

Anti-apartheid subject of brief to city council

By MATILDA KENTRIDGE

The newly-formed Anti-Apartheid Coalition of Toronto (AACT) recently recommended to the City of Toronto that it divest from South Africa, publically endorse a boycott of South African products, and as a gesture of moral support, "twin" itself with the black South African township of Soweto.

Yola Grant, an Osgoode Hall Law School student and Steering Committee member of AACT, presented the organization's first brief to an Ad Hoc Committee of Toronto City Council on Municipal Action Against Apartheid on August 26.

The brief called for "comprehensive sanctions against South Africa," and opposed "Canadian Government complicity with Apartheid."

"The committee was very receptive," Grant said. "I expect that some of it (the brief's recommendations) will go."

Grant said that the "twinning" of Toronto with Soweto would be "primarily symbolic." "It tells people whose side you're on," she said.

AACT was formed as a reaction to the imposition of a state of emergency by Pieter Botha's regime on July 20 and consists of more than 20 anti-apartheid groups, including York's York Student Movement Against Apartheid (YSMAA).

Last spring over 1,000 York students signed a petition calling for the resignation of Sonja Bata from York's Board of Governors, YSMAA spokesperson David Himbara said. Himbara said he is hoping to bolster membership this year, giving the organization more clout when it wages "war" with the university to encourage divestment of York pension fund money.

Himbara said that a four-year-old document the YSMAA obtained indi-

cates that some of York's pension fund money is invested in Alcan Canada, Ford, and Noranda Mines, which have South African links. Himbara believes that York still holds those investments because "the university has not come forward to refute that," he said.

The divestment movement has evolved primarily as a "grassroots" movement, Grant said, drawing widespread strength from people who are outraged with the racist policies of the Nationalist Party of South Africa, which has been in power since 1948.

AACT will address the Executive Committee of the Toronto City Council on September 18.

CYSF lines up free concert

By PAULA TORNECK

The Council of York Student Federation (CYSF) has lined up three bands for this year's orientation week "free" concert.

Although the concept of a free concert during orientation week is not new, this year's line-up consists of more established and commercially popular bands than ever before. The concert, which will be held on September 12 at 4:30 p.m. in Vanier Field, will headline Strange Advance. The other two bands featured are Images in Vogue and Rational Youth.

The cost of the concert is estimated at \$14,000 excluding power and staging expenses, according to CYSF President Reya Ali.

When asked why such a major event was to take place for orientation, Ali said, "It is York's 25th anniversary—we'd like to start it off with a bang." Ali is hoping for a large attendance "to pump the adrenaline back into us after such a long summer."

Although he is still awaiting the final signature on the contract, Ali said he is quite certain that the concert will take place as planned.

York professor falls to death

By EDO VAN BELKOM

Professor Brian Hepworth, a member of the York faculty for over 15 years, died on the evening of August 20 in the town of Elora, eight miles from the city of Guelph.

Constable Bob Carpenter of the OPP station in Guelph said that the cause of death was a fall or drop from a high altitude. Hepworth fell from the David St. bridge onto a jagged rock formation below.

The police report states that there was no indication of foul play connected with the incident and Constable Carpenter said that to the best of the OPP's knowledge, there was no one in close proximity to Hepworth at the time of the incident. "I do not deem this a suicide, nor does the force," Carpenter said.

The police were unable to locate any relatives in this country. Hepworth was born in Yorkshire, England.

Hepworth was to have taught one graduate and two undergraduate English courses this year.

The chairman of the English department, Professor Frank Davey, said of Hepworth, "We can't replace a full-time professor of his calibre on such short notice. He is certainly going to be missed, he was a very important member of our faculty."

ERRATUM:

In the August 22 issue of *Excalibur*, the article entitled "Forum debates current views on post-Marxist theory" incorrectly identified University of Toronto visiting professor Chantel Mouffe. In addition, a part of a sentence was omitted from the article. The sentence should have read: "Laclau said that while Marxism advocates the abolition of private ownership as a means to liberate the oppressed classes, the theory fails to consider the struggles of other social groups such as women."

Excalibur regrets these errors.

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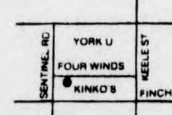
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