

Ross ramp to be reconstructed

By GUMMO MARX

The Ross Ramp will be reconstructed this summer thanks to York president Huckleberry Aurthurs's obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Since he came to York in 1984, Aurthurs had made a daily ritual of skipping every second step of the ramp as he went to and from his office in the Ross Building. After each step, Aurthurs would also increment a mental counter by two, avoiding even numbers.

Aurthurs had counted to 181,785 when the Ross Ramp was demolished last summer. An administrator close to the president said that Aurthurs suffered a nervous collapse, which accounts for his apparent indifference to several important issues this year.

Obsessive-compulsive behaviour often manifests itself in children of middle-class parents, since parents in this socioeconomic group are notoriously severe during toilet training. This severity causes an anal-retentive fixation, and the sufferer has to perform complex rituals in order to rid oneself of guilt and anxiety.

Well-known anal-retentive figures include Benito Mussolini, Genghis Khan, and director of libraries Elinor Hoffman.

From his bed, Aurthurs called vice-president of finance Bill Farout on Monday to okay the \$2 million expenditure needed to rebuild the Ross Ramp so that he could resume his counting ritual. Because the reconstruction of the ramp will infringe the space allocated for the New Academic Building and Entry Pavillion, director of libraries Elinor Hoffmann has offered to demolish Scott Library so that these buildings could be relocated west of Ross.

In one of those rare and touching moments when Hoffmann opens her mouth, she said of president Aur-



PINHEAD: President Huckleberry Aurthurs at a Faculty Club reception one week after neural surgery attempts to cure his obsessive-compulsive disorder.

thurs: "We anal-retentive types have to stick together."

Farout said that the president sounded well over the phone, since Aurthurs had just spent two hours "centering the toilet paper roll on its holder."

With completion of the Ross Ramp expected by August, Aurthurs should be back next September to continue his odd-numbered count, though Farout said that Aurthurs "will have to work overtime just to catch up."

Student Centre Corp. bombs YUDC offices

By JOE CHARBONNEAU

In a dramatic turn of events, Student Centre corporation (SCC) officials bombed the York University Development Corporation (YUDC) offices Monday.

In what appeared to be an act of complete frustration and desperation, SCC officials were seen entering the offices of YUDC with enough explosives to destroy a small town early Monday morning after the YUDC threatened to carry through with its plans to put McDonald's Wendy's, Harvey's, Burger King, Kentucky Fried Chicken, A & W, Dairy Queen, Domino's Pizza Pizza, and BIWAY into its new Yorklanes complex.

"These are desperate acts by desperate individuals," YUDC big cheese and head honcho Rick Spermwhale said. "But this is war! They'd better watch their backsides because me and Buffalo Hunt [YUDC second banana] are out for blood."

The explosion itself was felt from the campus to Sudbury.

Eyewitnesses at the scene described the explosion as a mess of dishevelled files and flying secretaries. No one was injured and both Spermwhale and Buffalo Bill were, as sources close to the YUDC say, "as usual, out of the office at the time."

Said one secretary who wished to remain anonymous: "Fuck!"

Meanwhile, SCC Chairperson and York career politician Red Castle and his band of Hairy Men (and women), headed by SCC vice-chair Little Mourad, are wanted from here to Medicine Hat on charges of conspiracy to destroy a semi-useful bureaucracy.

Despite their fugative status, Castle and his hairy cohorts held an impromptu press conference at a portrait session Tuesday to provide mug sagots for post offices across the continent. At the conference, Castle and his hairy cohorts were loose and glib, talking freely with the press about the incident.

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After the impromptu press conference, Castle and his band of Hairy Men fled into the night (even though it was only 11 a.m.), saying they could be reached for comments and publicity photos whenever *Excalibur* called.

"We'd never want to piss off the people who run our best propaganda tool," Castle said. "And I think Little Mourad would agree with me on that point."

"I agree with Red on that point," Little Mourad said.

After adjusting their hair, Red and Little Mourad fled to their secret hiding spot, which *Excalibur* has learned is in the operator's box of the crane at the Student Centre construction site.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Spermwhale and Buffalo Hunt were assessing the damage.

"I figure we can be back running amok in a few weeks," Spermwhale said while lamenting the loss of his favourite paperweight. He estimated the damage to be valued at about \$25.

"We didn't have anything really valuable in the office," he said.

In keeping with the strict rules of institutional secrecy, Spermwhale would not reveal what may have led the SCC to perpetrate so dastardly a deed. But sources close to the YUDC say that Spermwhale and Buffalo Hunt have been seen lurking in the bushes near Castle's house and have found that they don't call him Red for nothing.

Castle would not comment on allegations that he is in fact not black and white but red all over.

Provost Tommy Heimlichmanoever said the entire dispute has gotten out of hand and he feels that although the violent action is exciting, it is premature.

The matter will be mediated on Monday by Shamu the Killer Whale in a joint meeting of the Senate, Board of Governors, and the trainers at Sea World.

Strip joints prepare to sue York

By DR. SEUSS

A group representing local owners of strip joints has hired a lawyer to consider a lawsuit in response to reports that YUDC is seeking to include the entertainment business in its proposed shopping mall, York Lanes.

Joe "Squeaky" Smith, proprietor of the House of Pleasure, located across from the University on Keele, and spokesperson for the group, claimed that YUDC's action would undercut his business. "The market will bear only so many meat-

markets," he said.

Mr. Smith also expressed anger that agents for YUDC had allegedly been in touch with some of his dancers, namely "Books" Babette and "Hanging" Dick.

"Free agency belongs to baseball," said Mr. Smith, "not to the table-dancing business."

Representatives of YUDC could not be reached for comment. However, in a recent promotional prospectus obtained by *Excalibur*, YUDC said that York Lanes is expected to contain "dining and drinking to the

accompaniment of the most intimate, world-class entertainment."

In the meantime, Bobby Hassled, President of the Student Centre Corporation—which is threatening its own lawsuit against YUDC—told *Excalibur* that he was "not surprised by this new controversy. Thankfully, our plans for the Student Centre do not envisage operations catering to the more primitive instincts of our clientele."

Hassled added, however, that YUDC had better stay away from arcade games.

Words to live by

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