

**Indian Village nearby****York is in on movement to clean up ravines**

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Ravines are places where you might expect to find abandoned shopping carts, sex perverts, and two-thirds of a stolen bicycle. But if many Torontonians get their way, the only things in the ravines will be the 'in-things' — art, nature lore and bicycle paths.

Last year in the Black Creek valley south of Finch, Frank Pasquill, a construction engineer, supervised fifty workers who carted out garbage, stabilized the creek banks, made extensive plantings and constructed a limestone path. The work was financed by a LIP grant of \$125,000.

The creek has been used as a garbage dump by some neighbouring homeowners and Pasquill hoped to re-educate the community's perceptions by turning the park into a community landmark. Kosso Eloul, an internationally-known artist, was asked to prepare a model of his vision for sculpture in the valley, and a five-minute film demonstrating the possibilities was produced.

**INDIAN VILLAGE**

To the north of Finch, the valley of the Black Creek was the site of a Huron Indian settlement around the year 1515. The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority intends to reconstruct this Indian Village as a counterpart to Pioneer Village now situated to the north. Presently the valley is used during the winter for tobogganing and sleighing in conjunction with a pioneer life programme for school children.

Scarborough College on Highland Creek has come up with a plan for a nine-mile bicycle path stretching from Ellesmere Road to the lakeshore. Three miles have already been built through the Birkdale Ravine and metro parks will continue construction this summer in Colonel Danforth Park.

The plan has sparked interest in bike paths in many communities across Ontario, and has received congratulations from the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, which wants to use the graphic designs produced by Scarborough Pollution Probe for a travelling exhibition on bicycling.

York University is not out of the contest to embellish the ravines. Our own arboretum committee, developing a concept contained in York's original twenty-year master plan, hopes to have a wedge of green surge from the banks of the Black Creek into the midst of the campus around York's newly-formed moat (a second, larger moat is also planned). The proposal includes formal plantings around the water, a conifer reserve on an upland site to the west, and more natural plantings down in the valley.

**KING'S TIMBER RESERVE**

A study of York's natural history carried out by a 1971 biology class has revealed that York was not always as barren as it is now (forestry-wise, that is.) The four isolated woodlots now on campus are but 3 per cent of the great stand of trees that existed here in 1854. The small lots were left by the farmers for firewood purposes. It is interesting to note that the land to the east of Keele, where oil tank farms are now situated, was once the King's Timber Reserve. It must have contained pine trees 160 feet high, suitable for making ship masts. The arboretum committee wants to preserve our woodlots and has also recommended that a footpath be built through the Black Creek Valley from the Conservation Authority Headquarters down to Finch Ave.

The villain of the piece, as far as the university community is concerned, is a collector road which North York authorities originally wanted to cut through the centre of campus. As the plans now stand the road will start from Shoreham Drive, slash its way

through the arboretum site, cut behind the Hoover House (built 1851) and join up with Sentinel Road.

**BRIDGE PLANNED**

A bridge across the valley to link with Niska Rd. is also planned. It will cost a pretty penny, as a glance at the ravine indicates (it is 80 feet deep.) Surely before this insidious monster road rears its ugly head the university community will rise as one and smite a mortal blow.

According to the arboretum committee's report, the road "destroys one of the most attractive and historically interesting parts of the campus" and "fragments what is, in reality, a geographically unified area."

In the meantime, well-worn paths are beaten out in the valley by the trail of York University students who live on the other side of the ravine, and by the apartment children who come to catch crayfish in the creek with strips of bacon. It's a pleasant walk for any individual who wishes to cleanse his soul, or if he has a girlfriend, who wishes to tarnish it.

**A complete guide to bio-degradation**

OTTAWA (CPS/CUP) If you leave a steel or tin can laying around and expect to find it, you'd better hurry. One hundred years from now it will have completely bio-degraded.

Researchers at Pennsylvania State University speculate that a can discarded today will be broken down by 2,073. A glass bottle would stand a good chance of lasting until the year 1,001,972. Aluminum cans should be degraded by 2,113 and plastic wrappers by the year 2,200.

Events for On Campus should be sent to Dawn Cotton, Department of Information and Publications, N817 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.



The Black Creek—anyone for basket weaving?

Larry Kazdan photo

**On Campus****SPECIAL LECTURES**

Thursday, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Introductory Talk - "Eckankar" by Fabian Burbeck - S165, Ross

4 p.m. - C.R.E.S.S. Seminar Series - "Electronic Energy Transfer Between Molecules in the Gas Phase" by Dr. E.W. Abrahamson, Department of Chemistry, Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland) - 317, Petrie

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - President's Fortnightly Forum - "Chromosome Movements During Cell Division: Playing God with Genetic Information" by Professor Arthur Forer, Faculty of Science - Faculty Lounge (8th floor), Ross

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - E.G.O. Faculty (Continuing Education) "Art Therapy I" with Bina Smith - general admission \$6.00; \$4.00 for students - 107 Stedman

Friday, 2 p.m. - Sociology Colloquium - Situational Selection of Ethnic Identity in a Plural Society: Malaysia" by York Professor Judy Nagata - Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross

Monday, 3 p.m. - University of Toronto-York University Joint Program in Transportation - "The Problem of Financing Urban Transportation" by Mr. W. Robbins, Executive Director, Finance and Data Processing Division, Ministry of Transportation and Communications - Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross

8:30 p.m. - Humanities Lecture Series (Atkinson) "Prometheus Rebound: The End of Humanity" by Professor Joseph McLelland, McGill University - F, Curtis

Tuesday, 12 noon - York Poetry Series (English, Faculty of Fine Arts) featuring John Newlove, author of Lies, for which he won the Governor-General's Award in 1972 - Faculty Lounge (S869), Ross

6 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. - Slide Presentation (Social Science 381) relating to the two-month study/trip of York students to Kenya this past summer - L, Curtis

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. - E.G.O. Faculty (Continuing Education) "Transcendental Meditation" with Len Brown; focussing on the theoretical and practical aspects of the science of creative intelligence - general admission \$5.00; \$3.50 for students - 107, Stedman

Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. - Chemistry Fall Seminar Series - "The Insertion Mechanisms of Metal Hydrides into Olefins" by Professor H.C. Clark, University of Western Ontario - 320, Farquharson

**FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT**

Thursday, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. - India Week (Faculty of Fine Arts) continued; special event today:

7:30 p.m. - Four films on Indian musicians with James Beveridge - Fine Arts Building

7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. - International Film Series (Environmental Studies) "African Queen" (U.S.A.) admission \$1.00 - I, Curtis

8 p.m. - Play (French 225) "Le Bal des Voleurs" - entre 50¢ - Pipe Room, Glendon

Friday, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. - India Week (cont'd.) special events today: 6:30 p.m. - Multi-media presentation "India Life and Art"; 8 p.m. - Classical Dance "Bharatnatyam" with Menaka Thakkar - Fine Arts Building

8 p.m. - Film (Winters) Sam Peckinpah's "Straw Dogs" (Dustin Hoffman, Susan George) - admission \$1.25 - I, Curtis

8:30 p.m. - Square Dance - with Eleanor Moorehead and her country combo - admission 75¢ - Old Dining Hall, Glendon

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. - Concert (Stong) featuring the York Rugby Club Choir; licenced - admission 25¢ - amateur talent will be presented during intermission - Stong Dining Hall

8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) Ken Russell's "The Devils"; plus two cartoons - admission \$1.25 - L, Curtis

8:30 p.m. - Jazz Concert (Absinthe) featuring "Sadjoy" - no admission - 013, Winters

Sunday, 7 p.m. & 9 p.m. - Film (Calumet) "Zachariah" - admission 69¢ - Calumet Common Room, Atkinson

8 p.m. - Film (Winters) "Straw Dogs" - admission \$1.25 - I, Curtis

8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) "The Devils"; plus two cartoons - L, Curtis

Monday, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. - India Week (cont'd.) special event today: 8 p.m. - South Indian Classical Music (Vocal) with Jon Higgins, accompanied by Trichy Sankaran and L. Shankar - Fine Arts Building

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. - India Week (cont'd.) - Fine Arts Building

4 p.m. - 5:50 p.m. - Film (Humanities 174A) "Spectre of the Rose" - extra seating available - I, Curtis

7 p.m. - Film (Film Department) "Chambre aux Mars Epais" (French, 1953; by Kobayashi) - L, Curtis

8 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. - Film (Film Department) "Playground in Six Acts" an experimental film - 6187, Ross

Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. - India Week (final day) special events for today: 10 a.m. - 12 noon - Indian group dances "Pinnal Kolattan" choreographed by Sudha and Menaka Thakkar, and "Gardho" choreographed by Rina - both dances feature York students - Fine Arts Building

4 p.m. - Concert (Music) of electronic sounds, films, lights, strobes and lasers by composer Morton Subotnick, of the California School of the Arts - F, Curtis

4:15 p.m. - Film (Humanities 373) "La Regle de jeu" (Jean Renoir) - extra seating available - 129, York Hall, Glendon

7 p.m. - Film (Faculty of Fine Arts; English) "Othello" - L, Curtis

7:30 p.m. - Student Workshop (Dance) dances, studies, improvisations, etc. - Studio 3, Fine Arts Building

8 p.m. - Films (Vanier Film Club) "Fat City" and "A Married Couple" - no admission; licenced - JCR, Vanier

**CLUBS, MEETINGS**

Thursday, 4:30 p.m. - Monthly Meeting of the Senate - to complete the agenda of the November 22 meeting (report of the Committee on Tenure and Promotions); due to space limitation, tickets must be obtained from S945, Ross - Senate Chamber (S915), Ross

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Stong Proposal Meeting - all interested persons welcome - SCR, Stong

Friday, 4 p.m. - Stu-Fel (Stong) students and fellows welcome - 106, Stong

Monday, 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m. - Hatha Yoga - JCR, McLaughlin

7:30 p.m. - York Bridge Club - Vanier Dining Hall

**ATHLETICS, RECREATION**

Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Faculty/Staff Hockey - Ice Arena

8:15 p.m. - Basketball - York vs. University of Ottawa - Tait McKenzie

Monday, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Conditioning for Men & Women - Tait McKenzie

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass - 107, Stedman

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - call Chaplain Judt at 633-2158 or 661-3738

Wednesday, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - "Under Attack" Taping - guests will be Robert L. Stanfield, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and Keith Rapsey, President of the Canadian Manufacturers Association - interested members of the York community are invited to participate - Old Dining Hall, Glendon