

Sylvester's at Stong

New pub's namesake was original settler

By BRENDA WEEKS
Sylvester's, York's new watering hole at 201 Stong, staged its grand opening Tuesday night. Named for Sylvester Stong, who came to York County from Pennsylvania in 1800, the lounge was filled with a crowd of employees from Pioneer Village, in order to capture that ol' frontier feeling.

Alfred Stong, a descendent of the great man and former member of the college's teaching staff, at-

tended the festivities with his wife and five children.

Currently, Mr. Stong is the MP for York Centre.

All the refinements of pioneer life in the area, from Schneider's cider-mill to a small-town newspaper were featured in a short film.

Pioneer Village's master harness-maker, Mike Reesor, told Excalibur that he wears his 1800's costume day-in-day-out.

"Even around the house," said

his wife with some exasperation, "and he puts it on first thing when he gets up in the morning."

Information on the nocturnal possibilities of the harness-maker's costume — or indeed of harnesses themselves — was not forthcoming.

Of the university faculty represented at the opening session, were Ian MacDonald, York University President; Virginia Rock, Master of Stong and involved with the inception of Sylvester's; Vice-President Harry Knox and Associate Jack Allan, from the Ancillary Services; Ioan Davies, Master at Bethune; and Casey Sokol, from the music Department, who has proposed some programs in music improvisation for entertainment in the new lounge.

Sylvester's will be open every Tuesday evening from four to midnight. In keeping with the old Stong, German tradition, old-country food will be featured.

The lounge has slated a variety of jazz presentations for the coming months.



Pioneer captures frontier feeling

parasites

starring oscar tottenham, the maggot



York chorus sings

The York chorus will host its first organizational meeting and audition on Tuesday, September 28, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Curtis Lecture Hall "F".

The York Chorus is under the direction of Nicholas Kaethler, a former member of the Festival Singers of Toronto. Mr. Kaethler emphasized that the Chorus will be open to participation from all members of the community. "It's a university chorus," he said, "and we will welcome all faculty, staff

and students".

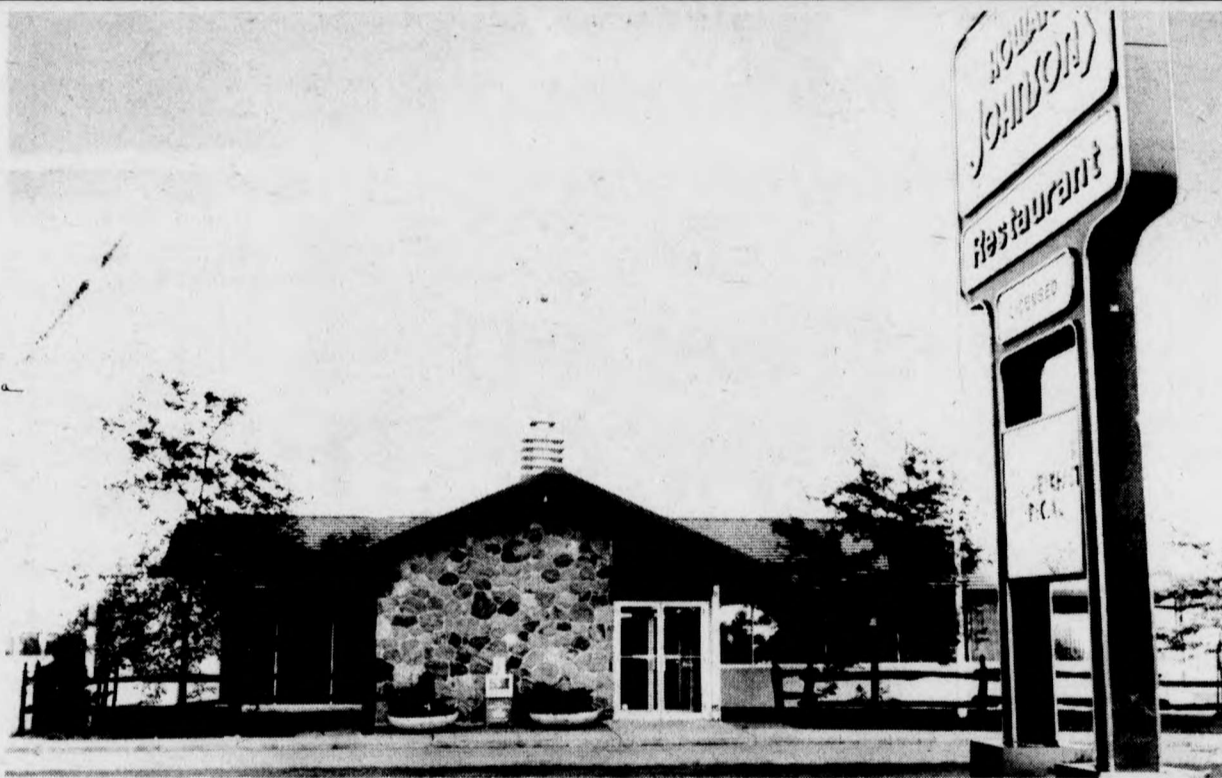
Mr. Kaethler has conducted high school choirs in Toronto for four years, and presently teaches in Guelph, where his choir this year is in the finals of the CBC's national competition for amateur choirs.

Mr. Kaethler's philosophy is simple: "Everyone can sing, and singing is fun."

The York Chorus is co-sponsored by the colleges and the Faculty of Fine Arts. As Mr. Kaethler

visualizes it, the Chorus will develop a traditional choral repertoire, including some contemporary music and some Canadian folk songs.

All meetings of the Chorus will be held in Curtis Lecture Hall "F", from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The initial two meetings, for organization and auditions, will be Tuesday, September 28 and Tuesday, October 5. Following that, the York Chorus will rehearse each Thursday, beginning October 7.



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