

National Universities Week:

'Canada in Space' symposium highlights week-long event

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Next week, universities across Canada will be celebrating National Universities Week. This year's theme, "We have the Future in Minds," is intended to draw attention to the tremendous natural resource Canada has in its university faculty and students. York will be presenting a number of events during the commemoration including a week-long *Canada in Space* conference.

According to Penny Jolliffe, the University staff member responsible for co-ordinating the week's events, the program is designed to "point out the essential role of universities in community development, and to give information on the importance of research grants and scholarships to Canada."

The highlight of York's celebrations will be the Center for Research in Experimental Space Science's (CRESS) symposium *Canada in Space*. Events are scheduled each day and there will be an exhibition of items of interest in the history of the Canadian space program. Richard Dubinsky, physics graduate student and former *Excalibur* Science Editor, notes that "the exhibition is on loan from the National Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa, and is a must for all Canadian space buffs." The exhibit will be in Bethune Gallery, Room 320 Bethune College for the entire week.

Of special interest will be Tuesday's program (Oct. 4), when the Canadian contribution to the Space Shuttle program will be discussed. A lecture on space medicine will be delivered by Dr. Ken Money, considered a likely candidate to be the first Canadian in space. Also to be



discussed is the development of the "space arm," now in use on the shuttle.

Thursday's events will also be of interest to York science students. The contribution of CRESS to the development of space technology will be highlighted in a series of talks by various York scientists.

Friday's program will feature video presentations on various aspects of space research. Included will be a set of previously unreleased photographs returned by the Voyager spacecraft, and films of the space arm and Alouette I — the first Canadian satellite.

And in what might be York's largest light show ever, the eastern face of the Ross Building will spell SPACE and show a Maple Leaf in the pattern of office lights.

All events are free to the general public, but you must pre-

register for the events by calling CRESS at 667-3833.

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York is also trying to reach out into the community by staging a week-long series of concerts in the foyer of the North York Civic Centre. Beginning at noon each day, the series will highlight all aspects of the York music program from classical to jazz.

Film fans and students will want to be at the Nat Taylor Cinema (first floor Ross Building) Wednesday October 5 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A series of award-winning York student films will be screened.

A complete listing of events scheduled during the week can be found in the York Bulletin.

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