

Radio York's arrival gets mixed student reaction

Radio York is operating at last, but to mixed student reaction.

The station has a format of music from all fields, combined with news reports on the hour, and frequent news features.

Speakers for the closed-circuit station are in all junior common rooms except Winters.

The entire operation is run by students, and it is from this that

many of the problems have occurred. One of the common complaints is that it is too loud in certain areas, but station manager Bob Wolfe, feels that these wrinkles will be ironed out soon.

"We're open to any ideas that might make the station better. We broadcast from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and any comments are most appreciated," he said.

Student comment centers mainly on the content of the out-

put, and on the general noise level. But most of the students questioned felt that the station was a good addition to campus communications, and would grow to serve a useful function.

John Stiff, ex-president of Founders, said that he felt "they're playing too much CHUM-style music. There hasn't been much diversity in what I've heard, but then I've been cleaning out my office."

Committee finally gives in: endorses grape boycott

A special meeting of the Food Services Committee has officially endorsed the boycott of California table grapes at York University.

The Monday meeting was prompted by last Thursday's Grape Forum, organized by Marshall Green, the Federation Council representative on the Food Services Committee. Green was the sponsor of the YSF motion which the committee had turned down at their Jan. 27 meeting. The motion supporting the grape boycott was passed by the old YSF but rejected by the committee as interfering with "individual rights" to buy the grapes. The committee voted against asking Versafood to discontinue the purchase of grapes, deciding instead to erect a sign in the servery warning that the grapes were elsewhere boycotted.

At the Thursday's forum, it was announced that the purchase of grapes had already been discontinued because

reduced sales to students had made further purchase unprofitable.

However, Green, Lyba Spring, and other supporters of the boycott demanded that the Food Services Committee take an official stand on the issue.

Jessica Govea, a Mexican-American grape worker from California, told the Forum audience of the enormity of the opposition which the workers are fighting. She said that the growers are not just "a few small farmers with three or four acres of land". The grape growers call themselves "agro-businessmen", and are in reality huge corporations. The farms are literally thousands of acres, owned by absentee landlords who have a powerful lobby in Washington.

Some of the Food Services Committee members who had voted against the boycott were present at the Forum to defend their decisions. Mac Council rep David Fitz-

Gibbon, sporting a "Please don't buy California grapes" button, said he personally supported the boycott, but with no directive from his council, had voted according to his own conscience and felt he couldn't inflict a moral decision on his fellow students. He was answered by a chorus of boos and a few cheers. Most of the audience seemed to want the Committee to take a stand.

As the discussion grew more heated, several people present demanded an on-the-spot meeting of the Committee to decide the issue once and for all.

At the Monday meeting, Committee chairman Allen introduced a motion that "the Food Services Committee endorse the boycott and instruct the food service manager not to buy grapes until further notice from the committee."

The motion passed with no discussion, six votes for, none against, and four abstentions.

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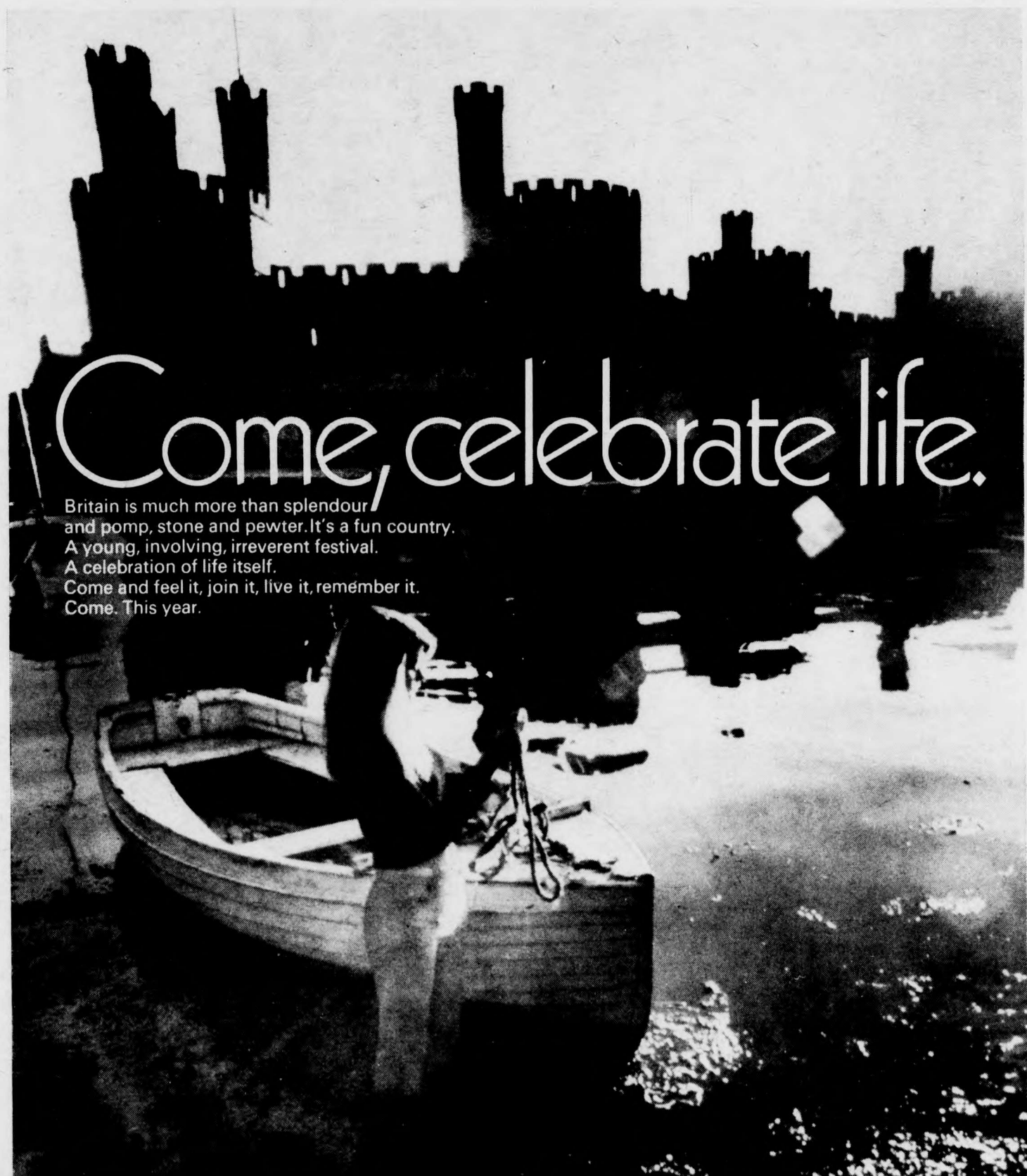


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