

# Radio York in gear

By STEVE HAIN

"This year, four out of every five station members are first year people, with everyone in news being new. These people are taking their responsibilities seriously, and although the programming is not perfect, it is more comparable to year-end programming than that at the beginning of the year. I would say that this is the best staff yet."

Pete Desrochers, Radio York

Radio York is off and running once again.

"The station got off to a good start from day one, with everyone doing a little something," said station manager Pete Desrochers. "People were working, with no-one sitting around in the wings. This shows good organization considering that this is CKRY's largest staff ever, comprising 70 members."

Last week brought some good news into the station from the chambers of the York Student Federation. Last Wednesday night, CYSF approved a \$7,000 budget, with the possibility of another \$2,500 grant within the near future.

This money will be divided into much needed areas at the station. Most of the money will go towards equipment repairs in the production department and the master control board in the main studio.

Some will be put towards record replacements and programming, such as the weekly bearpit specials and radio plays. The remaining dollars will be used to pay rentals, with cable companies, the news teletype and speaker rentals heading

the list.

What will not be provided for is a portable sound unit. This unit would be used by the individual disc jockeys to provide a dance service to the York pubs.

"If the people of York University want it, we'll do it," said Desrochers. "If the colleges want to put up the money, we're the most qualified and would be happy to do it. If not, we really don't care."

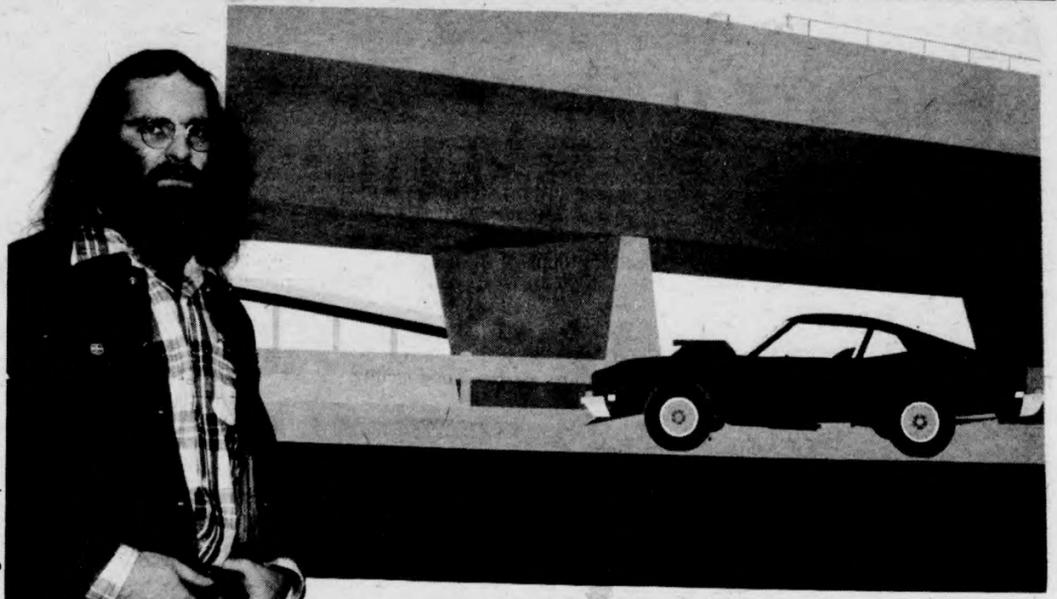
So for those of you munching on Versa burger or southern fried penguin in the cafeterias, or, if you're lucky, in the common rooms chewing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches from home, give a listen. There are 150 outlets on campus, and you'll be surprised by what you hear.

## New red rocket will ease transit

All those who have been stranded when the Red Rocket, filled to capacity, left without them, can take heart; York is about to be blessed with a new bus.

The fourth red rocket, which seats 44 passengers, will cost an estimated \$16,000 and will take approximately 8 to 10 weeks to arrive from its Ottawa manufacturer. In the interim York will be renting a 'loaner bus' from Travelways Limited to handle the overflow at the bus stop.

Bob Tobin of the physical plant, who has received complaints regarding the bus service, feels confident that with the addition of the new bus, adequate service will be provided.



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Artist Charles Whetstone stands beside his acrylic on canvas rendering of Radar Love, currently on display in the Fine Arts building. The full tale

appears on page nine, including an exposé of Whetstone's penchant for '55 Dodges.

## US welfshes on Great Lakes cleanup

OTTAWA (CUP) - The United States is violating a Canadian-American agreement to clean up the Great Lakes.

The agreement, signed by Pierre Trudeau and Richard Nixon in 1972, would have placed pollution in the Great Lakes under control by 1975.

By 1975, 100 per cent of municipal sewage on the Canadian side will be treated.

On the American side, only 35 per cent of municipal sewage is now treated. And Russell Train, administrator for the US Environmental Protection Agency, says that the agreement requires only that the Americans initiate treatment by 1975.

The US administration has held up more than \$9 billion earmarked by Congress for environmental cleanup, of which \$2 billion was for the Great Lakes.

The International Joint Commission, the agency that oversees water quality between the two nations, has

found that water in some areas of the Great Lakes is getting worse instead of better.

"It's damn frustrating," said one Canadian official, "It's plain stupidity trying to clean up half a lakes system, and that's what Canada is trying to do."

## Bottoms up puts Seagrams over top

OTTAWA (CUP) - If people drink more when times are bad, last year must have been terrible.

Unless you happen to own Distillers Corp. Seagrams Ltd., whose

profits were up \$8.89 million over 1973 levels as of July 31. But then, times were obviously pretty bad in 1973 as well, what with the company's profits of \$81 million on sales of over \$1.5 billion.



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Socialist League spokesman and past United Left Slate candidate for the CYSF presidency, Dale Ritch, talks with Radio York moderator Rick Leswick on The Need for Socialism at last Wednesday's Bearpit session.

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