

# YORK BRIEFS

## U of T committee to restudy parity

The University of Toronto's faculty of arts and science council's general committee set up another committee two weeks ago to relook into parity for the councils. The student sponsored motion passed by one vote after a two hour debate. It is likely to report back Dec. 15 to the full council. The new committee has five students and five faculty.

## CIC holds national convention

The Committee for an Independent Canada is staging its first national conference in Thunder Bay, Ontario this weekend. Members from across Canada are coming to Lakehead University to discuss Nixonomics and Americanization, its prevention and control. Committee members attending are ex-federal cabinet ministers Walter Gordon and Eric Kierans, ex-Liberal MPP Tim Reid, publisher Jack McClelland, journalist Pierre Berton, senator Keith Davey and Yves Fortier. Peter Thompson from Calumet and Diane Jourbet from Stong are representing York.

## Trapped cat needs home

A large ginger cat was found caught in a bear-sized trap near Osgoode Hall last week by students Beatrice Ambarian and Vera Barnett. The cat, suffering from exposure and mangled paws, was freed by two security guards who stayed with the animal an hour after their shift ended. The guards, whose names were unavailable, searched the area and found a second trap. Lydia Messier of Osgoode Hall law library, called the Humane Society but received no response. She took the animal to a veterinarian for treatment. Messier now has the cat at her home, but says she can't keep it as she already has several cats and dogs. The injured animal appears well-fed and has an air of belonging to someone. If it's yours, contact Messier at Osgoode Hall law library.

## Cellar library needs volunteers

Cellar, an after school youth program in the Parliament St. library at Parliament and Gerrard, is looking for volunteers. Guitar, photography, drama, and tutoring are some of the activities sponsored for youths 13 to 18. Interested? Contact Valerie Johnson at 921-8674, or drop in from 2 to 6 pm.

## Christmas home away from home

Students many dollars away from home this Christmas can be part of College G's Student Christmas Exchange program. Those stuck on campus during the festivities can share in a real, family, at home Christmas. If you are interested, submit your name by phoning the College G newspaper office at 635-3597. Specify if you're willing to play host or be hosted.

## Socialists and Zionists miles apart

"There's no point in talking to them," murmured Paul Michaels of the Progressive Students for Israel at one point in Thursday's debate in the bear pit between his group and the Young Socialists. In a way, that sums up the disparity of views as the two factions debated Ways to Peace in the Middle East. Debating for the Young Socialists was Atkinson lecturer Gord Doctorow, Al Cappe, and Ellie Kirtzner. Their views were that no one can be democratic or socialist and support Israel, which they called a racist, violent and militarist society. The other team, Dave Frank, Mark Michaels and Paul Michaels, defended Israel's nationhood on the basis of the social principle of free determination of a people. Questions from the large crowd came from all sides of the political spectrum.

# Campus Comment



Ian Brown Mac II | I feel that the pricing in stores such as the book store is too high for the average student.



Susan Geiger Vanier II | Although we get a five per cent discount on books some are still overpriced as are their other notions. The Drug Store has good service and prices.

Question: How do you feel about any all of the stores in the Central Square?



Marilyn Shoom Vanier I | The only stores I use are the book store and the drug store. Concerning the book store, the five per cent discount doesn't really compensate for the large mark-up on all the items available.

## 57% unhappy over York stores prices, service

By ALAN RISEN

How do you feel about the stores in the Central Square? That was the question that Excalibur asked 70 students Thursday.

Fifty-seven percent said that they were unhappy with the stores as a whole. Only 24 percent were content with the present setup. Nineteen percent said that they didn't patronize the stores enough to form an evaluation.

Most of the complaints were of an economic nature — the prices, they felt, are just too high. Such comments as "All stores are way too expensive," were frequent. The service and lack of variety of goods in several of the stores was also criticized.

When asked to evaluate individual stores, the students indicated an almost universal displeasure for the book store. Eighty six percent complained about the prices and 56 percent were dissatisfied with the service. Only nine per cent felt the prices reasonable.

Of all the stores that were evaluated the drug store obtained the most favorable responses. Fifty nine percent were satisfied with the prices here, while 53 percent said that the service was "alright". This was the only store that obtained positive responses from more than half of the students.

The Oasis received a good deal of criticism about its prices. Only 13 percent of the students polled were satisfied while 63 percent were unhappy and 21 percent had no comment.

It was hard to get a fair evaluation of student opinion of Margle's clothing store since close to half of those polled said that they didn't frequent the shop enough to criticize it. Of those who did indicate familiarity with the prices and service about one half said they were satisfied.

The most commonly expressed opinion was that the idea of having stores on the university campus is good, but an attempt should be made to keep the prices of these student-oriented shops cheaper rather than more expensive than regular retail outlets.

Feel the urge to express a viewpoint about what's going on around here? Then write it down and send it along together with your name, college and phone number to this reporter c/o Excalibur.

### Erratum

Excalibur wishes to correct the fact that the York visit of Playboy's Miss June, Leiko English was sponsored by Thrifty's Just Pants and not by Margles Clothing Store.

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