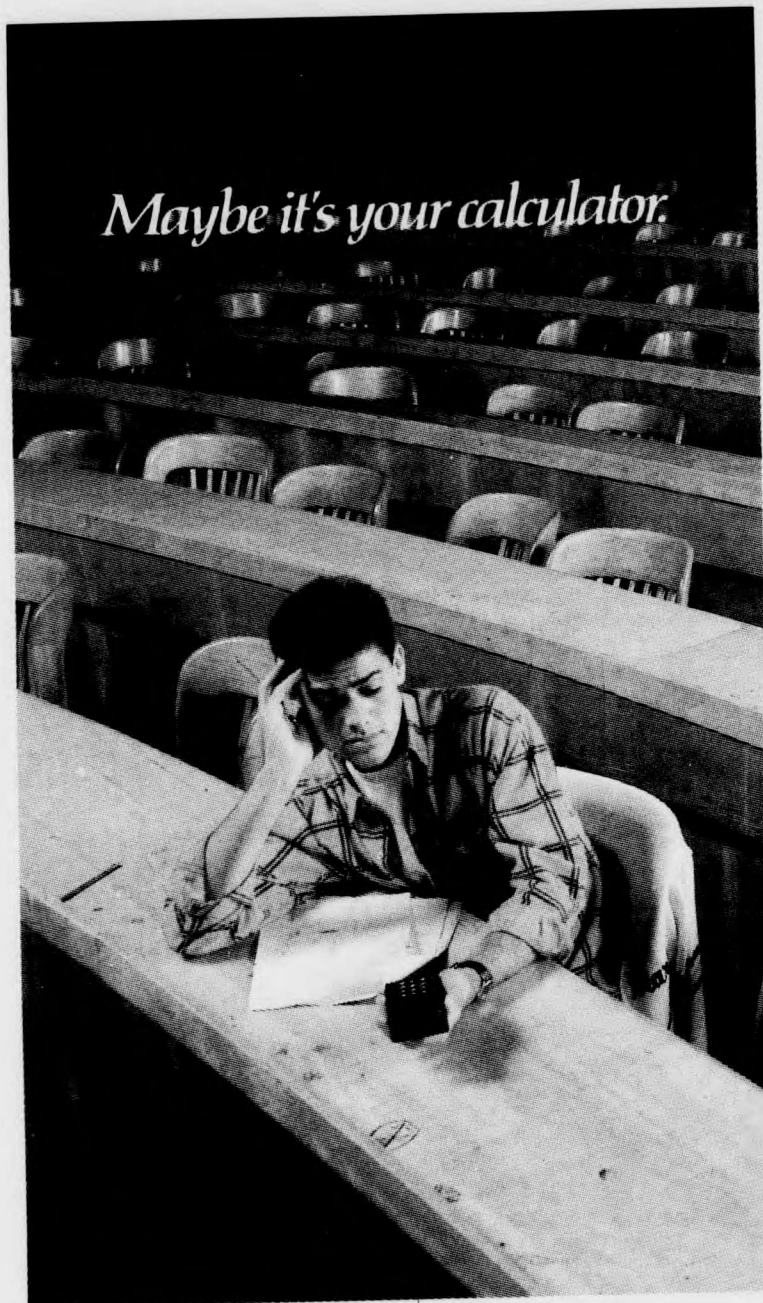


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Marathon to raise research funds

By JANINA JURKIEWICZ

The Canadian Rett Syndrome Association (CRSA) is hosting a five-hour Fitness Marathon on November 1, 1987. The non-profit organization hopes to raise, through this second annual event, research funds and public awareness about the illness. The marathon will be held at the Tait McKenzie building from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Rett Syndrome is a neurological disorder that may be the single most common cause of mental retardation in girls. Over 25% of girls diagnosed as autistic may have been, in fact, suffering from Rett Syndrome.

It is estimated that about 300 people will participate in the event, according to Ernie Sniedzins, Chairman of the CRSA. He also noted that a challenge has been issued to York University athletes by University of Toronto athletes as to who can raise the most funds. There will be a trophy presented to the winning University and a plaque to the individual who receives the most pledges.

Celebrities such as Mr. T. and John Travolta will be giving spot prizes throughout the event which, according to Sniedzins, may be televised. City TV's Ann Rohmer and Al Green of Body Alive with Lincoln Alexander will also be present to help encourage students through the Marathon.

Pledges may range from \$50 to \$500 depending on the category chosen by the sponsor. Sponsors will have the opportunity to win many prizes, including a weekend for two in a luxury hotel in Toronto.

Sniedzins anticipates that the "fun-filled event will need 1% of inspiration that will result in 99% perspiration."

Union supporters join picket line

By STACEY BEAUCHAMP

YUSA (York University Staff Association) supporters braved cold and wet weather conditions last Wednesday in a "solidarity picket" held at the St. Lawrence Blvd. entrance of the University.

Celia Harte, the YUSA president, commented that the response was "remarkably good" given the bad weather. Representatives of other unions and a newly formed student group voiced their support of the picketers. Also present were the Day Care workers who went out on strike on Wednesday morning. The crowd, stimulated by the speakers who shouted through bullhorns, chanted and cheered. Traffic was held up longer than usual.

The student support group was formed when a number of individuals demonstrated their desire to help the staff association. YUSA put them in touch with each other and they began to form a petition. Last Monday the group had its first meeting, and at the time of the rally had already collected over 1,800 signatures.

Also demonstrating great support at the rally was the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW). This was, according to Larry Lyons, the Chairperson of CUEW, not the first time that his group has joined the picket lines and it may not be the last since there was talk about his union joining the lines again next Tuesday.

Generally, faculty and students alike have been "pretty good," says Joan Taylor and Mary McDowell, two of the picketers. Many people stop to talk with them and to take their brochures. They add that they are very "sorry" about the effects of the strike on the students and they

hope that the issues can be sorted out soon.

Bursary fund to help students

By NANCY PHILIPS

A new college bursary fund has just been created to help those students with financial short-term demands which require immediate attention.

The George Doxey Bursary Fund was established at McLaughlin College by Professor Doxey, who retired last May as the Master of McLaughlin. He has set up the fund of \$4,000 to help students in short-term debt or in immediate financial need. The exact amount of money available each year will vary, as the interest and not the principle will be used. Hopefully more money will be added to the principle both by Professor Doxey and any other willing donors.

Professor Doxey told *Excalibur* that he set up the fund because every year students in need came to him for help, and it was always difficult to find money.

CUSO searching for participants

By CHRISTINE GOMES

The Canadian University Service Organization (CUSO), Canada's largest non-government organization working in international development, is trying to attract interested students into participating in current CUSO programmes being conducted overseas.

CUSO employs a full range of qualified individuals to work in a variety of settings including Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Pacific. There are two-year assignments available in the areas of education, health, business, trades, technology, agriculture, fisheries, wildlife and environmental management. It takes six months to a year, however, for an application to be processed.

Randy Niedzwiecki, from the CUSO office, outlined a few of the requirements CUSO applicants should be prepared to meet. First, each applicant should be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant. Excellent health and communication skills are also a must. An ability to learn, adapt and teach is essential, each assignment requires the applicant to have a minimum of two years of job-related experience.

CUSO will be holding a general information meeting on October 16, from 7:30-9:30 at 815 Danforth Avenue.

Radio York hits Metro airwaves

By JAMES FLAGAL
and VINCE TORRIERI

A 19-year-old dream has finally been realized.

"Radio station CHRY is licensed by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission on the frequency of 105.5 MHz with a radiated power of 50 watts."

Those were the first words broadcast by Radio York at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, as CHRY finally hit the FM airwaves for the first time in its history.

At the launch party in the station headquarters in Vanier College, Station Manager Mel Broitman and Programme Director Kaan Yigit were ecstatic. Over the past three years, both have worked long hours in order to assemble a successful application to the CRTC and modernize the station's equipment.

Broitman hopes to build a base of listeners similar to Ryerson's CKLN which presently possesses an audience of about 80,000.