

Starting with York's 25th anniversary, 1985-86 has been, well, see for yourself. In the following summation, we have endeavored to treat you to a veritable cornucopia of memories, ranging from the arrival of a piece of sheet metal that aroused the wrath of the community . . . to the implementation this year of a caste system as students were banned forever from the Faculty Club.

May/85

**York gives Bata the boot:** Sonja Bata, a director of the controversial Bata Shoe company, announces that she will not seek re-election on York's Board of Governors. York anti-apartheid activists claim victory.

**Ivory Tower Installation:** Harry Arthurs becomes York's sixth president amidst much pomp and circumstance in Burton Auditorium.

June/85

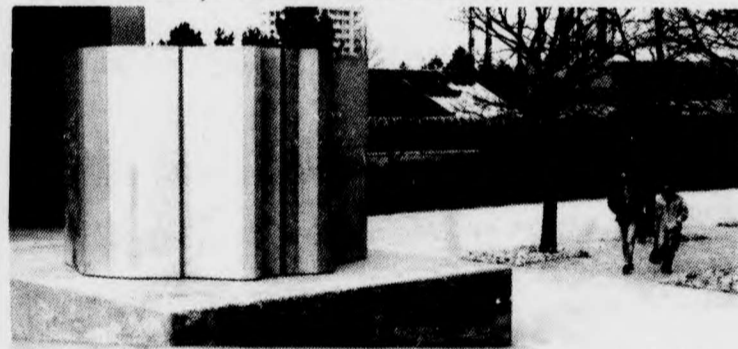
**Bethune food scam:** Bethune Council's Vice-Chairperson, External Affairs rep, a student senator and a Bethune residence student confess to massive food and liquor thefts from Rill's complex II servery.

**Assiniboine tragedy:** The body of a York visa student is found in the garbage compactor of the graduate residence at 2 Assiniboine road on June 4.

**York honors Sisulu:** At the June 19 convocation ceremony, York awards an honorary Doctor of Law degree to Walter Sisulu, a founding member of the ANC who has been in a South African jail since 1963.

July/85

**Eyesore erection:** Nova Scotian sculptors Alan Barclay and Linda Holway erect "Profile" between Farquharson and Behavioral Science, replacing a previous sculpture which fell victim to an alcoholic rampage by the rugby team. According to Holway the sculpture was inspired by the face of her uncle Tom. It has since proved useful for posting notices.



Satellite debris? Nope—a fury resulted over an artist's rendition of her uncle Tom's profile.

August/85

**Record tourney turnout:** The Players Challenge drew a record crowd of over 73,000 for this year's women's outdoor tennis tournament, won by Chris Evert Lloyd.

Sept. 5/85

**Booze Disorientation:** Committee set up to look into alcohol abuse at York: urges the elimination of pub crawls and booze cruises.

**Rustication retribution:** Four students are banned from York for three years because of their involvement in the June Bethune cafeteria caper.

Sept. 12/85

**Strike rumblings:** Negotiations between YUFA and the Administration break off. A strike looms.

**Elitist barrier rises:** Lush extravagant Faculty Club (with windows!) completed, next door to *Excalibur*. Loud jackhammering, cement dust and power failures cease. The aroma of garlic begins.

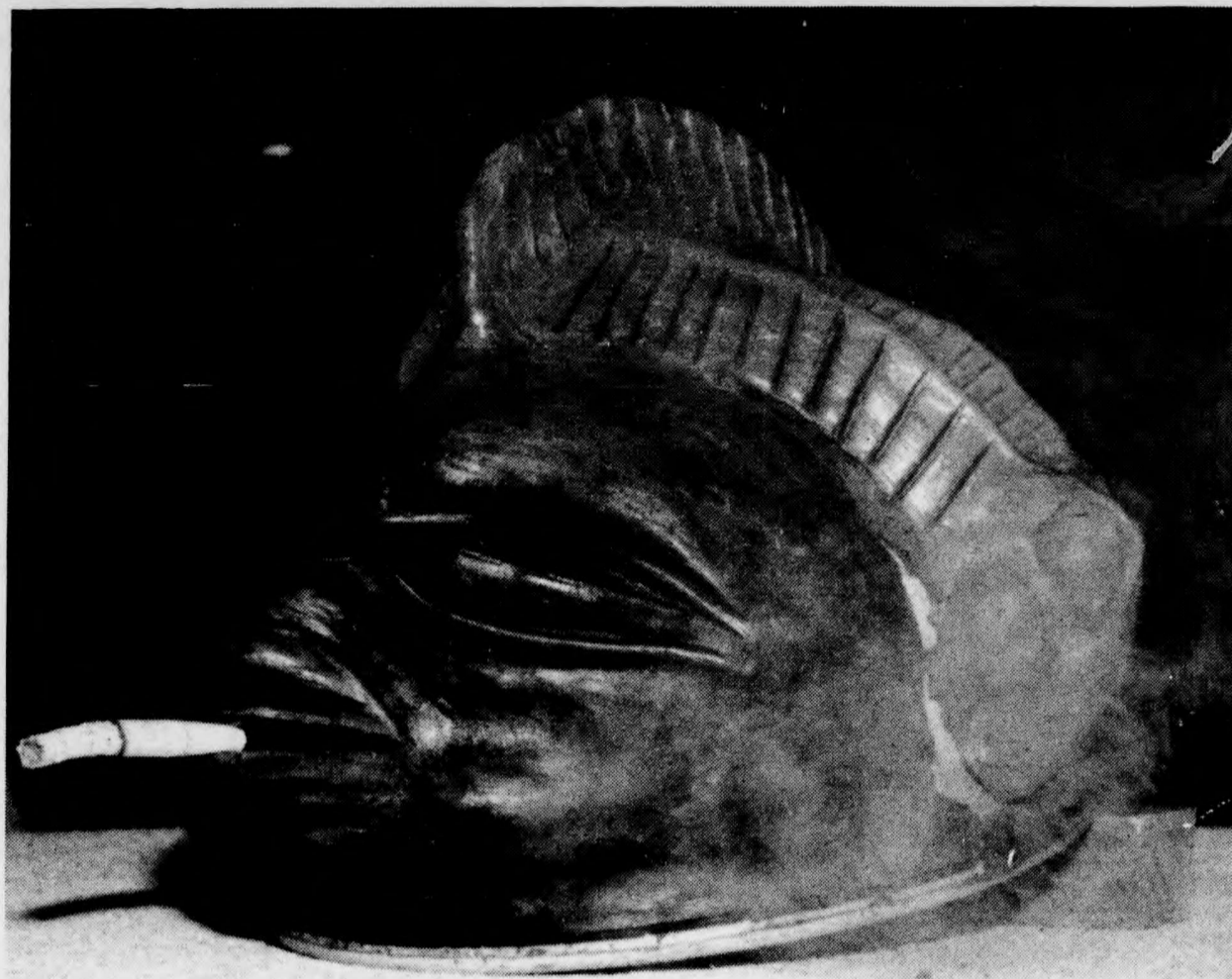
**CYSF exec. declares war on OFS:** CYSF executive announces plan to withdraw membership from the Ontario Federation of Students without holding a student referendum first.

Sept. 19/85

**Yorkstock:** \$22,000 CYSF concert, featuring Strange Advance, Images in Vogue and Rational Youth a success despite freezing temperatures and intermittent showers.

**Art theft #1:** Twenty thousand dollars worth of prints are stolen from the Samuel J. Zacks gallery in Stong College.

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**SMOKIN' FISH:** Soon all inhabitants of the Fine Arts Building will be informed of the air-testing that has been conducted recently. Worm your way to page 4 for the scaly details.

## Christie charged with two counts of assault

By GARY SYMONS

John Christie, a presidential candidate last year and a campaigner for Vicky Fusca this year, has been charged with two counts of assault by CRO Marshall Golden in the aftermath of a CYSF election fraught with illegal campaign tactics and political infighting.

Golden, in his first stint as Chief Returning Officer, held an election tribunal Monday night to deal with a complaint from Board of Governors (BOG) candidate Marg Evans claiming that illegal campaigning by Christie on the day of the election had given her opponent, Reya Ali, an unfair advantage in the race. Ali won the election by 48 votes, with a total of 1104 votes being cast.

The tribunal, made up of Golden and two Assistant CROs, Moris Barmherzig and Steven Solway, ruled that Christie's actions did constitute an unfair advantage for Ali, but because there was no evidence that Ali knew of or endorsed Christie's actions, he was not disqualified. Instead, a by-election for the position will be held sometime before the end of September.

Golden said that after the tribunal adjourned, however, he and Robert Castle, who represented Ali as counsel, were approached by Christie as they were leaving the Ross Building. According to Golden, Christie said he wanted to speak to him. When Golden refused, he said, Christie grabbed him by the lapels and pushed him against a wall, saying "he wanted to beat my head in."

Despite being warned repeatedly to leave them alone, Golden said, Christie continued to push him. "He was intimidating me, baiting me, but I wouldn't bite," he said. "I just told him, John, I don't want to speak to you, please leave me alone."

Christie said the confrontation between Golden and Christie was "not as violent as it may seem. There was a light push, but it wasn't a push that would cause pain."

Castle added, however, that he would testify in the upcoming court case. "I'd rather not testify against a friend," he said, "but he (Christie) was pretty scary that night. I don't believe any human being should have to go through the terror Marshall Golden went through that night. There's no excuse for physical intimidation."

Golden said he immediately called security after going to the Central Square lobby near the Post Office, and six security guards arrived minutes later to escort Christie away from the area.

Christie contended that he never campaigned illegally on election day, and that the altercation that occurred between Golden and himself did not constitute an assault.

The incident on Monday night marks the second time Golden has accused Christie of assault. The first occurred at a Central Square polling booth after Golden twice caught Christie involved in illegal campaign tactics, after which, according to Golden and a poll clerk, he was threatened and pushed twice against a window.

Although the tribunal stopped short of disqualifying Ali, the decision has aroused a great deal of controversy. Ali charged that, because he had no knowledge of them, he was unfairly found guilty of Christie's actions, and further, that the tribunal failed to even attempt to establish Christie's guilt or innocence. "I won this campaign," he said. "It's ridiculous I should have to run it again. I guess these are the rewards and benefits one can expect when working in the public service."

Golden responded to these charges, saying he was bound to adhere to the letter of the constitution, and pointed to Article XII, Section 5.0 of the election by-laws which states that all campaigning by any candidate or his/her supporters must cease by midnight of the day

immediately preceding the election day. "Contravention of this section," the by-law states, "shall be deemed as an unfair election practise by the Election Tribunal."

Golden also said that Christie's guilt was "taken as a given" by the tribunal because his actions were witnessed by Golden himself, two polling clerks, and other witnesses, and because the tribunal only has the right to judge complaints against candidates, not to try students indiscriminately.

York Provost Tom Meininger said the issue of the alleged assault on Golden will not go to a disciplinary hearing, but that in this case he will probably not preside over the hearing because he feels that his sitting on a previous hearing involving Christie might affect his objectivity.

Meininger said Christie was charged with having been involved in a bar room brawl in April, 1985, between Absinthe Pub staff members and members of the York Rugby Club. As a result of that hearing Christie was banned from pubs and licensed events on campus until last January.

According to Meininger, sanctions that could be laid against Christie, should he be found guilty of assaulting Golden, range from a simple reprimand to expulsion from the university.

## York entrance standards must rise, says VP Levy

By LAURA LUSH

York's entrance standards are estimated to rise by approximately two percent for the 1986-87 academic year, said Sheldon Levy of Management Information and Planning.

"York has to raise its entrance standards because we have more students applying and fewer spaces available," Levy said.

Results from the central processing centre in Guelph show that eight to 10 percent more students have picked York as their first choice university for next fall. Students can choose up to three different universities on their application form. "The plan for the fall of 1986 is to decline about three percent or 150 first year students," Levy added.

Levy said that he estimates the entrance standard for the Faculty of Arts and Science will be between 67 and 69 percent and is "unlikely to change." When York receives the grade 13 marks from the processing

centre at the beginning of May, a definite figure will be set for all faculties, Levy added. The 1985-86 entrance standards for the Faculty of Arts and Science was 66 percent and 68 percent for Glendon.

"We are very concerned about not giving the opportunity to students that have less than the (estimated) 68 percent figure," Levy said. "President Arthurs is concerned that we don't turn students away who show the potential but don't meet the entrance requirements."

As a result, Levy added, York is going to give students a chance to provide additional information to supplement their grade 13 marks. Letters will be sent out to applicants informing them that they can provide supplementary information if they do not meet the requirement standard. Levy said that academic committees will review the application forms to decide upon final admissions.

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