

Mascot election posters send three to hospital

by Letitia Tendentious

Three York students were taken to hospital with minor injuries when a wall in the Ross building collapsed on them on Wednesday afternoon. Although the cause of the accident was not known, R. Donald

Cuddington, a witness to the incident, said, "It's obvious. It's those damn mascot election posters!"

Luigi Manitoulin, a sanitary maintenance engineer on the night shift, agreed. "The candidates ran out of empty wall space, so they started putting their posters over everybody else's posters. They're already so thick that nobody can get in or out of Osgoode [Hall Law School] — okay, no great loss there. But, it's spreading to the rest of the campus.

"At the rate we're going, I estimate that people will have to walk single file through the halls at Ross before the end of the mascot elections. Eating pizza in the Vanier Dining Hall is already getting uncomfortable. It isn't that bad on a wall anchored by a pillar, but on an unanchored wall, well..."

Although posing a potential health hazard, all of the candidates vowed to continue the poster barrage. "Get out of my face," the chipmunk commented, adding, "Umm, well, I didn't mean 'get out of my face' in the strictly negative sense... I meant it in the 'we're all in this together and my isn't it a lovely day?' sense. Remember my campaign slogan: He's not arrogant, he's my brother."

The bear's answer was more on topic. "People are more interested in a candidate's image than her platform. It's a sad comment on the electoral process, don't you think? But, there you are: electoral success depends upon how well you disseminate your image. I believe it was Machiavelli who first wrote — ooh! Excuse me, but I have to go steal food out of that camper's picnic basket!" Manitoulin, who, by default, has become the administration's



On the campaign trail... The bear was out getting the "frightened tourist" vote, or at least something to tide her over until lunchtime.

spokesperson on the issue, argued that the mascot elections were becoming a threat to the environmental health of the world. "I haven't seen so much paper since the Jackson Creek Pulp Mill exploded," he said. "It's like they want to recreate the Amazon Rain Forest in Central Square!"

man was sanguine about the whole affair, saying that there were no rules to cover the situation. "In the absence of written rules, we've fallen back on the usual reference book: the Kaballah. And, while it clearly states that posters should not cover fire hydrants or health warnings, the Kaballah unfortunately says

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"Hey, I'm all for Gaia rights," the perezosa responded. "Earth First, Last and Always. Waste not, want not. Tippecanoe and Tyler, too. Issues, not answers! A stitch in time saves nine — whatever the hell that means. To be, or..." She spent the rest of the day putting up the last of her 50,000 posters.

Chief Rodent Officer Ira Nay-

nothing about the amount of posters a candidate can have.

"If you must go to class, wear a heavy coat; otherwise, be prepared for one hell of a paper cut. Personally, I'm staying off campus for the duration!" Ballots for the mascot elections appear in Tuesday's newspaper.

The pelican was unavailable for comment.

Security BEAT

A faculty member reported that a male shoved a female into the wall of a third floor hallway in Bethune College February 28. A search of the building located the male and identified both parties as students. Evidently, their argument resulted from the failure of one of the parties to return a borrowed item.

The manager of the Open End Pub reported that he had been assaulted when confronted by four very aggressive, intoxicated youths in the dining room. The youths refused to cooperate by settling down and were obviously looking for confrontation. They also refused to identify themselves and insisted that security had no right to demand their ID. The four were allowed to leave but not before one of their names was believed to have been obtained.

A student reported that threatening and sexist messages were written on the bulletin board outside the Founders' student council office March 2. Security responded and investigated a male suspect.

A couch was found damaged as a result of students jumping on it from an upper floor of McLaughlin Residence March 3. A suspect has been identified.

A security officer, when responding to a complaint that a parking attendant was having a dispute with a male at Ottawa Road March 4, attempted to arrest the same male and, in doing so, was dragged by the suspect's vehicle injuring his leg, hand and arm. The male was later handed over to Metro Police.

A strong odour was reported in the Petrie Science Building March 5 and the building was evacuated. It was determined that the source of the problem was with the ventilation fans which were not functioning. The fans were corrected. The North York Fire Department was present.

A student reported that his black coat valued at \$129 had been stolen from a stand in the lobby area of Atkinson College March 1. One of its pockets contained residence keys and other personal items.

A student reported that her wallet was stolen from an unlocked room in the Lumbers Building March 5. The student had left the room unattended for 30 minutes. Estimated loss \$100.

A student left her purse unattended for about five minutes in the Scott Library March 6 and upon return, noticed her wallet had been stolen. The wallet contained \$30 plus credit cards and personal items.

An Excalibur staff member reported that his wallet had been stolen from his briefcase while left unattended in room 111, Central Square March 5. The wallet contained \$50 plus a number of credit cards and personal documents. Some of the latter were found outside Founders College.

New Parking at Western

There will be 400 new parking places at Western next year, and the University Committee on Parking and Traffic (UCPT) will only increase the parking fees by 5 per cent.

This plan will include the destruction of a small residence in front of Brescia College. "Some drastic measure was needed to improve parking on campus," UCPT chairman Mike Ashton said.

Long term plans for on campus parking include the construction of garages and underground parking for new buildings. It will take two to three years to create the garages and underground parking.

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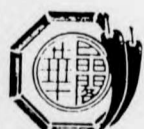
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