

University NEWSBEAT

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What do you say to a naked kilopascal?

York's Metric Coordinator measures up

York University has a Metric Coordinator.

His name is Ross Dawson, and he's 183 centimeters tall. He weighs 88.6 kilograms, which is roughly the right weight to be when you're 183 centimeters tall.

When he's not coordinating York's conversion to the metric system (the internationally accepted system is known as S1), Mr.

Dawson keeps busy as Director of the Department of Campus Planning.

That's most of the time because, as he freely admits, "Being York's Metric Coordinator is hard to get excited about."

"There's not very much coordination to be done."

At some point in the future, Canadian printers will start issuing

21 by 30 centimeter stationery, and when that happens, said Mr. Dawson, we'll forego the 8½ by 11 inch sheet.

"Right now, converting to metric stationery would be too expensive—it's still a non-standard size."

Eventually, physical plant will have to stop building things with two by fours and four by eight plywood panels. But right now the mills don't

turn out metric building materials. And, of course, we'll ultimately have to drive around campus at 35 or 40 kilometers per hour instead of 25 miles per hour: "We'll change the speed limit when they change them on the highways," said Mr. Dawson.

According to a time frame established by the Metric Commission of Canada, planning for conversion in universities and

colleges should have begun late last year, with complete conversion to be achieved by March, 1982. The time frame extends to nine "major activity areas", and identifies several "key events on critical path".

One of the key events is student awareness. It's scheduled to start in March and April, 1980.

Relax.

Not just hanging around

The New York-based Multigravitational Aerodance Group appears at York University's Burton Auditorium on Wednesday, March 16 at 8:30 p.m.

The company of six dancers, under the direction of Stephanie Evanitsky, perform in mid-air on an eighteen foot high scaffold with suspended harnesses, swings, platforms and wire. The dancers free their bodies from traditional choreography and create a synthesis of dance, theatre and sculpture.

Aerodance strives for images of weightlessness and flight. Symbols of alchemy, magic, gods, celestial bodies and space walks bound in imagery evocative of myth, ritual and science fiction.

The *Kansas City Times* described the group's performance as "fascinating, at times hardly credible and must almost be seen to be believed".

Tickets for Multigravitational Aerodance Group are available at the rate of \$5 for the general public, and \$3 for students. For reservations call the Burton Auditorium box office, Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 667-2370.



Footnotes

Separate (in progress) Tables

The London West End and Broadway hit, *Separate Tables*, directed by Hutchinson Shandro for York University's Theatre Department, will be performed the week of March 15 to 19.

Performances in Atkinson Studio will be given every evening, Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with matinees on Wednesday and Friday at 2:00 p.m. There will also be a preview on Monday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

This work-in-progress features third year performance students. It deals with the loneliness of several middle-aged adults who are staying in the secluded Beauregard Hotel in the English seaside town of Bourne-mouth.

Hutchinson Shandro, a graduate of L.A.M.D.A. and the University of Alberta, is well-known in Canadian theatre. He has performed with Vancouver's Playhouse Company, acted as Associate Artistic Director of the National Theatre School, and directed productions ranging from *The Apple Tree* to *The House of Blue Leaves*.

Free tickets for *Separate Tables* are available from the Burton Auditorium box office.

Banquets honour athletes

York's annual Inter-University Athletic Awards Banquets (Men's and Women's) will take place this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Men's Banquet will be held in the Founders Dining Hall and the Women's in the Winters Dining Hall: after the presentations the two groups will meet for a pub and dance.

Awards to be presented include Yeoman and Yeowoman of the year, the Molson's Award for the Most Improved (Men's) Team, and the Bryce M. Taylor Award to the graduate female athlete who has made an outstanding contribution to athletics at York.

The annual Georges E. Steffan Award will be presented for the first time this year, to all graduate male students participating in inter-university athletic programs. The award is named in honour of the York University Calligrapher who has led a distinguished athletic career, and who has hand-lettered all citations, awards, and diplomas presented by York University.

Marx times two: a colloquium

A colloquium entitled *The Two Marisms: Ideology and Utopia in Marxist Literary Criticism* will be presented next Wednesday with Fredric Jameson, professor of French and Comparative Literature, Yale University.

Professor Jameson is the author of *Sartre: the Origins of Style*, *Marxism and Form: Twentieth-Century Dialectical Theories of Literature*, and *The Prison House of Language: A Critical Account of Structuralism and Russian Formalism*.

The colloquium will take place in the Fellow's Lounge of Atkinson College, room 004, on Wednesday March 16 at 3 p.m.

More summer studies abroad

Would you like to study or work abroad? Look into the study and work opportunities that are available abroad by attending an information workshop sponsored by York University's International Students Centre. The workshop will be held on Thursday, March 24, from 3 to 6 p.m., in Room 218 of Bethune College on York's main campus at Keele Street and Steeles Avenue.

Resource personnel from the following agencies will be available to provide information and guidance to anyone wishing to study or work abroad: Canadian University Service Overseas, Canadian Bureau for International Education, Association of Student Councils, International Association for Students of Economics and Commerce, International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience, United Nations Volunteers, Canada World Youth, Canadian Crossroads International, Operation Beaver, and the York University Study Year Abroad.

The work and study abroad information workshop is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Further information on the workshop may be obtained by calling the York International Students Centre at 667-6262.