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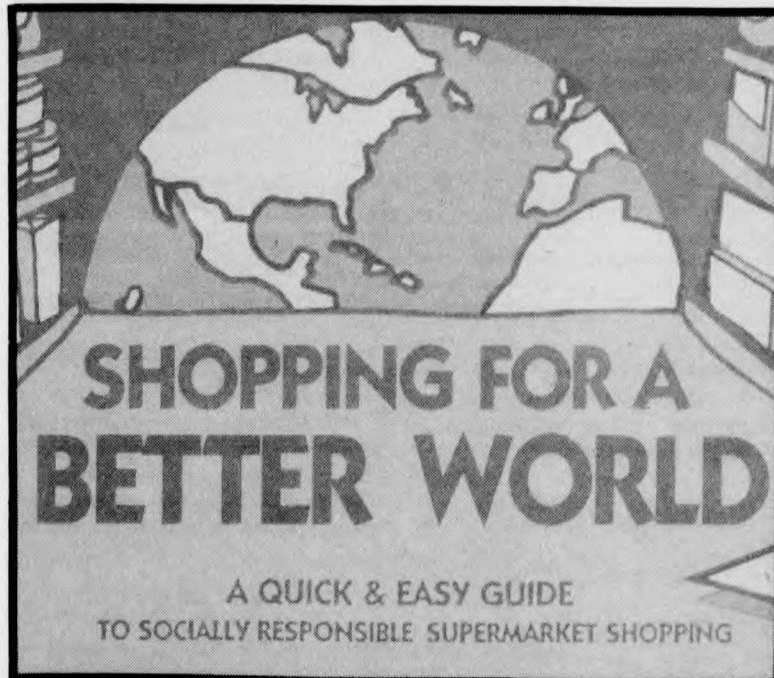
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NEWS

YFS to blacklist questionable companies



One of the shopping guides that YFS is using to blacklist companies

by Susan Vanstone

The York Federation of Students (YFS) plans to boycott and publish names of companies which have "ties to or engage in racist, sexist or homophobic activities," says President Jean Ghomeshi.

George Sanghera, YFS vice-president (programmes) said the blacklist will be published and made available to students and campus groups "hopefully by mid-November." The YFS will encourage students and clubs to follow the boycott.

He said blacklisted organizations will include companies with holdings in South Africa, and those with backgrounds in "extreme homophobic," and anti-feminist activities.

YFS is compiling the blacklist from those of organizations such as the African National Congress, AIDS Committee of Toronto, Greenpeace and other environmental groups.

Sanghera said the YFS will look through the reasons for their boycotts to decide "which are the most important."

"If all the boycotts are required, we'll put them all down," he said.

Boycotts have already been conducted on campus this year as a result of the blacklist. Vanier and McLaughlin College councils refused to include Molson materials in their orientation packages.

Molson has the brewing rights to Coors beer in Canada, and it has been reported that American Coors president Joseph Coors has been linked to racist organizations and once donated a helicopter to the Nicaraguan contras.

Michelle Hughes, social/cultural director of Vanier College Council, said the college followed the YFS boycott of Molson.

Sanghera said the only cost involved in the production of the blacklist will be photocopying to make it available for students.

He added that the blacklist will not dramatically affect student events — substitutes for boycotted products can be used.

"McLaughlin had a Labatt's-only orientation, and didn't use Molson beer," he said. "It should mostly cover smaller things, like products of food companies like hot dogs or hamburgers, and we can go on with other companies."

CHRY needs dough bad

by Linda Kingston

Starting today, York University-based radio station CHRY will try to raise \$35,000 by October 7 during this year's fundraising campaign.

The pledge period, which begins on September 26th, is one of the main sources of funding for the station, along with advertising and student levies.

"We run a radio station on a budget that is about the same as the salary of a top flight commercial D.J. in Toronto," commented station manager Dani Zaretsky.

Zaretsky is worried about possible cutbacks in CHRY's programming, and especially wants to preserve current affairs shows, such as *Bread and Butter*. The \$35,000 goal has been set in anticipation of a gap in funding for operating costs for the next year.

Last year's support upgraded and expanded operating equipment as well as programming quality and variety.

While the fund raising is important, Zaretsky also mentioned a need for input from the commu-

ity. "[The fundraising] is part of an overall appeal to people in the community to participate in the station whatever way they can; be it through financial contributions, ideas, criticisms, or joining as a volunteer," said Zaretsky.

The programming for the period of September 26/October 7 include special guests and events from various radio shows. Listeners can find out more by tuning in to the station during the pledge period. The hip-hop programme, *The Jam Factor*, which is heard on Wednesday nights from 6-9pm, will welcome popular rapper Maestro Fresh Wes to the show, among its special guests.

The Sunday night open-line show called the *Cutting Edge* will be focussing on the specific importance of the radio station to the community at large, and will provide a chance for the community to respond.

According to Zaretsky, if listeners wish to send in any contributions or provide input to the radio station, they should call the Pledge Line at 736-5656.