

letters

Thanks for Homecoming coverage

May I express, to your staff, the excellent coverage that we received on the events leading up to and following York's first Homecoming. Your articles and your coverage certainly made a worth-while contribution to the success of the Homecoming weekend.

The Homecoming Committee believes that a tradition has been established and that we can look forward to the weekend being repeated in future years, on a larger scale.

My personal thanks to your staff.
Orval J. McKeough
Director of Development

Congrats to Boudreau & Knox

On behalf of the 1978 York Yeomen Football team, thank you very much for the fine coverage provided by the Excalibur this past season. It was a good season made even more enjoyable by the positive constructive stories by your reporters John Boudreau and Lawrence Knox.

Frank Cosentino,
Chairman and Director,
Department of Physical Education
and Athletics.

Computer Services not Science

Much as we would like to, I am afraid the Department of Computer Science cannot accept the credit given it by Excalibur (Oct. 26, pg. 9) for the very successful Open House recently held by the Department of COMPUTER SERVICES. Computer Services is an administrative department whose function is to provide University users with access to the computers in the York-Ryerson Computer Centre, and it maintains such facilities as a computer-controlled plotter, the High-Speed Job Stream and a pool of time-sharing terminals.

The Department of Computer Science is a department in the Faculty of Arts and one of our functions is to receive and forward mail intended for the Department of Computer Science and Mathematics (Atkinson) and the

Department of Computer Services (Stacie).

Yours for accuracy in journalism,
P.H. Roosen-Runge, (chairman)
Department of
Computer Science

Grateful to Xcal for Walkathon support

The rain has lasted all morning, but it could not stop over 234 walkers. From your help, and our walkers, over \$30,000 is coming in for our Ontario Community Centre for the Deaf. No one seemed to notice how cold and soaked they were.

Even Mr. Smythe, our honorary chairman, Mr. King Clancy, and Mayor Lastman, walked an extra, third, token mile. Rev. Rumball pushed a wheelbarrow full of coins all the way and the Progress Club doubled it.

From all our tired and happy walkers, thank you again and again.

Ontario Community Centre for
the Deaf '78 Walkathon

Why no workers at McLaughlin forum?

Recently, McLaughlin College sponsored a forum on collective bargaining in the public sector, a topic much in the news at York and in general. One would think that any panel on that topic would include someone who, herself or himself, was either a reasonably typical public employee, or at least recognizable as a spokesperson for the category. But no, not at McLaughlin College. Two professors (neither eligible for the collective bargaining unit representing the full-time teaching staff, other than Osgoode Law Faculty); and a manpower representative with the rank of Director, comprised the panel; the Moderator, Lloyd Robertson, is the highest paid TV newsman in Canada, employed by a private network. None were women, although this employment field involves large numbers of women.

No matter how objectively such panelists may strive to express themselves, they cannot convey the problems and aspirations of the workers under discussion in the manner of these workers themselves.

Toward the end of the forum, which began late, the Moderator announced to the audience: "Gentlemen, I can entertain two more questions." Perhaps this is why the woman with her hand raised, YUSA President Lauma Avens, could not get recognized, and why the audience was deprived of even an unplanned statement from a representative of the category of workers under discussion.

Until York University learns that workers, can, and want to speak for themselves, and gives men and women workers a genuine opportunity to do so, this University, like so many others, will increase its isolation from this decisive component of the population. It will teach its students through unspoken example that they should disregard the opinions of workers. This is both bad education and dangerous public policy.

Lee Lorch
Department of Mathematics

Candidate Green bows out

I would like to extend a thank you for the support given to me, by fellow Yorkites, in my election campaign to gain a student position on the York Senate. Especially helpful was the Bethune College Council's Bob Speller, who gave me encouragement throughout the election.

I had been thinking of running for student senator since early February of this year, so I considered myself to be quite serious in my intentions. But this fall hasn't proven to "fare me well" since I was discontented with my courses, among other personal things, so I've decided to withdraw from York, and become "one of the masses in the work force."

I would hope the student body, Faculty of Arts and the York Senate, won't think me inept for the position of student senator, since it might appear that I ran for the position only to turn it down.

Who knows, maybe I'll be back at York next year, an avid student and again running for a position on the senate. Extend to me best wishes, as I do to you....

Jan E. Green

Student unemployment is up

OTTAWA (CUP) — While the general unemployment rate stayed constant in September, the student unemployment rate jumped dramatically.

According to figures released Oct. 10 by Statistics Canada, the unemployment rate for returning students last month was 12.6%, up from 9.7% in August. In September, 1977, the rate was 10.8%.

However, since many students went back to school, the number of students unemployed dropped to 66,000 from 98,000.

Women students had a much harder time finding jobs, according to the figures — their unemployment rate was 14%, compared to 11.4% for men. In August, the rates were 10% for women and 9.6% for men.

The unemployment rate for non-returning students was 19.6% in September, compared to 20.3% in August.

Provincial statistics were only available for Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, and B.C. Of those four, Quebec had the highest unemployment rate, at 18.3%, followed by Ontario with 12.5% and Alberta with 10.3%. B.C. had the lowest student unemployment rate — 8.8%.

In August, B.C. had had the highest rate — 12.1% and Alberta the lowest — 7.1%.

The general unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, remained constant in September at 8.5%. However, the number of Canadians out of work dropped from 892,000 in August to 854,000.

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