Bookstore staff win \$50,000 in Olympic lottery



Three lucky winners, Peter Brunner, Rafael Rivera-Barreto and Margaret Banks of the York University Bookstore are \$2,000 richer after the Olympic Lottery draw last Sunday.

By BRENDA WEEKS

An apparently nonchalant staff of cashiers at the York Bookstore burst into smiles when confronted by an Excalibur reporter on the subject of their fifty thousand dollar win in the Olympic lottery on Sunday night. When their calm maner in view of the situation was remarked upon, Margaret Banks, a staff member burst out, "We haven't slept all night, we're too tired - we were too excited!"

Twenty of the employees at the Bookstore, which is most of the staff, had a share in the eight lottery tickets they had bought. One of those tickets, bought at the TD bank on campus, was drawn Sunday night for 50 thousand dollars.

Apparently one day a staff member came into work with her sweater on inside out. Explains operations manager, Peter Brunner, "that meant we were going to be lucky". Since the draw was a few days away, no one would let her change her sweater all day.'

Margaret Banks, whose husband missed out on the million dollar prize by one digit in a former lottery, said she is going to buy a washer and dryer 'first

Student Unions a must

By ROBERT KASHER "There is a place for student unions, now that the Henderson report has attacked not only the students capacity to study but also their capacity to think." So stated Luke Aujame one of four Ontario activists present at a recent Forward Forum to discuss the cutbacks issue in Ontario. Included on the panel were CYSF president Dale Ritch, John Bocker, a leading member of the Brock Socialist Students Caucus and Chris Harries, a member of the OFS. These have been among the leading student activitsts in Ontario and they discussed both the issue of cutbacks and the strategy for fighting the

cutbacks. As Chris Harries pointed out, the issue of cutbacks is isolated to students, representing the current global phenomenon. "Students in Britain and other countries in the Western world have been affected by the same cutbacks in the social sectors currently present in Canada." He added that students in Ontario would do well to learn from the examples of militant student action in both France and Britain in their attitudes

towards fighting the cutbacks. A question from the audience

provoked a discussion in regards to how important cutbacks in university expenditures would be in improving the financial picture for Ontario. John Bocker of Brock added that, "The amount of money that could be saved through the universities is small in comparison with many other sources of potential revenue available." Some of those sour-ces he listed included revising speculative property taxes and corporate taxation.

The demonstration, recently held at Convocation Hall, was seen by all the speakers as an important step forward. The turnout was seen as significant, "despite the many problems of organization." commented Dale Ritch. He also said it was sad the newspapers didn't pick up more on what Walter Pitman said at the demonstration regarding the total cutbacks picture, as well as more accurately describing the students' response to Mr. Pitman's speech.

What to do, now that the demonstration has come and gone was the final topic of

discussion. Chris Harries felt that the students must now press forward for an even larger demonstration, developing on campuses across Ontario. Dale Ritch generally agreed with this but felt that students should also organize for the longer term struggles on campus into left coalitions, as well as join with other social sectors affected by the cutbacks.

Stephen Lewis

Stephen Lewis, leader of the Ontario New Democratic party, will be speaking at York Wednesday, February 4, at noon in Curtis Lecture Hall L. This will be the first speaking engagement for Mr. Lewis on campus since the NDP surprised the province by capturing 38 seats in the Ontario Legislature, displacing the Grits as the official opposition. Mr. Lewis is expected to speak on such topics as the NDP policy on post-secondary education and the legislative prospects of the next session, possibly the last before a general election.

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thing', with the money. Brunner will invest his, and Molly McGowan, one of the cashiers will safely put her prize money in the bank.

Rafael Barreto-Rivera, the director of the Bookstore, said he was glad he participated in the draw this time. He plans to pay off his debts.



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