admits that college papers in the past, haven't functioned very well.

Rock, suggests the reason for their failure lies with the students themselves.

"So few students have the technical experience to put out a paper. It looks easy to them until they try it," she says.

Last November, Rock presented a proposal to establish a campus wide college newspaper to the presidential task force on the

cultural and physical ambience of the university.

The proposed weekly paper would allow the colleges to pool their resources and contribute two pages to every issue, Rock explains.

However, the ambience task force did not include the idea in their report, according to Rock, 'probably because it was the wrong task force to consider it,' she says.

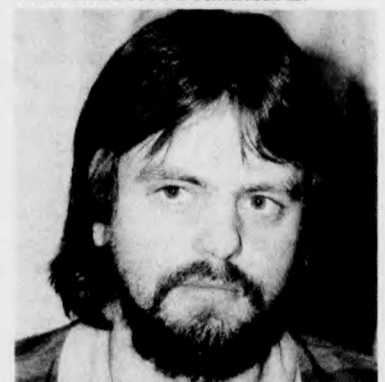
She had taken the same proposal, however, to the task force on the college system but has yet to hear if the task force will include the proposal in its recommendations.

The publications committees for both Stong and Winters colleges are now once again looking for new editors for their college papers.

The deadline for applications for

assistant editor of Winters Seer is January 20.

Applications for Stong Flyer editors will be accepted by Virginia Rock and Steve Dranatsaris.



Another former Flyer editor Kim Killen



Former Seer editor Mike Southam.



Former Flyer editor Sarah Lawley.

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Chessmen come fourth out of 108

By ROGER LANGEN

York University's chess team came fourth in a field of 108 teams at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess championships held in New York City December 26-30.

York's team consisted of four players and two reserves. The individual results for the York team were:

1. Peter Nurmi, 5 wins, 1 loss, 2 ties;
 2. Roger Langen, 1 win, 2 losses, 3 ties;
 3. David Lavin, 7 wins, no losses, no ties;
 4. Andy Dmytriw, 2 wins, 3 losses, no ties;
- first alternative, Sid Schwartz, 2 wins, 2 losses, no ties;
 second alternate; Harro Rahder, no wins, 1 loss, 1 tie.

Lavine's performance was the best of the tournament, earning him a provisional master's rating (American). York's Nurmi is a Canadian master, present Toronto champion and former Canadian junior champion. His only loss was a time forfeiture in a winning position.

The tournament was won by the University of Southern Florida, 8-0. Second place was shared by the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Cincinnati. The U of P team had three brothers, two of them only 17 year old masters who were also identical twins.

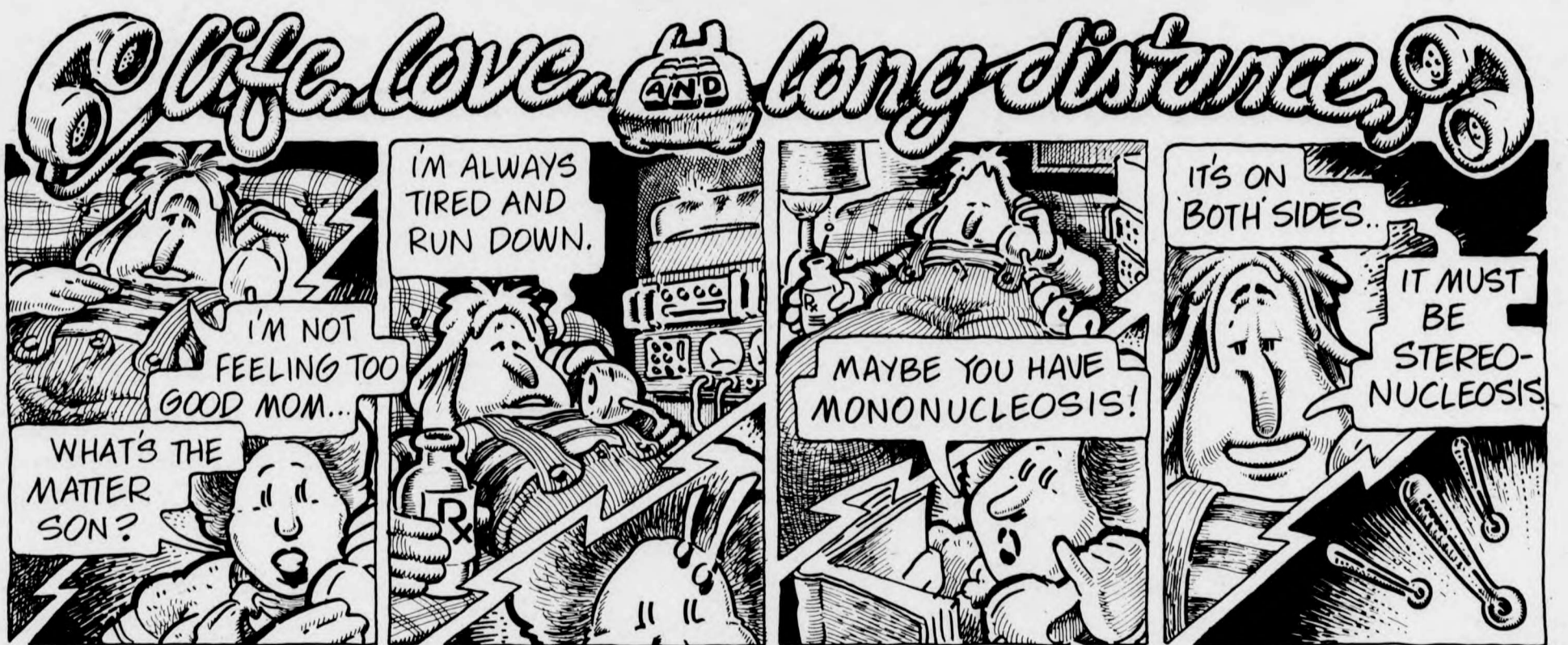
York tied for fourth with five teams from the US and as cross-town rivals, the University of Toronto.

The Winters Chess club from which the team members were selected, meets every Thursday and Friday afternoon from 1:30 pm at Winters College, room 030A. All members of the university are welcome.

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