



This York student seems to have enjoyed his festive feasting so much he intends to keep it up throughout the term. But he better watch out! He may find one day that he can't squeeze out of his Curtis Lecture Hall seat. With that paunch and sleek, new coat our friend may be fat, but never cold.

Political dissatisfaction is common among Canadians national study reveals

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economic conditions in which wages have not kept up with inflation." Adding to economic woes were lower levels of satisfaction with work and marriage in the 1981 poll.

Of further interest is the fact that persons polled with a family income of under \$14,000 were not more noticeably dissatisfied with their lives (29% responded in this manner) than were those with family incomes of \$41,000 plus (22%). In all polls, middle-income earners seemed most

satisfied with the quality of their lives.

Irregardless of income, the elderly seem most content: "despite having low incomes, they are more satisfied with their lives than are people under age 65." The survey concluded that the elderly, having lived through the depression and the Second World War, feel that they are better off than their parents were at age 65 and are more able to draw upon life experiences in facing hard times.

The Quality of Life Survey also

investigated public dissatisfaction with political life in Canada, reporting that 55% of those interviewed felt that they had "no say about what the government does." Another sixty-three per cent felt that the "government does not care about people like me."

Researchers also concluded that there was widespread public support in Canada for the protection and extension of civil liberties. Women's rights and native rights to self-determination drew strong support among those polled.

Gay Alliance fights discrimination

Mike Guy

The Gay Alliance was formed in 1969 to meet the needs of York's 2,000 gays and lesbians. Its underlying purpose is to "instill pride and self-worth, to provide and secure a supportive environment at York for the gay

person," says Jim Crawley, acting president of the Gay Alliance. These objectives are being met through social events, meetings, and public forums.

"The Alliance also counsels individuals who are having difficulties accepting their

sexual orientation," Crawley added. Crawley also says his job is "to promote better understanding of gay men, to promote better understanding between gay men and lesbians to realize mutual respect and friendship."

The Gay Alliance's ultimate aim is to liberate homosexuals from the injustices brought upon them by society. "To gain the recognition as free and equal members of the human community," says Crawley, "we will speak out on public issues as a gay organization, within the context of the York community."

Crawley concluded that the Alliance will "vigilantly and vigorously fight discrimination based on sexual orientation".

For those interested, the Gay Alliance meets every Wednesday in the faculty lounge, S869 Ross, between 6 pm and 10 pm.

Editors say goodbye

In the continuing saga of ups and downs for this year's mild-mannered newspaper, the *Excalibur* regretfully announces the departure of two of this journal's greats.

Howard Shulman and Lloyd Wasser were not our most prolific writers—just our most talented. What they could do to a story was incomparable. Yet, despite their awesome abilities, humility, camaraderie and co-operation were their watchwords. They not only gave of their talent—they

gave of themselves. Bravo, gentlemen and good luck.

Coupled with the recent loss of sports editor Rose Crawford, always an inspiration in times of crisis (Hemingway called it grace under pressure) this is certainly a sad moment in *Excalibur* history—the loss of three irreplaceable giants of journalism.

Those interested in the position of features editor are requested to contact the editors at 667-5201.

Guelph students pick strike over fee hike

Michael Monastyrskyj

Tuition increases are a part of going to university, so much so that most students pay the extra amount without thinking. Students at Guelph University, however, have thought about it and have concluded that a fee hike strike is the answer.

Student activists, with the approval of the Guelph Central Student Association, are collecting the names of students willing to commit themselves to a strike which would take place in September. At the beginning of the new year, students would refuse to pay any fee above the September 1981 rate.

According to horticulture student, Charlie Dobbin, "approximately one hundred and twenty people have signed a piece of paper committing themselves to participation in a fee hike strike." Organizers state that the strike will only occur if one thousand names are collected and strike leaders are carefully screening would-be signers to ensure that they will go through with the action.

The Guelph University Chinese Students' Association has already expressed approval of the action—possibly because the fee hike strike has its origins in a rumour which has it that visa students, who already pay

three thousand dollars tuition would be facing a one hundred per cent increase. Dobbin explains, "One of the vice-presidents called the visa students together at a meeting during which the fee hike strike was first proposed." It was after this October meeting that participants at the CSA General Annual Meeting voted ninety-one to twenty-nine in favour of the strike.

Dobbin reasons that a strike would only be successful if many students are involved. "It's very dependent on the number of students who are taking part, because the administration is in a position to take retaliatory action against the students."

Barb Taylor, chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students states that students who refuse to pay tuition increases might be de-registered by their universities. For visa students the penalty could mean expulsion from the country.

But Taylor goes on to say that should the strike take place the OFS will provide help. "We'll support such local action. We'll give them organizational support, field workers and that sort of aid." Guelph students are also making plans to approach faculty and the wider community for assistance.

Faculty Focus:

Caps off to Cappon

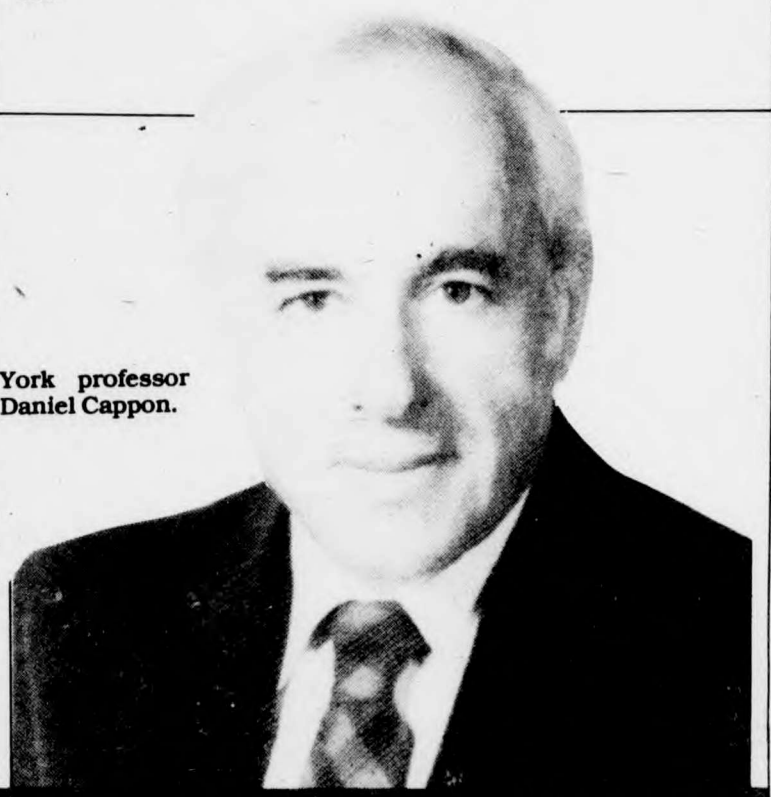
Paula Todd

About his new book, *Coupling*: "Since this is the first time the real secrets of love have been revealed, I see no reason why a billion people shouldn't read my book." . . .

A practicing Jungian-trained psychiatrist, and professor of Environmental Studies at York, Daniel Cappon has just published his fifth book, *Coupling*: "It's a guide to achieving and maintaining loving relationships—I wanted to correct among other things the anti-feminist tone of Jung's work. He was very much a Calvinist patriarch." Professor Cappon would also like to oust Ann Landers and write a syndicated advice column—"the world and its problems are too sophisticated for her now."

A prominent dream researcher and highly prolific writer, Cappon has published hundreds of magazine and journal articles and is currently writing six new books simultaneously, including a science fiction piece that will incorporate some of the thousands of dreams he has recorded in research labs all over the world. "My real ambition now," he emphasizes, "is to write poetry and fiction."

Dr. Cappon claims love is alive and well in the modern marriage and is pleased with *Coupling*: "It's the legacy I want to leave my family," he beams, indicating a gigantic framed portrait of the happy group which claims most of his desk, "because they are love."



York professor Daniel Cappon.