

Steerpike in on recount

By AMORA LUSH

A bewildered aide to Chief Returning Officer James Crossland confirmed yesterday, after a final recount of this year's CYSF election ballots, that enigmatic candidate Steerpike has won his bid for the council Presidency.

Steerpike, who had been billed "The man with no conscience," joined the race in its late stages. The Committee to Elect Steerpike President (CESP) had been prevented from campaigning by an unidentified member of the election committee. "We got pushed around plenty," said one CESP member, "But we showed them who's got balls." CESP proceeded to launch a successful battle to have Steerpike declared a write-in candidate.

"I just don't understand how this could have happened," said Crossland's aide, regarding the miscount. "I mean, heck, the guy won by about 300 votes. You just can't miss counting 700 ballots." (Chris Summerhayes had earlier been declared the winner with 373 votes.)

Crossland could not be reached for comment, but a source in the CYSF office told *Excalibur*, "The guy (Crossland) told us all, 'Don't worry about counting these write-in votes for Steerpike, the guy's a joker,' so, of course, his votes weren't counted."

Steerpike Himself could not be reached for comment, CESP has released a statement purportedly written by Steerpike, which states: "Mere words will never justify feelings at times such as these. I wish only to say that I am enormously pleased with the outcome . . . (and) that I look forward to meeting with the new University President to sort out a number of matters."

When asked if Steerpike had any other plans, Rosspoke only said, "He's an ambitious man. That's all you need to know." He also added that the low-profile Steerpike is expected to survey the campus "before the end of summer. You have to understand that he is a very sick man. A very sick man."

Outgoing president Summerhayes was unavailable for comment. "He's reevaluating his position and considering his options," said a friend. "He wants to talk to this Steerpike. He's really very interested in the man."

Maeve Gilmore, Steerpike's personal advisor, tried to quell any ill-feeling which might be present as a result of the election "mix-up" by saying, "A good many people are worried that Steerpike might not do the job. But I can tell you quite plainly that he has already killed one man and has no intention of letting that bother him. There really is nothing to be worried about."



Pope to teach at York

In a startling announcement yesterday, the Vatican confirmed that Karol Wojtya—Pope John Paul II—will teach at York in September.

The Pope is tentatively scheduled to teach as a guest lecturer in both the Religious Studies and Creative Writing Programs for two weeks.

Michael Creal, coordinator of the Religious Studies Program, was informed of the Pope's teaching visit yesterday. "We're positively ecstatic," said Creal.

So far, no definite lecture topics have been timetabled.

Don Coles, coordinator of the Creative Writing Program, was shocked by news of the Pope's visit. "I didn't know he was going to teach a writing workshop. No one informed me. I suppose he can teach if he wants

to, although I've never read any of his poetry."

On his two-week stint at York, the Pope will be accompanied by two dozen Swiss guards in traditional garb, as well as undercover York security staff. "We're taking every precaution," said York Director of Safety and Security George Dunn. "We don't want another tear gas incident."

When contacted in Rome, Giuseppe Caprio, president of administration of Patrimony of the Holy See, told *Excalibur* that York "reminds the Pope of his hometown Wadowice: very flat and ugly."

"Canadian students will be delighted by the Pope," added Caprio. "He is brilliant, charming, witty and compassionate. And he's been known to put back a few pints, too."

Bull in the president's office after daring daylight coup!

York University has a new president as the result of a bloodless coup yesterday. Using the strong-arm tactics for which they have become famous, a small group of York security guards attacked the president's office in the Ross Building at about 4 p.m.

A short time later, Ron Bull, leader of the guards' group, declared himself president of the University.

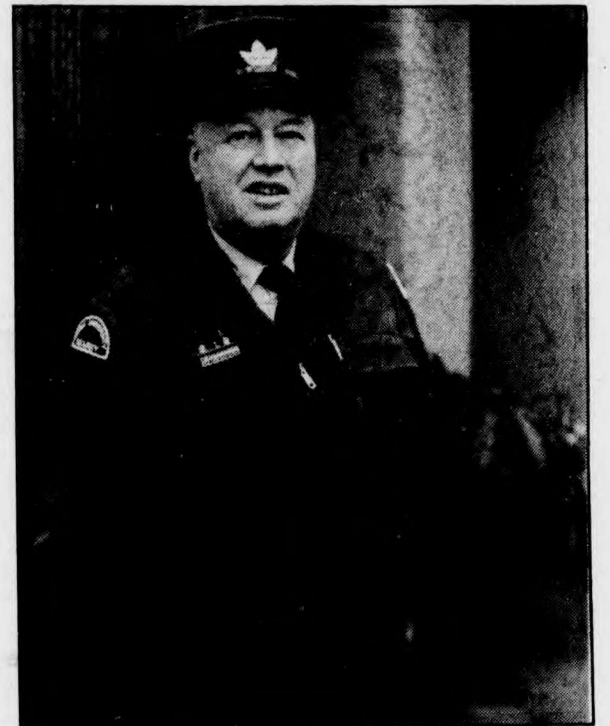
Bull told *Excalibur* that this was not the guards' first attempt. "We're the ones who dropped the tear gas bomb," he said. "Unfortunately, we were a little disorganized and as a result that initial attempt failed; I was in tears."

Suspicion that Director of Security George Dunn was the brains behind the coup quickly evaporated as all high-ranking York officials were imprisoned in a Rill restaurant and fed what was there. The present whereabouts of past President H. Ian Macdonald, however, are unknown. Highly placed sources have told *Excalibur* that he's been "sent down to the minors."

"This coup was easy," Bull told *Excalibur*. "I've been planning this since I started work here 18 years ago: nights of poring over University blueprints, reading up on Che Guevara, and imagining having James 'Hodey' Leonard as my personal chauffeur."

When asked by *Excalibur* to explain the events leading up to the actual coup, Bull supplied the following information. (Note the precise timing clearly revealing Bull as an experienced, well-trained guerilla.)

- 3:00 p.m.—One hour before the attack, Bull and his group met with vanguard elements of the janitorial staff to synchronize their watches. (*Excalibur* has learned that one janitor, code-named "Joe" has been offered by Bull the job of "cleaning up the newspaper." It is not known whether he has accepted.)
 - 3:17—with the janitorial element fully consolidated, Bull met with parking lot attendants. All entrances were sealed and suspicious-looking cars towed away.
 - 3:28—the revolutionary guards took up their strategic positions in the Ross Building's stairwells.
 - 3:31—guards panicked and ran back outside.
 - 3:49—the strike force was rallied back into position by the incredible inspirational message and charisma of their leader, President Ron Bull, who spoke of the rape and pillage that awaited them.
 - 3:55—With nightsticks cocked, the guards stormed past President H. Ian Macdonald's office. He'd had an early appointment and therefore was not in.
- "See?" asked Bull. "No problems." When asked if he was enjoying his place in the sun, Bull said, "it's actually a bit boring except for the salary I'm going to give myself."
- As to how Bull's presidency will affect the University, we can only wait and see.



New University president, Generalissimo Ron Bull, shortly after taking power yesterday. "The revolution is not over yet," he said. "Not, at least, until I get more money."

Bull said that the inner office workers, an elite group specially trained to repulse intruders, initially put up strong resistance. "It didn't take us long to subdue them, though," said Bull. "We had superior tactics, training and weapons."

Guard sources said the secretaries were armed only with sharpened pencils and some light artillery such as typewriters and desk drawers.

Only one guard was injured in the attack, said Bull. Apparently one of the strike force had been seized by his maroon colored, standard issue neck-tie causing him to be thrown into a Xerox machine, causing severe whiplash.

The status of the machine is currently not known. Bull did say he would be implementing a "strict but fair" policy of law and order, and would probably institute corporal punishment "to whip a few of you into shape."

Fine Arts Building threatened by freak fault line says seismologist

Crack cutting through campus

By HELEN HINKLE, JR.

A seismologist has discovered that the Fine Arts Building here at York is actually sitting upon a fault line that stretches from the west coast to North Bay, Ontario. "It's rather a lucky thing," said seismologist Irwin Allen, "because it looks like there's about to be a major movement."

Asked what effect the movement might have on the Fine Arts Building, Allen shrugged and said, "It's difficult to say, really. Either the base of the structure will act as a negative force to counterbalance any solid movement of the building, or it will simply implode and destroy the entire building."

A spokesman for Fine Arts said "We expected news of this sort, but we're very upset. The Dean will be holding a wine-and-cheese social to decide what action we should take."

Allen pointed out that the fault affects only Fine Arts, running as it

does in a curvy line that just misses Stedman and curves right in front of Atkinson. "It is strange, this sort of randomness, but it has been seen before. In the early 1970s, we discovered a series of fault lines that formed a square around the Banff School of Fine Arts."

President H. Ian Macdonald was unavailable for comment, but an aide of his said "We're investigating the situation and considering our options."

Allen and a team of his will be monitoring the fault line.

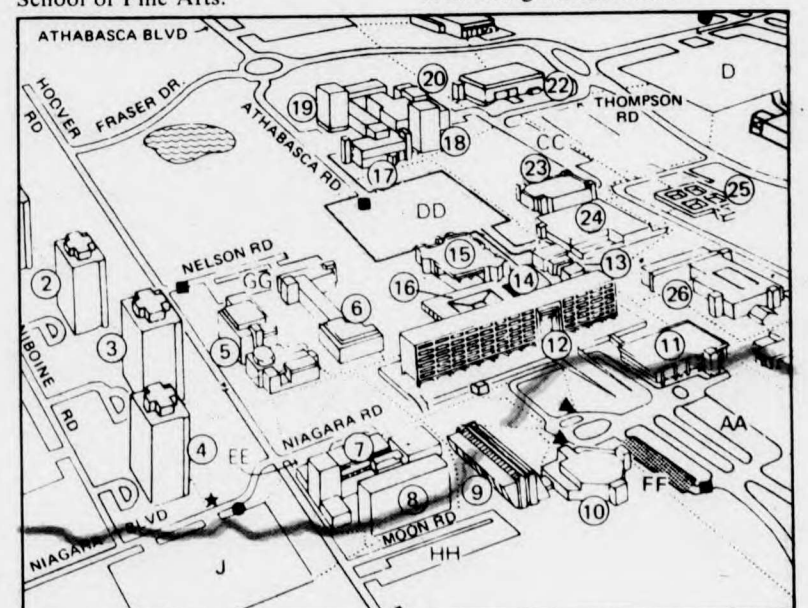


Diagram of fault line running through campus.