

Whole Earth Days draws 1,800 people

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An estimated 1,800 people took in Whole Earth Days, last week.

The three day event, which cost its organizers \$5,000 for speakers, musicians and transportation and accomodation costs, was labelled as "a forum for the consideration

of planetary responsibility".

The event was funded by CYSF, York's seven college councils, president H. Ian Macdonald, the faculty of arts and the college masters. In all, some 6 main speakers and 25 secondary speakers attended the event.

Greg Martin, one of the key

organizers of the event, called the Whole Earth Days a success in terms of overall attendance and faculty and college interest.

"Judging from the interest in a programme such as Whole Earth Days, it would seem possible to consider a similar programme in the next year," said Martin.

Abie Weisfeld, an executive on the CYSF, said that Whole Earth Days was "a beneficial activity for the student body at large and allowed students an exposure to various speakers."

He went on to say that "CYSF encourages this kind of activity."

With regard to the question of the allocation of funds received for Whole Earth Days, Weisfeld felt that much of the difference of opinions resulted from the different evaluations of the importance of the event itself.

As one student put it, "It was a good opportunity for many who are not interested in political rallies, or religious sects, to get out and participate in an enjoyable event."

Granatstein posed "threat" to admin studies professors

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prevent the allegations of intimidation from being presented as evidence. However, the labour board tribunal ruled that the allegations should be heard.

During his testimony, professor Jordan also charged that, in a memo circulated during the recruitment period, YUFA member Roger Heeler had misrepresented the Carleton faculty union salary settlement in an effort to convince professors to join the drive.

"I believe that YUFA has endeavoured to intimidate me and my colleagues to support its efforts to obtain recognition as a union

representing York University faculty," said Jordan.

In a telephone interview on Tuesday, administrative studies professor James Goodale told Excalibur that during a meeting in September Granatstein told members of his faculty that other faculties resented administrative studies and might work out a contract unfavourable to it.

"It was my impression that Granatstein's remarks were a threat to the faculty," said Goodale.

At press time, the results of yesterday's hearing were not known.

Curtis Thomas deported

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San Nolte of York admissions told Excalibur Friday that York does not check into an applicant's past to see if he falsified his admission form.

"If he didn't write in U.S. as his country of birth on his form, then we'd never know he wasn't born here", she said.

Thomas, who had been held without bail in the Don Jail for five days, could either have been deported for being illegally in Canada or extradited to the U.S. McGroarty, who made the decision to deport, told Excalibur, that he had been told by Metro police to inform them before

releasing Thomas because they would then hold him for extradition.

Responding to a question about the speed with which Thomas's deportation orders were issued, an Immigration counsellor said that in such cases (where a person has no immigrant status) the decision to deport or not to deport is made within 48 hours.

"If we held them any longer, you'd criticize us for that. The Don Jail is not the most comfortable place in the world, you know," she explained.

George Dunn, director of York security, disavowed any knowledge of Thomas's past.

Goodbye to a friend

Russ Semple died on Wednesday. He committed suicide. I did not hear about his death until Saturday afternoon. He was cremated on Saturday morning.

Last year Russ was one of the most active people in Bethune College. He helped to put the college handbook together and organized Orientation week. He had many ideas on how Bethune College should go and had no hesitation in telling us.

Russ was abrasive and convivial. He was one of us, but against our sloppiness and carelessness. He was as pushy as any of us, but we worried about his detached English manner, which was histrionic when he was drunk and reserved when he was sober.

Russ had few friends, which is probably why I heard about his withdrawal in November from Student Programmes, four weeks after he had dropped out, and why I learned of his death from a remote contact, too late to know that he was in trouble, let alone dead.

The fate of Russ is a warning to all of us. He wanted to be part of our community, but we did not understand or listen. Now he is gone and he will not listen, even if we cry out. Russ, we miss you. We wish you were here instead of in the never-never land from which all shrink. Your going is our fault. The vast, anonymous mass of faculty and students need you: your energy, your enthusiasm, your silence.

Hopefully your final silence will teach us to listen to the cries of the hopeful who only wish that their hope resounds to our hopelessness.

Ioan Davies



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On the cutbacks

A meeting to fight the Cutbacks in post secondary school education will be held today at 2 p.m. in Curtis LH 110. Guest speakers will include a representative from the OFS and the Coalition Against Cutbacks.

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