



# ARTS NEWS

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THE FACULTY OF ARTS STUDENT CAUCUS

## Fighting apathy isn't easy

# Communication is badly needed for academic issues

For the first time since anyone cares to remember (it was 1972, actually), the Faculty of Arts Student Caucus has awoken, due to an increased interest on behalf of Arts students. Like all student-run, volunteer bodies of a political or organizational nature, the Caucus is by no means immune to that most cancerous and obnoxious of diseases, politely known as apathy. This minuscule virus, undetectable to even the best Biology student, has been known to render any such organization it enters, helpless paralysed, and set back for a handful of years. Cures are difficult, and vaccinations are almost impossible.

Fortunately, the Caucus has had the opportunity to rid itself of the critter, and without needing any convalescence, is progressing rapidly. Through the perseverance of highly motivated and committed students, F.A.S.C. has provided a very important service to both Arts students and the entire York community. F.A.S.C. representatives have been sitting on numerous faculty-level committees, to

ensure that students' views are adequately but firmly expressed to the faculty. Unfortunately, this function of importance cannot be maintained all year 'round without the active participation and involvement of you, the kernel of the community. One of the first areas of involvement is the difficult task of communicating with the rest of the Faculty and the community at large.

It is in this spirit that we, on behalf of the Faculty of Arts Student Caucus, launch Arts News. It is hoped that this page can serve as a much needed foundation for a forum of academically related debate. While CYSF and Excalibur are busy chasing their tales, and have little to do with the nature of the educational system at York (or even the role of the university in society), such a forum has been sadly lacking on campus. Open to students, staff, and faculty, this page can be a meaningful platform from which we can discuss issues, problems, and ideas.

Moreover, we hope that this form of communication will provide the community with the relevant information concerning dates,

fees, and other basic information which you may have forgotten since last reading the undergraduate calendar.

By combining these two functions, we can possibly find from within, a resistance to that old bugaboo of apathy, and thus help to continue student momentum and carry on in the years to come.

As editors of Arts News, we cordially invite you to voice your opinion on any matter which you think will encourage an "esprit de corps"

in this huge and amorphous faculty. Send your article, articles, opinions, or announcements to either George in the F.A.S.C. office in S319 Ross (telephone: 667-6391) or Evan at Excalibur (667-3201). Even better, bring it in personally, and meet some of the folks that are doing all these nice things. If you're lucky, George might even laugh at your jokes.

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Editors, Arts News

## AES to hold discussions

Are you interested in economics or taking it as a major or minor, then the Association of Economics Students may be of interest to you.

Aside from it offering students a representation at the Departmental level to voice their opinions in the Department's administrative and policy decisions, the AES organizes debates and sponsors guest lecturers from the business and economic community to present their views on many contemporary economic issues.

On February 7, a York Alumnus, Mr. Tris Lett, who is Senior Advisor to the Ontario government (Taxation and Fiscal Policy Branch) presented an informative lecture on the role of the economist in the provincial government and possible job opportunities with the Ministry of Treasury and Economics, to the members of AES.

Some upcoming events include two inter-faculty debates. The first will be held in the week commencing February 21, between Professors Lazar and Evans. Their topic to be debated: The Keynesian v. The Monetarist Position. The second debate, to be held shortly after the first, will be between Professor Ridpath and Professor Copeland. Their topic: The Free Enterprise System v. The Alternative.

Additional information pertaining to these functions will be posted throughout the university.

The AES sincerely invites all interested students to attend these debates and any upcoming events. For those who would like to take an active part in the Association, they may submit their names and telephone numbers in the AES mailbox located in the Economics Office, S845R.

Frank Colozza



One of the F.A.S.C. committees moves into action.

## Synapse is on campus for psychology students

Have you ever had a negative experience in a psychology course and didn't know who to discuss it with? Have you ever had problems selecting a course or a professor? What does one do with a degree in psychology? How does one go about making himself or herself a likely candidate for acceptance to graduate school? What are degree requirements? What is involved in doing a thesis? SYNAPSE has come to the aid of all students who have found themselves concerned with these types of questions.

SYNAPSE is a small group of undergraduate psychology students whose main purpose is to be available to help other students find solutions to the problems that are inevitably encountered in the course of one's undergraduate career.

The resources in our office are gradually growing. We are putting together files on careers and graduate schools. We are attempting to administer course evaluations, the results of which will be open to all students.

SYNAPSE provides counselling on all topics concerning students' future goals in psychology. We may be able to help you avoid certain obstacles or at least make you aware of their existence. As well as offering advice, we provide a captive audience for all comments and suggestions concerning satisfaction with the psychology programmes.

SYNAPSE is interested in making the Behavioural Science Building come alive, rather than it merely being the way to get into the tunnel to Vanier. On your way through stop in to see us in room 294 B.S.B. any day Monday to Friday between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Ana Sagripanti

## Eight committees speak for students' rights

The need for student participation at the decision making level on the committees of the Council of the Faculty of Arts is of great importance to students and faculty alike. Faculty administration benefits from student inquiry and opinion when each term can bring a fresh approach to long standing discussions.

To provide faculty and staff with student contact outside the lecture hall in a meeting of mutual concern is to enhance the York experience for both the participant and the student body.

Just as the administration needs student input, so do students need to know that there are other students who speak on their behalf. Eight separate committees are concerned with their problems and aspirations and student councillors may introduce specific items for discussion and careful con-

sideration.

There is a need for faculty members to meet students other than their own and for students to know faculty members from all disciplines. FASC provides this opportunity. To learn administrative procedures first hand is an extra free course for all participants and is generally an unmet need for most students other than their own and for students to know faculty members from all disciplines. FASC provides this opportunity. To learn administrative procedures first hand is an extra free course for all participants and is generally an unmet need for most students. The combination of study and experience meets a future need in this instance.

When one can say "we" instead of "I" and "they", York begins to strengthen in purpose and needs move closer to fulfilment. Infor-

med participation is more effective than uninformed response.

Grace Levia

## Ed students

Are you interested in a teaching career? If so, now is the time to take the initiative. The Faculty of Education is receiving applications for the 1977-78 academic session. Students currently registered in undergraduate faculties at York are invited to apply. However, the number of spaces available is limited and we urge you to submit your application as soon as possible.

Applications are available at the York Enquiry Service (opposite the Post Office) and at the Office of Student Programmes in all faculties.

## Important Dates

To all Faculty of Arts students:

You may or may not have noticed about the campus the yellow notices from the Office of Student Programmes setting down IMPORTANT DATES which have a bearing on your academic year.

So that you may have your own personal copy, F.A.S.C. has reproduced those dates below. Detach this table, carry it with you, discard it but please take careful note of the dates.

Tuesday FEBRUARY 15, 1977 Last day to withdraw from full course without receiving a grade.

Friday MARCH 11, 1977 Last day to withdraw from second term half-courses without receiving a grade.

Last day to withdraw from second term half-courses and receive a refund.

Monday APRIL 18, 1977 Last day to submit term work for full courses or second term half-courses.