

# Alumni return for nostalgia party



Suds dispenser kept spirits high at alumni bash

Gary Hershorn photos

Homecoming, the reunion of York's alumni last weekend, proved to be highly successful, according to Steve Dranitsaris, one of its coordinators.

Dranitsaris estimated that about 600-700 alumni showed up for the occasion.

"All the three dances (Stong, Founders and Winters) were absolutely packed," he said. "The reception at McLaughlin was so packed they ran out of booze. There was 1100 or 1200 people at the football game, which was pretty good considering that it poured rain Friday night and Saturday."

Dranitsaris said the alumni committee was considering making Homecoming an annual event if it continues to get college support.



President Mac (above) got a kick out of homecoming weekend during which Yeomen pigskinners clashed with Waterloo Warriors (below).

## Green Bush Inn reincarnated

By Leslie Gaskin

"I remember those days hanging out at the Village Green, Engineer boots, leather jackets and tight blue jeans."

Winters dining hall recaptured the spirit of the Green Bush Saturday night, as part of the Homecoming for York's returning

alumni.

The Green Bush Inn, once located at Steeles and Yonge, was the local watering hole for York students before on campus pubs were installed. Plans were made to actually move the inn to the York campus, but this failed and the building was demolished in 1971.

Although the reunion was reminiscent of York's Green Bush days it was definitely a 1978 affair.

Kids, a Toronto group, heated the room with a range of numbers from Al to Rod Stewart and from Fleetwood Mac to an injected finale of *Brown Sugar* by the Stones.

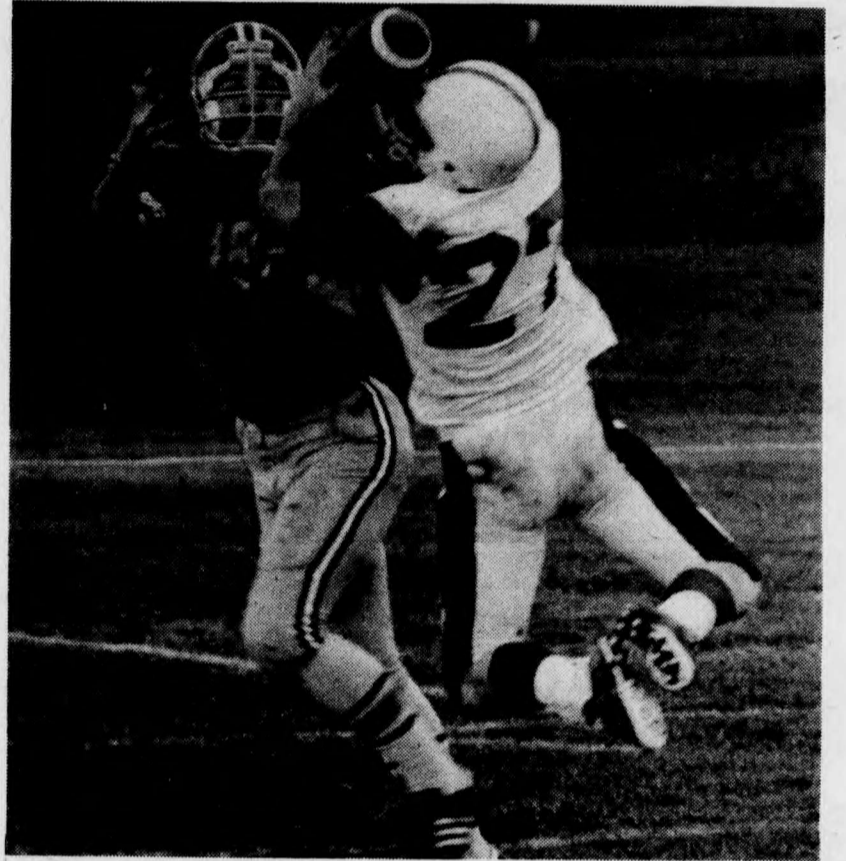
Ross Munro, lead singer, accompanied his vocal ability with gymnastic feats, perching himself during one number atop a speaker. Bryan Pratt and Kipper Weeks bantered with their guitars while

Steve Feldman provided backup on drums. Osie Osborne on flute rivalled Ian Anderson with a Jethro Tull number from the *Thick as a Brick* album.

The limerick contest sponsored by Vanier and Winters, received little response, but was highlighted by the archetypal limerick and a kazoo duet by Rocky Caspin and Brad Very. First prize, a 40 oz bottle of rye went to Ellen Ison, Joanne Antonacci, and Anna Ciarvella for their inspired epigram about a U of T varsity blue.

The alumni recaptured the combustion of light, sound and spirit of the Green Bush, but the Green Bush is something that will remain in the past.

"The king and the queen went back to the Green but you can never go back there again."



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## York Unions

*GAA reaches tentative agreement*

Friday, October 13 was an important day for the GAA and for the entire York community. After 16 hours of steady negotiations, Leslie Sanders (GAA chief steward) and Don Mitchell (chief negotiator for the administration) shook hands on a tentative contract for teaching assistants and part-time teaching staff.

This contract was provisionally endorsed at the GAA membership meeting Monday, October 16. It goes to the membership for formal ratification in a poll to be held during the week of October 23. This last minute settlement averts the threat of a second strike on the York campus this term.

Clearly we have YUSA to thank for breaking through the administrations' four per cent ceiling on wage increases and their intransigence in bargaining over the previous months.

### Contract Negotiations

Following YUSA's strike, the GAA decided to approach the administration one last time after three months of fruitless bargaining. Friday's harvest proved to be surprisingly fruitful, although there was still the odd worm!

The administration's team came to the bargaining table with some serious proposals, and we bargained into the wee hours of the morning to try to reach some consensus.

Agreement was reached on several important non-wage items. For instance, we now have a clause specifying application procedures for GAA members in part-time positions. In addition, we have a clause which stipulates that "seniority" shall govern part-time appointments when candidates' competence and ability are equal.

With respect to wages, the administration came in with a six per cent increase, and finally agreed to an overall 6.7 per cent increase. College tutors, markers and individual tutors received a slightly better (and long overdue) raise.

Other issues, such as free tuition for some unit II (part-time) members, will go to labour-management meetings to be scheduled throughout the year. Many of our demands, such as the right not to cross a picket line, and greater fights for part-timers had to be dropped in the process of bargaining.

### Contract Strengthens Union

The GAA negotiating team feels that this contract strengthens the union by providing greater security for its members. We were pleased that for the first time we were able to reach a settlement without going to mediation or resorting to strike measures. Instead we can now work on the implementation of the contract; we will be discussing some contentious issues in labour-management talks.

We are also intending to turn our attention to the York community's perennial task: the fight against cutbacks to education in general.

Eric Walberg