

Letters To The Editor

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Student favours continued bookstore blemish

Being an avid proponent of "just deserts", I, for one, would like to be able to rest assured that blemishes will continue to mar the reputation of the York Bookstore ("Bookstore emerges unscathed...", February 6, 1975).

I recently purchased, from this revered establishment, one package containing five steel loose-leaf rings. The bookstore price was marked at

\$0.85. On peeling back the inevitable coloured round sticker I found that the price had previously been \$0.39. As if this increase was not sufficiently atrocious, removal of this sticker revealed a further prior marking of \$0.25.

Granted, inflation has hit all of us. However, I cannot conceive of any justification for an increase in excess of 200 per cent over the manufac-

turer's suggested list price.

Is this, perhaps, how the bookstore manages to keep its book prices competitive?

Richard A. Reimer

Pricing survey missed a few

After reading your article on bookstore prices, I suggest your survey was not as thorough as it might have been. How do York's prices compare with, say, Coles or W.H. Smith? Well, I found out the expensive way.

Before Christmas I purchased a copy of 'The Ascent of Man' by J. Bronowski at the York Bookstore (the only place where I could find a copy at the time) for \$22. Later, I wished to buy a copy for my parents for Christmas. Fortunately, the York Bookstore was sold out and I then

stumbled across the last copy in a Coles store for a mere \$15.

According to my arithmetic, York charged 50 per cent more than Coles. Now I think it unlikely that Coles is in the habit of selling such books without making a profit, so it appears that York's bookstore was making an extra \$7 profit above what Coles realized.

This, I feel, gives me and anyone else who bought this book at York the right to scream 'rip-off'. Granted, it's not a text book, but this seems to me to be the old 'they don't need it so if they want it they'll bloody well pay for it' policy.

Bill Young
Graduate student
CRESS

It's ludes, stupid

Would somebody please inform Warren Clements that the drug "that

makes you stupid," twice referred to in his centerspread on Cosmicon Four, is not 'Qualus' as stated, but rather 'Quaaludes' (or 'ludes', as they are more commonly known).

VELVET CKRY

I suggest that the next time Warren is up at Radio York gathering ammunition for a future caustic attack on CKRY, he spend some time in the studio instead of listening to a couple of Lou Reed/Velvet Underground albums, specifically tracks (no pun intended) like Heroin, White Light/White Heat, and Kill Your Sons.

By the way, is there any truth to the rumour that Vanier College is planning an annual make-up and fashion convention to be called Cosmicon, starring Catherine Can't-get-Deneuve? Just wondering.

Jeffrey Morgan,
CKRY-FM

Hits from the past

What happened this week (give or take a day) in York's history? The Excalibur files tell all.

1968: Students in each of the college residences threaten to rent their own soft drink, candy and cigarette machines if Versafood refuses to supply them with same. Versafood finally capitulates. (Nobody knows why.)

1969: Radio York begins broadcasting to college common rooms, and some students complain that it is too loud. Another objects that "they're playing too much CHUM-style music". Station manager Bob Wolfe says the "wrinkles will be ironed out soon".

1970: Noting that "1,200 forks, 570 spoons, 1,100 water glasses and 600 bread and butter plates have been listed as missing since the Christmas break", the university food services committee considers asking for a room-to-room residence search for the missing equipment during reading week.

1971: The Founders Follies, a strip show organized by Founders student Chris Webber, attempts to take place in the Founders junior common room. Approximately 500 to 600 bodies male and female pack the JCR, and the show is delayed while

North York fire chief Charles Dawson has some of the overflow crowd cleared from the hall. Finally, the first performer, Miss Georgia Peach, is allowed to reveal all. Shortly after that the show is cancelled when a woman phones the main gatehouse stating that a bomb will explode in the hall in 15 minutes. (There was no bomb.)

1972: Physical plant launches a war on Ross Building pigeons, to "keep the building clean". By placing containers of poisoned grain on the roof of the Ross Building, they are able to kill the entire flock within a week.

Some one pulls a fast one on the department of information and publications by advertising a meeting of the 'Scatology club' in the daily bulletin. Scatology is the study of excrement. The meeting's location is given as N117R, a men's washroom.

1973: A water meter, somehow ignored by North York meter-readers for the previous two or three years, is suddenly rediscovered and results in an unexpected bill for \$31,980.03. North York kindly agrees to accept payment by installments.

1974: Excalibur and CYSF endorse a Versafood boycott to combat a 10 per cent increase in food costs.



Peter Hsu photo

Alert browsers sift through volumes of Ancient Quatluvian Lore and The Metaphysics of Grecian Urns during the last days of the York bookstore

special sale in January. Two correspondents complain that the store's other books are over-priced.

On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to Department of Information and Publications, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday, 12 noon - Lunch-Hour Critic Series (English) a discussion on the problems and goals of the "little magazines" and "learned journals", with the editors of the literary and critical journals originating at York: Robert Adolph, Fred Matthews and Robert White, *The Canadian Review of American Studies*; Don Rubin, *Canadian Theatre Review*; Jack David, T.D. MacLulich, Ken McLean, *Essays on Canadian Writing*; Barry Callaghan Exile; Ernest Griffin, Betty Sabiston, *Modernist Studies*; Reg Harris, *Pulse*; Brian Henderson, *Rune*; Desmond Maxwell, Shyamal Bagchee, *T.S. Eliot Newsletter*; Bernice Lever, Robert Casto, Kenneth Sherman, Hedi Bouraoui, *Waves* - S872, Ross

12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Alternative Life Style Days (McLaughlin) a panel discussion on "Alternative Education" with George Bullied, George Emery and Dr. Lee Martin - Main Dining Hall, Vanier.

3 p.m. - University of Toronto-York University Joint Program in Transportation - "The Shipowner's Comments on the Canadian Shipping Industry", with Hugh Macfarlane, Vice-President with Leitch Transport Ltd. - Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross

4 p.m. - Poetry Reading - with Hedi Bouraoui, Claudio Duran, Michael Kay, Irving Layton, Bernice Lever and Margarita Stein - Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross

4 p.m. - Alternative Life Style Days - (McLaughlin) "Nutrition", with Joelle and Carolyn O'Higgins - Social and Debates Room, McLaughlin; "Sound Matrix", with John Swain and Gary Diggins - Music Room, McLaughlin; "Farming and Gardening" with Ronald Peters - 118, Winters

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - E.G.O.-Communications & Interpersonal Relationships (Centre for Continuing Education) "Theory of Small Group Dynamics II" by Alex Owen - general admission \$6; \$4 for students - 107, Stedman

8 p.m. - Lecture - on Eckankar, the ancient science of soul travel - S128, Ross

8:30 p.m. - Alternative Life Style Days (McLaughlin) "Approach to Communications" with Dr. Lee Martin - Junior Common Room, McLaughlin

Friday, 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Alternative Life Style Days (McLaughlin) a panel discussion on "communications" with Dr. Lee Martin, George Emery and George Bullied - Main Dining Hall, Vanier

4 p.m. - Alternative Life Style Days (McLaughlin) concluding session, with refreshments provided and served by members of the King View Farm family - Junior Common Room, McLaughlin

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Linguistics Conference (Glendon) the 1st Students Linguistics Conference, organized by the Linguistics Circle of Ontario - Graduate and undergraduate students will read and discuss various papers - 247, Glendon

Tuesday, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. - E.G.O.-Parapsychology and Frontiers of the Mind (Centre for Continuing Education) "Quantitative Laboratory Experiments of Extra-Sensory Perception" by Dr. Howard Eisenberg - general admission \$5; students \$3.50 - D, Stedman

Wednesday, 4 p.m. - Seminar (Physics) Professor Jean-Denis Carrette, Directeur, Centre de Recherches sur les Atomes et les Molecules (Physics Department, Laval University), will discuss "Electron Scattering by Atoms and Molecules in Gaseous and Absorbed Phase" - 317, Petrie

4:30 p.m. - Seminar (Chemistry) Dr. J.F. Endicott, of the Department of Chemistry at Wayne State University will talk about "Mechanisms and Models of Photoredox Reactions of Transition Metal Complexes" - 320, Farquharson

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, 4 p.m. - 6:55 p.m. - Film (Humanities 277) "Seven Samurai" - I, Curtis

4 p.m. - Film (Natural Science Division) "The Long Childhood" - L, Curtis

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Concert (Music) Barry Tuchnell on French Horn - F, Curtis

8 p.m. - Play (English 253, Glendon) "Exit Muttering" by Donald Jack - admission 50¢ - Pipe Room, Glendon

Friday, 9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. - Cabaret - "Hollywood Memories" a musical romp through our movie past with Mae West, Rudolph Valentino, Ginger and Fred, and many others - free admission and licensed - Open End, Vanier

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Dance Performance for Children (Dance) The Looking Glass Dance Theatre, with a performance especially created for children between the ages of 5 and 8 - Studio 3, Fine Arts

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Dance Performance for Children (Dance) a performance by The Looking Glass Dance Theatre for children from 9 to 12 - Studio 3, Fine Arts

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Monday, 7:30 p.m. - York Bridge Club - Vanier Dining Hall
Wednesday, 4 p.m. - Christian Science Organization - 030-B, Winters

SPORTS, RECREATION

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. - British Sub Aqua - 110, Curtis

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday, 12:15 p.m. - Orientation Session for New Staff - the Student Services Community is holding another orientation session for new staff members - there will be speakers (including Vice-President Bill Small), coffee, jocularization and a videotaped presentation on the history and organization of the University - anyone who has joined York recently is warmly invited to attend - Faculty Lounge (S869), Ross

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Guest Appearance (Music) Barry Tuchnell will be giving a workshop on the French Horn - F, Curtis

5 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass - 104, 8 Assiniboine Road
Friday, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Musical Demonstration (Music) demonstrations and performances by David Tudor, avant-garde electronic musician - 016, Steacie

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass - 107, Stedman
Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - for appointment call Chaplain Judt at 661-5157 or 633-2158

5:30 p.m. - Student Served Dinners - each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Winters Dining Hall

COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

For days and hours open, please call the individual coffee houses:

Absinthe Coffee House - 013, Winters (2439)
Ainger Coffee Shop - Atkinson College (3344)
Argh Coffee Shop - 051, McLaughlin (3506)
Comeback Inn - Common Room, 1st Floor, Atkinson (2489)
Cock & Bull Coffee Shop - 023, Founders (3667)
Just Another Coffee Shop - 112, Bethune (6420)
Open End Coffee Shop - 004, Vanier (6386)
Orange Snail Coffee Shop - 107, Stong (3587)
Osgoode Pub - JCR, Osgoode (3019)
Normans - 206, Bethune