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at how society must be changed so this does not happen again. What he fails to realize is people like Lepine are out of touch with reality. Their perceptions are distorted. So, regardless of whether we lived in Nayman's ideal world, killings like this would still occur.

Nayman paints with a broad and inaccurate brush. He makes men out to be nothing more than domineering, immature, sex-fiendish beings, who are also potential psychopaths and possible rapists. For perpetuating such propaganda, Nayman is hardly better than the men he depicts.

Keith Van Valen

editor's note: Ira Nayman is a male

Fraternity "snobs" and damn proud of it

Dear Scott, Brian, Steve and all the other "Anti-Frat" people:

As a member of Sigma Nu Omicron Beta (SNOB), the most elitist fraternity on campus, a fraternity that actively pursues racist, drug abusing sexist activities, as well as the occasional satanic ritual; we would like to

congratulate you on the formation of your fraternity.

We at SNOB encourage any type of fraternity or sorority to form at York. However the Greek organizations that are currently on campus have yet to achieve our high standards and ideals. The other fraternities and sororities include: Alpha Epsilon pi, Delta Pi, Sigma Alpha Mu, Phi Delta Theta (formerly Sigma Delta Chi), Sigma Delta Tau and Delta Kappa Gamma. All of these groups accept a variety of people from various cultures, lifestyles and socioeconomic levels. The members of SNOB however, are not so open minded, we only accept people from our own high socioeconomic status.

The other Greek organizations

currently on campus follow ridiculously strict guidelines regarding the purchase and sale of alcohol, and prohibitions against the use of illegal drugs (the ones we purchase on Bay St.). As for SNOB's yearly dues, they are a mere \$6,000 — drugs are expensive after all.

SNOB's pledge programme consists of the basics: daily beatings, branding of our pledges and constant physical and mental abuse. The other fraternities and sororities at York just refuse to agree.

Alpha Epsilon Pi had, in the past, initiated a brother after our own heart — Jeff Leibovici. However, after Leibovici allegedly physically or mentally abused several of the pledges, the members

of Alpha Epsilon Pi expelled him (the truth hurts doesn't it Jeff?) — we are still pondering their reasoning.

Presently AEPi's pledge program is very bland. It only consists of educating the pledges and having fun with them, not at them. Alpha Epsilon Pi does not even mentally humiliate its pledges — we at SNOB simply can't understand these motives.

The members of SNOB sincerely hope you (I Ate A Pi) do not follow this example. If anyone wishes to contact us, please give us a call at 872-SNOB.

Fraternally,
Biff, Chad and Charles
The brothers of Sigma Nu Omicron Beta.

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compete financially with big American schools.

Tom Traves, dean of faculty of arts at York, said one of the reasons for the shortage is that a large majority of professors were hired in the 1960s and will begin retiring during the '90s.

Efforts should be made, said Traves, to encourage potential academic prospects to enter graduate school.

Davey feels that graduate school positions need to be expanded, although this will be difficult because it is expensive. He also believes students should be "sensitized" to the increased opportunities for academic positions that will exist in the future.

"We need to change the attitudes of the best students so that they will consider academic

careers," he said.

On January 17, members of OCUFA met with Colleges and Universities Minister Sean Conway to discuss the impending crisis.

Rob Wooler, spokesperson for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, called the meeting productive. Wooler said, "The Minister is the first to admit that all the requests of Ontario universities aren't being met," but added, "There will not be a crisis. [The Ministry and OCUFA] will work together and meet the demands as they arise."

Wooler said the Ministry's goal is to hire 500 new faculty members by 1991. He said that since 62 faculty members have already been hired in 1990, the Ministry is on course to realizing this goal.

Kanduth said that 500 new

faculty members are not enough, and that 1,500 new faculty members are needed immediately.

He cited inadequate salaries as one of the factors behind the decline in the number of professors. Since 1971, the average salary in Ontario increased by 10 per cent. Relative to the cost of living, the salaries of Ontario university faculty members have actually decreased by 25 per cent, Kanduth said. "Someone completing a PhD in sciences is more likely to take a job in the private sector since it offers a higher salary and better benefits," he added.

Wooler said the option of enabling faculty members to teach courses while still writing PhDs should be explored.

According to Greg Elmer, spokesperson for the Ontario Feder-

ation of Students (OFS), said it is students who will suffer in the event of a shortage. Universities will be forced to hire unqualified staff, to the detriment of students' education, explained Elmer. He said another consequence of such a shortage will be the departure of students to the United States.

Currently, members of OCUFA are conducting a study which will predict demographic trends for the '90s. In three weeks, the study will be submitted to Conway, who promised to examine it and then evaluate his options, said Kanduth. He called Conway's promise "a typical Minister-statement," but added, "We will give him the benefit of the doubt, and hope he takes action."

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away."

"The Soviet Union is currently undergoing a law revolution. The law has become the change agent in Gorbachev's reforms," said Cotler.

Andrei Choupin, first secretary

of the USSR embassy in Canada said, "This exchange opens a new dimension of co-operation between our two countries. We are trying to correct our so called 'law of the telephone call,' and create an independent judiciary," Choupin said. (Gold explained that the Soviet system of law was

based on corruption. 'Telephone justice' refers to an often familiar telephone call a judge would receive from a high ranking government official dictating the verdict of a case.)

"Canada has a lot of experience in the field of constitutional law and we can greatly

benefit from this experience," said Choupin

Gold is going back to the Soviet Union in March to complete all formal documents and begin this pioneering legal venture.

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Compiled by Kevin Brady

Primary gas causing the greenhouse effect (the destruction of the protecting ozone layer of the atmosphere leading to a dangerous warming of the earth): **carbon dioxide (CO2)**

Canada's world ranking in terms of annual CO2 production per capita: **second, at about 15 tonnes.** The United States is ranked first.

Canada's world ranking in terms of global CO2 production: **ninth**

Estimated reduction of CO2 emissions required to stabilize — but not improve — the atmosphere: **50 per cent**

Total estimated cost of reducing CO2 emissions worldwide by 68 per cent by the year 2050: **\$24 trillion**

Six hottest years this century: **1980, 1981, 1983, 1986, 1987 and 1988**

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News Digest

by Donna Mason

Calling all women applicants

The Ontario College of Art's (OCA) governing council has decided to exclude men from being hired to fill positions vacated by retiring faculty members. In November, the council voted to reserve all positions for female applicants for 10 years.

OCA president Timothy Porteous said, "What we're trying to do is adjust the imbalance because women are seriously under-represented." He said the college committed itself four years ago to having the percentage of female faculty increasing but there were no visible results.

The college has not set a fixed goal in its new policy but an increase to 38 per cent female faculty would be a reasonable expectation, Porteous said. He also said the issue of gender balance is more important in an art school than in other post-secondary institutions.

from *The Gazette*, University of Western Ontario

Law professor suing Western

Craig Brown, a law professor at the University of Western Ontario, is suing the university for \$100,000 in damages, or fulfilment of his contract, which includes a \$4,000 annual salary supplement and a 10-month fully paid study leave. Brown has filed a statement of claim in the Ontario Supreme Court because he was fired.

Law dean Peter Mercer fired Brown on December 5 and no public reason has yet been given.

However, members of the law faculty say Brown breached confidentiality by circulating an open letter recommending contract extensions for junior law faculty members. Two of the three such members are women. Brown has discussed that sexism is a problem at the law school and this has led to accusations that his firing was related to sexism.

from *The Gazette*, University of Western Ontario

Faculty negotiations

Recent events had Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty Association (WLUFA) president Edcil Wickham and the negotiating team concerned that a strike was a probability. "I really believed we would be in big trouble," said Wickham. Repeatedly at the negotiating table and twice in writing, WLUFA had asked the university to present its proposals on compensation (wages, benefits and pensions).

With pensions, compensation and benefits out in the open, the fundamental difference between the two sides is being hashed out in terms of money. WLUFA has been comparing median Laurier salaries to the University of Waterloo and the Ontario average. Wilfrid Laurier is the only institution in Ontario paying its academics, on average, less than \$50,000.

from *The Cord Weekly*, Wilfrid Laurier University

Security BEAT

A rear wheel was removed from a student's parked car in lot 8A, Friday, January 19. Estimated loss is \$150.

Items from a student's bag were stolen when it was left in an unlocked locker in the Fine Arts Building Saturday January 20. Estimated loss is \$260.

A student's wallet was stolen from the deck of the swimming pool in the Tait McKenzie Building Saturday January 20. It had been left there while he was swimming. Credit cards, cash and ID were stolen.

Two males with open liquor bottles were discovered in the Steacie Science Building Saturday January 20. Some liquor had spilled onto computer equipment. As the suspects were uncooperative, Metro Police attended.

Security attended the scene of a domestic dispute between siblings Tuesday January 23 at 2 Assiniboine. One of the siblings had threatened the other with a dangerous kitchen utensil. As the siblings were under-age, security separated them and diffused the situation. Metro Police attended.

A male refused to abide by the rules at the Metro Track and Field Club on York's main campus Tuesday January 23. He had spat twice and swore at the patrons of the Club. He eventually left the premises.