

Liberal science approved

A new "Liberal Science" program has been approved by Senate. It will cater to students with a general interest in science, but not actually oriented to research.

The course is designed to give students "an appreciation of what science can and cannot do," said the dean of science, Dr. H. I. Schiff.

The program will cater to people who want to study more science than is presently offered under the BA program. It will also benefit students in the humanities who wish to build a

base in the physical sciences.

In addition, it will offer a possibility for transfer for students in this course to a general science course.

The proposal states that "it would be highly desirable if an appreciable fraction of our economists, political scientists, sociologists, and administrators had entered their careers with some scientific foundation."

The program was offered because it has been found that many students are entering university without any clear goals in mind.

miscellany

The York University Players second production for this year will be *The Visit* by Swiss playwright Friedrich Dürrenmatt. It will be presented in Burton on February 28, and March 1, and 2.

The Visit concerns a woman's revenge against a town and a man that have done her wrong. It is a macabre and shocking tragedy in which the population of a whole town are the protagonists. Director Brain Meeson has transposed the play's original setting in a small central European town to the Canadian prairies. He plans on using TV and film projection devices in his production of *The Visit*.

Meeson is a teacher at Forest Hill Collegiate and has directed a number of plays in Toronto including the recent production of *Eh?* at the Central Library Theatre.

Produced by David Schatzky, *The Visit* will include Tom Alway, Rachael Jacobson, Jim Wright, and Dovean Turvey, a professional actress.

The one-act play festival has been dropped this year due to lack of interest.

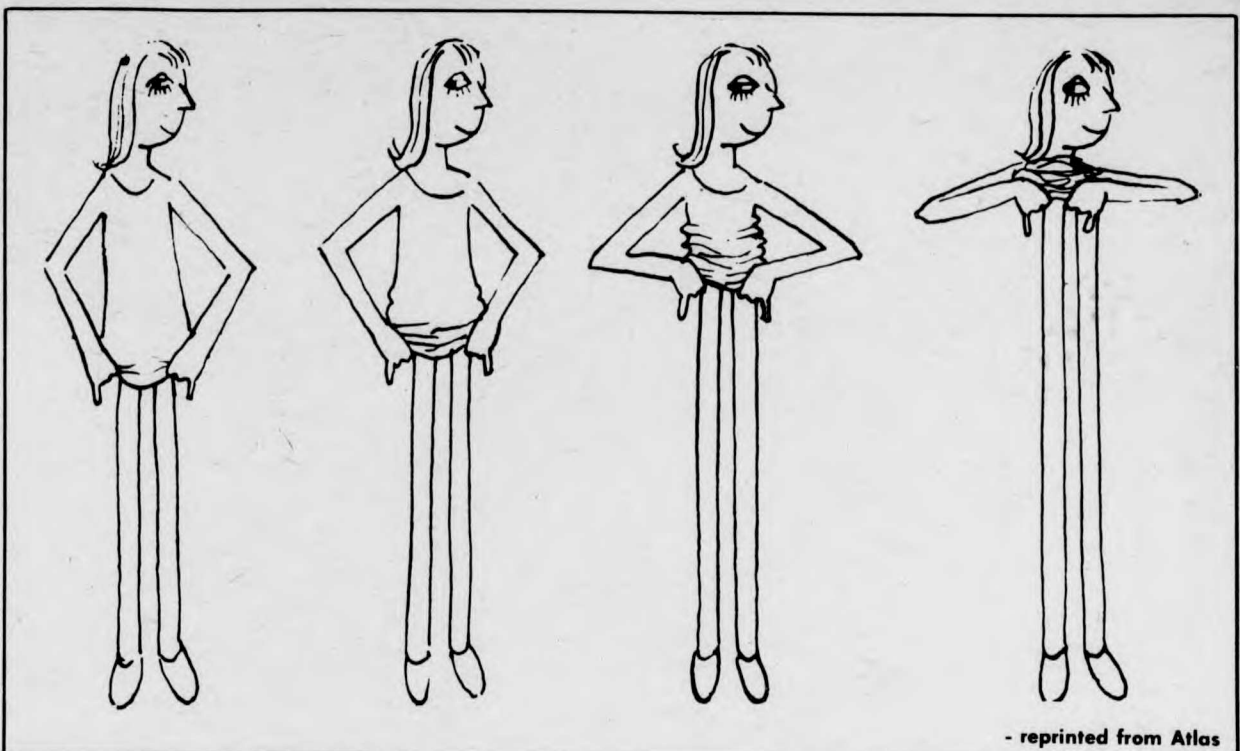
For those interested in film, *Catharsis*, the light show at the Rock Pile, is showing "Don't Knock the Rock" and "The T.N.T. Show" on Feb. 21. Admission is 50c. Other films planned are Vincent Price horror flicks, Hammer Productions ("Horror of Dracula" with Christopher Lee) and a special with Shirley Temple as King Kong.

For those planning a party for the future, *The Sunday Times* of London provides a valuable service. It has published what it considers to be "the basic human requirements for a successful party". They are: "Minimum of three potential celebrities; at least one real celebrity (any field); a foolish couple; a serious couple (straight feeds for comics); an engineer, or non-speaking Czech (to point out); somebody who moves well (male or female); one beautiful Fascist (to confuse people); six swinging teenagers (girls); a bitchy girl who can generate masochism in men; a gym instructress who drinks too much; an older woman who sits and smiles (who is she?); a ruined beauty (who was she?); Christine Keeler; no fat people, unless Robert Morely, Roy Kinnear or Peter Ustinov; nobody jet of Court Circular; no dogs; no Peter Hall, Jonathan Miller, David Frost, or Angus Wilson (or equivalents); no crew cuts; a swinging accountant; a buff (a jazz, hair, or gambling-buff); two attractive lesbians (to get wrong); one international drug trafficker (to point out); a beautiful flawed couple; a gay M.P.; one coloured TV personality (if in town); Tariq Ali (not Christopher Logue); an Irish show-business G.P.; a titled person (to show you're not snobbish); no artists' agents, editors or publishers (except Maurice Girodias); no children of head-shrinkers (except R.D. Laing); no Alan Brien (he'll pinch your material); an eccentric lawyer or priest (no respectors of confessionals); an articulate tradesman (electrician, cabinetmaker, house painter, bank manager); a forgotten culture hero; a reliable loudmouth who'll come early and leave early; the ex-wife of a world celebrity; a pop-singer no-one recognizes; a girl with buck teeth, a corrective shoe, or both; a girl in a twin-set and pearls (to sneer at); an established figure who decides that night to drop out.

Although Theatre Toronto's initial production this year of *Edward II* was a disaster there is still hope that the next three plays will be better. In *Good King Charles's Golden Days*, by Shaw, opens this week. Students are admitted to the Sunday matinees at 2 for \$1.

Pop groups are getting rather hard-up for material these days it seems. The Who, for instance, have come out with an album based inside the head of a deaf, dumb and blind boy. Composed by Peter Townsend this "pop opera" records the disabled child's reactions to various experiences...including being seduced by his uncle.

Note from Britain: from a letter in *Woman*, "After twenty years of faithful service my vacuum cleaner gave out I just didn't have the heart to put it out for the dustcart. Instead, I buried it at the end of the garden and planted a rose bush on top. I know this is daft, but it was the least I could do for such a helpful wee friend."



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Versa-council ignores boycott

by Anita Levine

You may have to cross a picket line from now on if you want to buy grapes from Versafood.

Monday the Food Services Committee, ignoring a York Student Council motion, and refusing petitions from all four colleges, voted to allow Versafood Services to continue buying scab-picked California table grapes.

Since 1965, California table grape-pickers have been on strike for collective bargaining rights. The continental grape boycott, in support of their strike, has been about 30% effective. Many Canadian universities have eliminated grapes from their menus.

In response to student demands, the USC last week passed a motion requesting Versafood to stop the purchase of California grapes for University consumption. However, the Food Services Committee, a body composed of appointed representatives from the College councils, to which Versafood is responsible, felt to buy or not to buy the grapes was a matter of individual conscience.

The Monday meeting rejected the YSC motion and decided to have Versafood post a sign informing students that "these are California grapes, elsewhere boycotted, and the decision to buy them is yours".

Lyba Spring, a leader of the York boycott movement, told the meeting that individual decisions would make no difference to the plight of the striking grape-workers, who earn less than half the California average income. She said the grape-growers don't care what happens to their produce once they have been paid for it by Versafood.

Mrs. Spring also provided fact sheets on the grape strike for the committee members. But McLaughlin council's rep., David Fitzgibbon, said "we should leave it up to the individual and we'll see who cares."

Alan Mann, representing Founders College, said "The boycott started at Berkeley

and the students carried it from there. We should support it as well."

Mann was the only representative, mandated by his council to vote for the YSC proposal. McLaughlin Council did not discuss the issue until the night after the meeting.

Marshall Green, sponsor of the YSC motion, said "if organizations such as universities don't take up the cause, the workers are going to have to resort to violence or their cause is going to be lost entirely. York University should help these workers." He was referring to the strikers' vow on non-violence, despite the beatings they have received from strike-breakers, hired by management.

The motion to erect a sign was introduced by David Fitzgibbon of Mac Council.

The motion passed, 7 to 3 with one abstention. Against were Marshall Green for YSC, Alan Mann for Founders, and

Lyba Spring was unhappy with the decision, calling it "a nice, fence-sitting stand." On her way out she told the Committee, "Well, that's very liberal of you. Thank you for your time."

Glendon College has been grape-ridden since their food committee reversed a three month boycott and ordered Versafood to start buying grapes again. A "warning" sign has been placed over the grapes.

University of Toronto students succeeded in getting grapes removed from their campus after the Students' Administrative Council passed a motion to that effect.

Meanwhile, several York students are reportedly planning to picket the serveries on behalf of the striking grape-workers.

And student politicians like Marshall Green are shaking their heads over the York power structure.

They're trying to figure out how an appointed committee like Food Services can overrule a motion by the York Student Council, a body elected by the students to carry out their wishes.

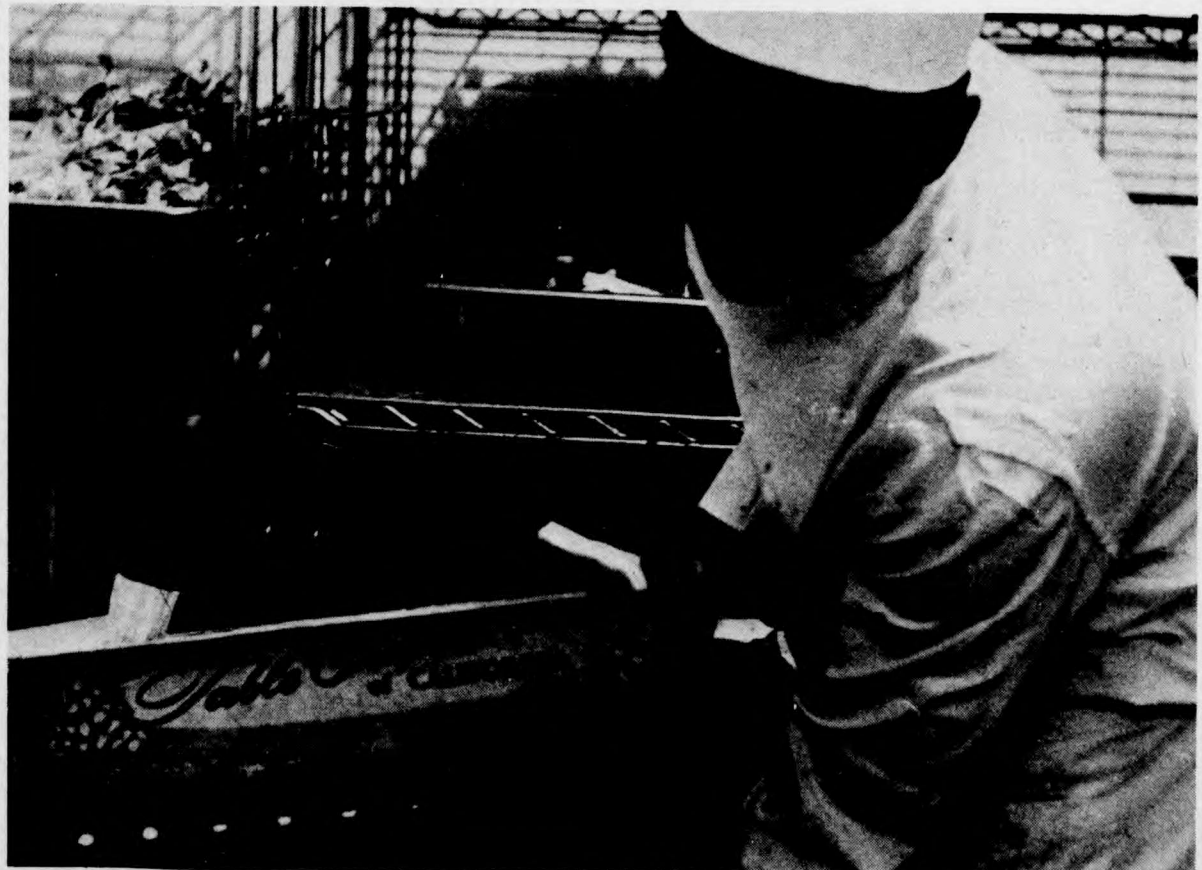


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Despite protests by many York students, California grapes are still found in our Versafood kitchens.