

## NEWS

# Admin silences student at convocation ceremony

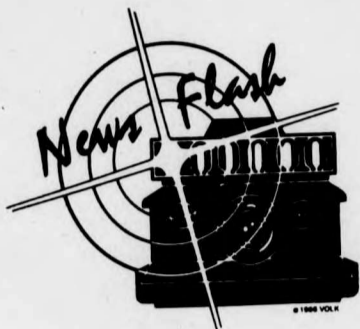
## September 17, 1970

York's convocation ceremonies were disrupted May 29 when university officials halted a scheduled student speech on U.S. domination of Canada.

Graduate student Mike Blumenthal, speaking to an audience of 3,000 parents and graduates, was listing directorships held by York board of governors members on U.S. corporations when Floyd S. Chalmers, university chancellor, told him his time was up.

Blumenthal had earlier been granted five minutes to speak following repeated requests backed by the Council of the York Student Federation.

When Blumenthal started listing names, Chalmers, university President Murray G. Ross and W.P. Scott, chairman of the board, held an emergency on-stage conference before the entire audience.



### Excel Flashback

Following the conference, Chalmers stopped Blumenthal, although some audience witnesses have claimed his time was not up.

In his speech, Blumenthal charged that board members were profiting by U.S. economic domination of Canada.

"In their day-to-day corporate practice, it is their job to help maximize the profits of their businesses. And it makes no difference to them whether they represent the interest of the Canadian people, or British and American corporations."

The CYSF executive in a letter later charged board members with using "rude and repressive tactics in disrupting normally scheduled events."

"It is clear," the letter said, "that these members deem it their right to arrogantly and arbitrarily define the bounds of free speech."

Chalmers in a written reply told CYSF that convocation was not "an appropriate occasion" for Blumenthal's remarks.

"I am sure there are many occasions where Mr. Blumenthal and others can exercise their right to free speech at the university," he said.

### Weather Swami's four-day forecast

#### Wednesday



wet snow changing to rain

High 2 Low -5

#### Thursday



windy with flurries

High 0 Low -8

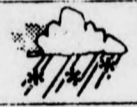
#### Friday



mostly sunny

High -1 Low -10

#### Saturday



variable clouds, scattered showers or flurries

High 3 Low -3



## COMMISSION ON THE STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

James Downey, Chair

David V.J. Bell and Joan Wick Pelletier, Commissioners

### CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

The Commission on the Governance and Structure of the Faculty of Graduate Studies has been established to review and report on the responsibilities, organization and administration of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The Commission will hold hearings between **February 4 and February 7, 1991**. Details about the hearings will be made available in the near future.

The Commission invites interested members of the York University community to submit written comments in advance of the hearings. Submissions should be brief, and focused on specific issues and concrete recommendations. The Commission has been asked to consider the following questions:

- To what extent should responsibility for delivering programs to graduate students be the unique and exclusive responsibility of the Faculty of Graduate Studies?
- If the responsibility is to rest entirely with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, what administrative, budgetary and appointment arrangements would be appropriate to support that responsibility?
- If the responsibility is to be shared, what are the appropriate administrative, and budgeting arrangements for giving expression to that shared responsibility?
- To what extent and how should the needs of FGS determine or influence the selection of academic positions and appointees to fill those positions? Is there a need for budgetary arrangements to support that influence?
- What obligations and duties are attached to membership in FGS, and to what degree and how does the Dean of FGS exercise control over the performance of these duties?
- Given the degree of accountability now required in managing enrolments, what are the administrative arrangements appropriate to that function?
- What is the appropriate relationship between FGS and those professional programs offering degrees at the Master's level (FAS, FES, Osgoode Hall)?

Written submissions may be sent to:

**Robert Everett University Secretariat S945 Ross Building**

Please note that the deadline for submissions is  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1991**

## YFS/FEY

## Tidbits

by Salman A. Nensi

The following are brief notes from the January 9 council meeting:

\* YFS/FEY President Jean Ghomeshi will be debating York President Harry Arthurs January 23 on the proposed COU (Council of Ontario Universities) Recovery Plan that would increase university tuition fees by \$550.

\* ERA (Executive Research Assistant) Tammy Hassfeldt has resigned from her position to become information officer for the new Student Centre.

"I was happy to work on a lot of things the YFS did this year such as bilingualism, which was a big step forward," Hassfeldt said, "but this new position was an opportunity I couldn't turn down."

Hassfeldt will be co-ordinating the information that goes out to students and producing a publication detailing activities at the Student Centre and the campus in general.

"I think it is important that someone who has been around the university hold this position," Hassfeldt said.

The YFS/FEY will be replacing the ERA as soon as possible.

\* The YFS/FEY is considering not doing course evaluations this year for a variety of reasons including a shortage of funds and personnel, specifically the absence of an Academic Commissioner. There was also a lack of cooperation from several critical departments in providing funds or statistics to compile the evaluations.

\* George Sanghera, YFS/FEY vp (programmes), reported on the CHRY Annual General Meeting. The accounting firm of Price-Waterhouse was appointed as CHRY's auditor for the coming year.

As CHRY holds only one General Meeting a year, it is not possible for them to make constitutional changes on a daily basis. Several "working changes" to their constitution were voted upon and accepted at this past meeting.

\* Stephanie Infurari has been elected as the new CRO (Chief Electoral/Returning Officer) by council.

\* YFS/FEY General Elections will be held on March 12 and 13.

\* The council will be making over a dozen constitutional changes at their next general meeting.