

Stong Pond Accord signed

By CHUCK CUNNINGHAM
(Ritchie's infamous brother)

York President Hurrayup Author and 10 student leaders emerged last Sunday night from a three-day constitutional conference with *The Stong Pond Accord*.

The new accord has been assailed as a drastic shift in governmental power, which will de-centralize student government. In addition to providing college councils more power at the expense of the CYSF, the accord also recognizes Glendon College, or College Glendon (depending on your bilingual preference) as a "distinct society."

During the weekend-long meeting, CYSF president Tammy Howsitfeel pushed vigorously for the new agreement, which brings Glendon into line with the rest of York.

"I think that Glendon is different from the rest of the university and will offer a great deal to the main campus," said Howsitfeel. "It's not just the percentage of francophones [that makes them different], it's also the student-tree ratio."

The accord must be passed by all 10 councils and the president; the deadline for passage is June 1990. But some student leaders are already opposing the deal.

"I think Howsitfeel and Author

have conspired to tear this university apart," said Vanier President Philly Downey Jr. "Exactly what is a distinct society, and why wasn't Vanier granted the same rights?"

The reality is that (*Excalibur* is editorializing here, but you can call this an analysis piece), aside from the occasional tree and francophones aside, there is nothing original about Vanier. The large-screen television in the Open End is strictly passé.

Glendon President Jenny Justgrinandbareit said the deal allows Glendoners to feel they are once again part of York.

"I'm titillated," said Justgrinandbareit. "Now I can go back and tell the people of Glendon that there is a place for them in the university."

Opponents of the accord stress that it decentralizes the university at

a time when York is very vulnerable to its neighbour to the south — the University of Tastelessness (U of T).

Last July, President Author signed a free library exchange programme that provides U of T with unlimited access to York books. In return York University Libraries receives access to the U of T lamination market.

York's head bookworm, Hell Its-closed, explained the free library exchange threatens the libraries' subsidized employee work hours.

Outgoing CYSF VP Davey Grabitinski had these words to say about the accord: "I can remember York as a place where students were proud to be indifferent. In a period of six months Howsitfeel and Author have conspired to undo 28 years of York apathy."

Scott Library sold

By RICH GUY

Director of Libraries Melon Koffmann shocked the York community yesterday when she announced that Scott Library would be sold to the T. Eaton Company for \$10 million.

Koffmann said she negotiated the deal because not enough students were using the library.

Phase I of Koffmann's Resources De-Acquisition Plan will begin January 2 with a "Midnight Madness" book sale. The event is expected to net nearly \$20,000.

"Come on down and make me an offer," Koffmann said. "There'll be free hot dogs and plenty of balloons for the kids."

Koffmann said that unsold books would be dumped in the York-U-Can-Recycle bins. "It's not exactly 'dumping'," she said. "It's vertical inventory displacement."

Eaton's president Larry Eaton plans to open a new store in the five-story building after the installation of down escalators.

But many students are concerned about the sale. Robert Taylor, an angry York student, has started a petition to stop the deal with Eaton's.

"Eaton's is so gauche," Taylor said. "Like, couldn't we get a giant Holt Renfrew instead?"

Council of the York Student Federation president Erma Tasselfeldt isn't sure what action the CYSF will take. "Sale? What sale?" she asked.

Turner: CYSF Prez?

By ROGER KAPUTNIK

John Turner revealed last week that he will step down as leader of the Liberal party and run for CYSF president this spring.

Said Turner, "I've always been interested in student government. This should give me the opportunity to progress where I couldn't in federal politics."

Turner based his decision to run for York student president on his belief that he will be removed from his post as Liberal leader within the next year.

Asked what his platform will be, Turner responded, "Well, I haven't got the specifics ready, but I can promise that it will be firm yet flexible. Simple, yet complex. But most importantly, fair to all Canadians — I mean York students."

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney commented, "He probably chose York because he knew he couldn't get into U of T."

Turner will come on campus in mid-March to get his campaign under way.

York trivia quiz (a very short one)



1. What the hell is this?

- a) York's proposed entry pavillion
- b) Grain elevator
- c) Missile silo
- d) A phallus that wouldn't do the trick
- e) Scene from Fritz Lang's "Metropolis"
- f) A bad dream
- g) None of the above
- h) All of the above

Answer:
1. Technically the answer is "a", but full credit will be given to any other answer

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