

## Pub crawls downplayed in this year's orientation

By HARRY MARGEL

In response to a growing concern that York may one day be sued over an alcohol-related incident, a committee has been formed to report on alcohol use to the Council of Masters and the Provost.

"Our report is not yet finished," said David Lumsden, Master of Norman Bethune College and chairperson of the committee, "but we are urging right now the elimination of pub crawls and booze cruises."

Lumsden said that "any group conducting such activities should be reprimanded, and I'm not saying that out of prudery, or that there is anything wrong with drinking alcohol, but the university just can't afford this type of law suit." Lumsden added that he believes the University has "a duty to provide for a safe environment on campus."

There have been several alcohol related tragedies during college-related activities across Canada in the recent past, but Lumsden said that there has been no major incident at York which prompted the formation of the committee.

At the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) President Reya Ali said that increased concern regarding alcohol on campus is being reflected in many campus programs and policy.

"Early this year we will be spending in the neighborhood of \$350 to produce and distribute about 10,000 coasters to the various campus pubs," Ali said. "They will carry some sort of alcohol-related message but the exact working still has to be worked out between us and the pub managers. We don't want to make the message so hard line that the pubs will be reluctant to sue them."

Ali also said he believes that many college councils have already been asked to tone down their emphasis on alcohol in all their activities, especially those at orientation.

"Many students entering the university are not even 19, the legal drinking age, and yet many orientation activities have been traditionally alcohol-based, leaving those younger students unable to participate," Ali said.

Whether or not the de-emphasis or total removal of alcohol from orientation activities will be realized is difficult to determine at this point. Some orientation schedules show ambiguous references to what in fact may only be changes in name to traditional drinking parties.

"We have renamed our pub crawl Socialization 1010.03," Stong College orientation coordinator Sally Pepper said, "and our hangover breakfast The Morning After the Night Before, which takes place in the morning after the boat cruise, and we'll be having a dance where alcohol will be available."

While the pubs on some other local campuses have joined in the "Designated Driver" program, promoted by the distiller Hiram Walker, it appears that none of York's pubs have done so.

"The program works by having one member of a group that is drinking alcohol receive gratuitous soft drinks so he can be the designated driver," said Gabi Laszlow, coordinator for the program at Hiram Walker.

"We've spent a lot on promotion across Canada already and it would be worth it for the pubs to get the kit from us which contains stick-ons and other similar devices to make the patrons of the bar aware," Laszlow said.

## Four York students rusticated for involvement in last year's thefts from campus eatery

By DAVID BYRNES

Rather than being expelled "forever" from York University, as a Norman Bethune disciplinary committee originally recommended, four York students will be banned from York for three years because of their involvement in a series of thefts from the Complex II servery last spring.

The four include two former members of the Bethune student executive, Sol Lerner and George Leung, a former student Senator, David Armstrong, and a former Bethune residence student, John Sinclair-Whitely.

Michael Barwick, also implicated in the thefts, was stripped of his editorship of Bethune's newspaper, *The Lexicon*, and also of an assistant Donship, but will be allowed to finish his degree.

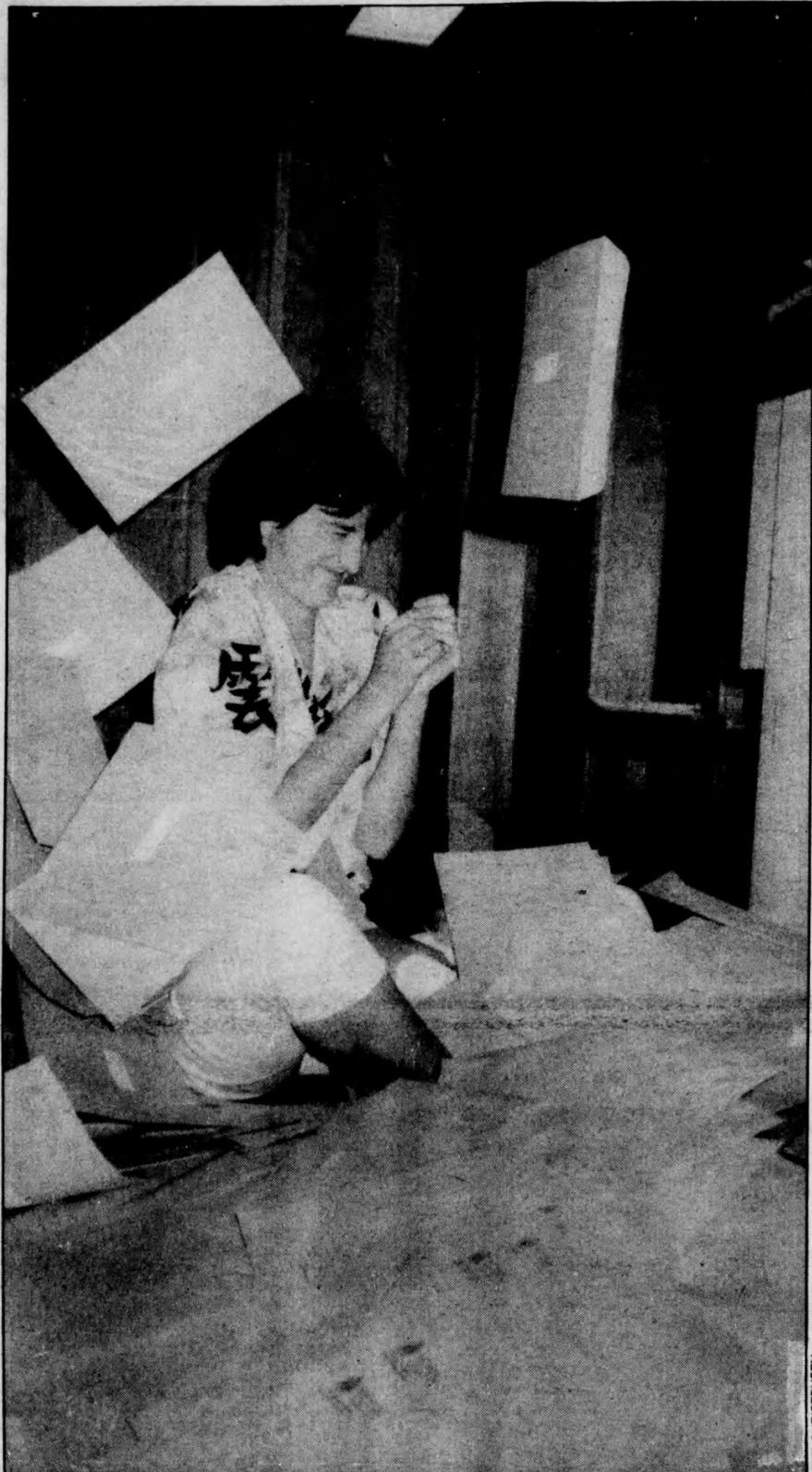
Appeals by Barwick and Armstrong to Bethune Master David Lumsden failed to change the disciplinary committee's ruling.

Jill Rabjohn, chairperson of Bethune's student council and a member of the disciplinary committee, said that one of the students who was "rusticated" (temporarily expelled) described the thefts as "a lot of fun."

"They made it sound so interesting, it was like people met down there (at the servery) at night. It seemed to be like a sport," she said. "They made it sound like a piece of cake. They even said they went down there once and the door was open."

Other methods the group used to get into the servery included climbing in through the dish-belt. "On the actual day (of the theft that was reported) George hid in a refrigerator cupboard until the cafeteria closed," she said.

Rabjohn said that Barwick had been storing some of the stolen goods in the darkroom of *The Lexicon* for up to six months, and that he decided to report the May 9 theft after he feared that a security guard had spotted the group with some of the stolen goods.



ENVELOPES OF THE GODS: Founders College Council Secretary Sharon Marks slowly sinks into the Founders Orientation Mail-Out.

## York radio station expanding, sets November as on-air date

By ELLIOTT SHIFF

Radio York will be one step closer to becoming widely accessible to York students when its incorporation is finalized this week, according to station manager John Doyle.

After obtaining incorporation Doyle said the station will apply to the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for a carrier current licence, and should be available by carrier current to anyone in Stong or Bethune residence with an AM radio by November. "We'll look at expanding to the other residences after the first little while," Doyle said.

Radio York News Director Mel Broitman said that getting a carrier current licence is a necessary step towards an eventual FM licence. "As soon as we get carrier current we will take the necessary steps to be on cable FM licence. Radio York hopes to be a legitimate operational radio station on low power FM serving the North York community. It will be at least a year before Radio York will be able to get an FM licence."

Doyle said that Radio York will receive about \$40,000 in funding this year from a student levy that was overwhelmingly supported in a referendum in 1984. Doyle said he hopes the levy will increase over five years to \$60,000.

The funding was arranged last spring in a meeting between Doyle and Provost Tom Meininger. Doyle said Meininger agreed to the funding providing Radio York set up a proper management structure. Radio York now has a board of directors comprised of faculty, alumni, and employees of the station. Next year the board will also include an elected student representative, Doyle said.

Following their incorporation Radio York will become totally independent. "We'll be out of CYSF's hair, especially financially," Doyle said. According to Doyle, all of the money received from the student levy will be "plowed directly into the station, especially for equipment." Doyle said there will be no salaried employees at Radio York for at least a year as all of the money will be used to upgrade the station's operating capacity.

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