

## Peterson opens ISTS's quest into space tech

By MICHAEL LIDDELL

Ontario Premier David Peterson was at York University for the opening ceremonies for York's fourteenth annual Prospects for Mankind public symposium last Monday.

The theme for the two-day symposium was the future of man's quest into space science. Mr. Peterson was invited to officially open the York based Institute for Space and Terrestrial Science (ISTS) which coincided with the symposium.

ISTS, one of the seven Ontario Centres of Excellence announced last year by the Premier's Council, has been established as a research and development centre as well as a training ground for space science and technology.

It exists as a consortium including four universities and a community college - York University, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, University of Western Ontario and Humber College - the Government of Ontario and sixteen Canadian hi-tech industries such as Spar Aerospace, CAE Industries, and Aastra Aerospace. The institute will link in a co-operative manner, integrating some of the best minds in the private, university and public sectors for the purpose of increasing Ontario's and Canada's future involvement in space projects.

The symposium began at 9:30 am on June 6 at moot court in Osgoode Hall with about a hundred guests and media people in attendance. After a lengthy introduction by York President Harry Arthurs, Premier Peterson took to the podium to formally open ISTS. Dr. Ken Innanen, Dean of the Faculty of Science at York and Chairman of the Board for OSTs, then followed with some additional opening remarks.

York's own distinguished professor of physics, Dr. Ralph Nicholls then outlined the principal aims and

approaches for ISTS, emphasizing its and Canada's role in space technology.

Highlights of the symposium included Nobel Prize winner Dr. Polanyi's lecture on the implications of war and peace in space and National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Ames Research members Dr. David Black and Dr. Jill Tarter who discussed NASA's proposed search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

## York's Smith wins OCUFA teaching award

By FARHAD DESAI

York Faculty of Education Professor Laverne Smith was one of 10 professors to receive the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations' (OCUFA) Teaching Award.

The award, which has been presented for the past 15 years, is considered by many to be the highest honour that the province can pay to a university professor.

The winners were recognized for teaching abilities such as course preparation, presentation of lessons and team teaching. Over 12,000 professors from across Ontario were eligible for nomination by alumni and faculty committees, deans, administrators and students.

The official presentation of awards will take place at a luncheon in Toronto on June 17.

## York MBA group places second in GM contest

By DAVE WEISSMAN

A team of 15 York MBA students placed second overall in a North America-wide university marketing contest sponsored by General Motors.

GM presented the team, and their faculty advisor Roger Heeler, with a \$10,000 prize on May 7th in Detroit.

"Since this is the first prize won by a Canadian university, we've become more visible to General

Motors," said Professor Heeler. As a result of York's success in the contest, GM has considered altering the competition to include a more equal distribution of American, European, and Canadian universities.

The goal of the competition was for each team to devise a marketing strategy for GM's Optima, a model released by the corporation last October. The strategy, based on research, also required an advertising campaign.

Professor Heeler said "The team realized they didn't have the financial resources of some of the larger American universities. That's why they took a more creative approach to the advertisement.

The York team designed the advertisement to stress the car's overall performance, styling and affordability. With the aid of some Fine Arts students and a budget of \$2,500, the team shot a television ad which reflected the car's characteristics.

The team's research included surveys, questionnaires, focus groups, and feedback from people who already owned the car.

## Standing as York's oldest degree holder

By JAMES HOGGETT

Today's Convocation marks a special day for one very extraordinary York student as 88-year-old Harry Standing will receive his Bachelor of Arts in Geography.

In doing so, Standing will become the oldest graduate ever to receive a Bachelor of Arts at York.

To celebrate the occasion, his daughter Mary Moroz and a few friends and neighbours are throwing a "wing-ding," as Standing calls it, at his home in Woodbridge.

"The professors and students were really nice to me," Standing said. "When I first started attending classes, I had no intention of getting a degree. I just went there to learn, and so I wouldn't just be sitting around at home in a rocking chair feeling sorry for myself."

"The first course I took was ancient

Greek philosophy," says Standing. "A philosopher is supposed to be a wise man and I thought I could do with a bit of wisdom."

A widower since 1979, Standing first started taking courses at York in 1981 after his daughter, also a York graduate, and son-in-law told him about "mature students" at York. "I didn't know they had such a thing," explained Standing, "so I looked into it, then applied and was accepted."

Standing never had a chance to attend university as his family could only afford to pay for his sister's higher education.

"It has been the most thrilling experience I've had and the best thing I could have done because I'm just so full of curiosity and this was a great place for me to use it."

## Indo-Carib fest to commemorate Indian arrival

By MICHAEL LATCHANA

York University is sponsoring a Conference and Festival from July 6-10 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of East Indians in the Caribbean region.

These Indians were taken under a system of indenture, when Caribbean sugar plantation owners needed fresh labour, because slavery was abolished in the 1830s, and the newly freed Africans exercised their right to discontinue working on the plantations. Some of the Indians who went to the Caribbean returned to India at the end of their five-year labour contracts, but the majority remained.

The Conference will be both cultural and educational as it attempts to survey the Indo-Caribbean experience over the past 150 years. This experience will be examined by means of panel discussions, lectures, exhibits, films, music, dance and dramatic performances.

Speakers will come from all parts of the Caribbean, India, Great Britain, France and the United States. Keynote speakers will be Dr. Cheddi Jagan, former Premier of British Guiana; Basdeo Panday, former Minister of External Affairs and

International Trade in Trinidad and Tobago; Ernest Moutoussamy, Deputy of Guadeloupe in the French National Assembly; and George Lamming, West Indian novelist.

Writers of Indo-Caribbean background such as Samuel Selvon, Cyril Dabydeen, Arnold Itwaru, Neil Bissoondath, Ismith Khan, David Dabydeen, Parvati Edwards and Churaumanie Bissundyal will read from their works

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Conference Office at 339 Bethune College, 736-2100 ext. 3274 (24 hour phonemail).

## New director named for top CHRY position

By HOWARD KAMAN

CHRY-FM has chosen a new station manager to fill the position current manager Mel Broitman will be vacating June 30th. Daniel Zaretsky, a graduate of York's Psychology Department and the University of Toronto's Law School will assume the position July 1st.

Zaretsky was chosen for the position due to his extensive experience with the station. He was one of the station's two legal counsels, and the programmer of "World Week," a weekly newsmagazine show specializing in news not covered in the commercial media. Zaretsky was also instrumental in the resolution of the station's controversial space agreement with the university, earlier this year.

Broitman will be ending a four year career with Radio York, which began in 1984. Along with Robbie Sheffman, news director at the time, Broitman became well known for his play-by-play broadcasts of Yeoman hockey games. Yet, even though sports broadcasts were his initial interest, he became caught up in the environment of the station, and by 1985 he was CHRY's news director. He played a large role in Radio York's bid for a FM license and in January, 1986, Broitman became the station's manager. Broitman has not yet decided on his future plans.

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supply store on campus that is.

For many students who live on campus, accessibility to an art store is not always possible. Furthermore, Bieler's second-rate proposal to create a delivery service isn't even worth the ink it cost *Excalibur* to print such nonsense. We all know that if a student runs out of paint while trying to meet a deadline, he needs his supply replenished immediately, and not at some future date when the delivery truck decides to roll in. Finally, diverting funds to other areas of the university is not a solution to rectify a problem, if indeed one ever existed.

Jonny Rock

## AIDS group informs general public on issues

Editor,

This letter is a follow-up to Zena Kamocki's article entitled "AIDS: Facts and Fears," which appeared in the May issue of *Excalibur*. The York University Council on the Prevention of AIDS (YCPA) opened on April 18, in Room 112 Central Square.

On May 30 the YCPA started a new and aggressive campaign in education on AIDS. This program has generally been well received.

Homophobia is, however, a major problem with any AIDS education campaigns. Homophobia has stood in the way of public concern for people with the disease (since 95% of persons with AIDS are gay men) and prevented our government from initiating any programs to assist

people with AIDS until 1983, more than four years after AIDS appeared in North America. We saw it coming yet we chose to ignore it, hoping it would never enter the heterosexual community. Now AIDS has slowly made its way into all segments of the population of North America.

We must realize that over 50,000 Canadians are estimated to be infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). There is no way of determining how many people will go on to develop AIDS or how many people are infecting without knowing it. Blaming it on any segment of society is pointless. People with AIDS do not contract the virus because they are "bad" or do things that are wrong. Everyone who engages in high risk activities of any sort (anything which causes blood or semen to be exchanged from one person to another such as vaginal or anal intercourse) is at risk. Although AIDS is transmitted primarily through sexual contact, that is not a reason for one to infer that sex is bad. Simply put, AIDS is a part of our lives and until a cure is found, stigmatization or blame will do nothing except impede the work that groups such as the YCPA are trying to do. This includes stemming the flow of AIDS through facts, but also with love and understanding, towards people with AIDS because they deserve and need all the support we can give them. As a society we must do all that we can to alleviate the suffering not only of people with AIDS but of everyone who suffers from a life-threatening illness.

—Ron Kelly

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