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Reunion attracts York graduates

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While life at York may be a stepping-stone into the real world of business, daily routine and responsibility, the memories grads take with them are not soon forgotten.

Since 1978, when York first initiated an annual Homecoming festival for past graduates, alumni of the University have returned to this nostalgic event in increasing numbers.

According to Patricia Swanson, the Alumni Liaison Officer, "approximately 40,000 past graduates have been invited to York's Homecoming '82 to take place this weekend on Friday and Saturday, October 15-16, at the York and Glendon campuses." The increase in the number of alumni returning this year, stems from what Swanson terms the personal approach. "We have reached more graduates this year primarily as a result of hiring students to trace down alumni addresses and telephone numbers, and personally inviting them."

Swanson also suggests that, "while Homecoming is traditionally geared towards the alumni as a chance to return to York and acquaint themselves with old friends, all festivities are open to any member of the York community, be it past or present." Jayne Drennan, the Vanier Representative on the Alumni Council, believes that "undergraduate students will have the opportunity to meet alumni who are presently engaged in various fields of employment, and are first hand sources of information on life after York."

One of the highlights of this year's homecoming is the second annual 'Homecoming Parade'. Various colleges have constructed and submitted floats which will be driven in this Saturday's parade that will make its way around campus, ending up at the football field for the 2:00 p.m. kick-off between York Yeomen and the McMaster University Marauders.

Swanson calls Homecoming '82, "the biggest, single, social event, coordinated into York University." This year a new feature has been added to the festivities: the Homecoming Roam Around Pass. The pass will entitle York members to admission to any or all Saturday night dances held during the festival. The passes can be picked up at any of the dances.

No quorum No action

Michael Monastyrskij

A meeting of the Council of the York Student Federation was cancelled because of a lack of quorum.

Attendance has frequently posed problems for this year's council, and after the cancellation of Tuesday's session, CYSF President Maurizio Bevilacqua accepted the suggestions of other council members that telephone and send letters to members who did not attend the meeting. He also agreed to contact the heads of the college councils to ensure that their representatives would be sent to future meetings. Bevilacqua had originally argued against the proposals: "If you're a responsible rep, you should show up, as far as I'm concerned."

Director of Internal Affairs John Chang was angered by the cancellation. As he left the council chambers, he said that frequent cancellations had prevented the various directors from presenting regular reports to the council. Pointing to Academic Affairs Director Mark Pearlman Chang stated, "He wasted his time typing that shit now what is he supposed to do with it."

Pearlman himself says, "There has been some kind of breakdown in communication. New college representatives are not fully trained as to what the CYSF does. They don't know what their role should be."



Photo: Debbie Kirkwood

Yeomenites were out in full tribal regalia for Saturday's football game against the University of Toronto. Although our gridiron fans triumphed in the water balloon fights, York was defeated on the field 21-14. Some people didn't take the loss that well.

The York Fund

Fundraisers say corporations too poor to contribute

Barb Taylor

The York Fund, a project to raise \$15 million from corporate and private donations, has put its external campaign on hold. The project has been underway for two years and has raised \$5.6 million. Money from the Fund is directed towards projects that are not covered by the Universities budget. Patricia Bryden, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs said the external campaign was stopped because "by earlier this year it became apparent that the state of the economy was affecting the corporations ability to donate. The corporate sector is the one that is really hard hit, so we're putting them on the go slow."

The York University Faculty Association has responded by requesting the same treatment. Janice Newson,

Chairperson of YUFA said, "It's very difficult to see how they see the economic climate as having an external effect but not an internal effect on the Universities employees."

Newson feels that internal targets should also be put on hold, "partly because the economic recession is as hard on employees and students as on the corporate sector and also in view of the wage restraint legislation, we feel it is only consistent."

Mary Zubinsky, York University Staff Association representative on the York Fund committee said, "the corporations can afford to help more than the ordinary staff worker--the majority of our people are earning under \$17,000

Zubinsky added, "In the university system today the corporate people get a lot of advantages--we're training

people to work for them--they're drawing a lot out of the university."

Both Zubinsky and Newson feel that staff and faculty contribute in other ways. Zubinsky suggested that "the staff could be of a lot of use--if we were asked we could save money through suggestions, and higher morale would certainly help." Newson feels "the employees of York have been subsidizing operations for years--our salary structures are behind other comparable groups."

Mark Pearlman, Chairman of the Projects Committee for the York Student Fund said, "I think the York Student Fund should play as much larger role." "Its for their (students) own benefit." He sees the "main goal of the fund is to create a sense of community at York and its secondary goal to raise money for projects in

the York Fund."

York students have contributed \$100,000 through a levy of \$3 per student which was added to tuition fees last year. Other plans for raising funds this year include a winter carnival, a talent night, a casino coming up at the end of the month, and a concert series. Although Rothmans will no longer sponsor the concert series, Pearlman believes the series will continue. The targets for the fund are, student, \$100,000; faculty and staff, \$250,000; individual BOG members, \$300,000; and the remainder of the \$million from government, foundations, and miscellaneous.

Fifteen corporations, including York faculty and staff have donated over \$100,000. Only two corporations connected with the York Board of Governors have contributed over \$100,

000: TD Bank and Noranda Mines.

Other corporate connections on the BOG include: Bata Shoes, Confederation Life Insurance, Silverwood Industries, Eatons, General Foods, Upper Lakes Shipping std., and Mutual Life Assurance of Canada. Information concerning donations less than \$100,000 is not currently available from the York fund. YUFA has problems with the entire concept of private funding. Newson stated, "Education is a task for society to take care of and society has the taxing powers of government to accumulate money to look after things in societies interest, the real way to get money is to hit the corporate sector with taxes relative to their profits. If this was done, corporations would be doing their bit to contribute--at least in proportion to everyone's in-

come."

She also feels that "private dollars very often serve the special interests of private groups." This money can be used for specific things and could halt others which might be in the public interest. In theory that is what public funds prevent. When asked about government funding Pearlman responded, "that by supporting the York Fund we're trying to show the government that we just won't take their cutbacks." Newson stated, "the argument must be made more vigorously to government that we must be funded more."

YUFA has not yet received a response to their letter from the Chairman of the York Fund William A. Dimma, but they will be pursuing this issue over the next few months.