

College pubs forced shut after vandalism

By GARRY MARR

Prohibition will make its mark at York campus pubs — albeit only for one day.

All pubs in the college complexes will close their doors at 5:00 p.m. this Thursday until Friday morning the next day, states a notice issued by university Provost T.A. Meininger and Housing and Food Director Norm Crandles.

The temporary closures come in response to escalating vandalism occurring Thursday nights, which traditionally have been the most popular pub night on campus.

The university has indicated that over the last five years vandalism has contributed to over \$1,000,000 of damages to the campus. Last Thursday damages were reported at Founders and Vanier colleges, McLaughlin residence, Central Square, and Curtis Lecture Halls.

"We're sending out a strong message," said Crandles. He is hoping the "extreme" measures will deter any further incidents.

Crandles defended the decision to close only the pubs located in the college complexes and not the Graduate or Osgoode pubs because it is assumed that damages were caused originally by college pub patrons.

"It's a judgement call," said Crandles.

Tammy Hasselfeldt, President of the CYSF, indicated she had problems with the decision because only undergraduates are being punished.

"It's not really fair to leave Osgoode and the Grad Lounge open; there was vandalism in Central Square and Curtis Lecture Halls too," said Hasselfeldt.

Hasselfeldt also feels that the extra security that is now being put in place should have been put in place before the college pubs were declared dry. She added that the closing of the pubs will have a negative effect on the student population.

"It's still September, people are still trying to meet one another," said Hasselfeldt. "Now they can't socialize."

Caught in the middle of the struggle to control vandalism is the university pubs and colleges who will lose substantial income from the one day closing.

"The lost revenue could amount to \$4,000," said Patty Gosse, manager of the Cock'n'Bull at Founders College. "Staff could lose \$80.00 in tips plus the wages for the night."

"I don't feel it's a just solution because they said it wasn't our fault," added Gosse. "Whether students will get the message remains to be seen."

Crandles said if the vandalism is not stemmed more prohibitive measures could be taken, including permanently banning alcohol from the pubs.

He hopes the one-night closure will be sufficient but added that "there is more than one voice calling for a dry campus."



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ONLY POP AND CHIPS: Tonight's pub crawlers will be forced to leave campus as the University closed down all college liquor operations.

York mourns the loss of poet bpNichol

By ADAM KARDASH

York is mourning the loss of one of its most renowned faculty members.

Professor b (Barrie) p (Phillip) Nichol died suddenly in hospital last Sunday following complications resulting from a back operation. Nichol had been suffering from chronic pain and Friday's 20-hour operation was to have removed a tumour from his lower spine.

His death came as shocking news to his students and colleagues. Nichol the poet, editor, screenwriter, novelist, and teacher had a tremendous impact on those in contact with him.

"His loss is great," said English

Professor and poet Robert Casto. "When I told my students the news some of them burst into tears. It's a tragic loss."

Nichol was a great supporter of young writers and was known as one of the finest teachers in the creative writing department.

"He had the ability to draw out students' exploratory nature," said Fred Gaysek, an English Instructor and poet who shared an office with Nichol. "His workshops were highly innovative. He had his students working hard."

Nichol greatly influenced the Toronto and Canadian literary scenes. He received the Governor-General's poetry award for three

books, *Still Water, Beach Head*, and *The True Eventual Story of Billy the Kid*.

He has also published 35 books, scores of 'ephemeral' publications, and is regarded as one of the international leaders of "Sound Poetry" — a form of linguistic and aural experimental poetry which transcends the conventional written word. In addition to his solo work, bp Nichol performed with the Four Horsemen, Canada's premiere sound poetry ensemble.

"He was a great innovator," said Gaysek. "He did quite a lot to popularize poetry in Canada."

Despite his status, Nichol maintained close ties with his roots. "He

was a strong supporter of the little magazine," said Gaysek. "He ran his own small press (such as grOnk) and encouraged students to start their own. . . He never looked down on anyone."

Among his many commitments, bp Nichol served on several campus committees, sat on the editorial board of literary publishers such as The Coach House Press and Underwhich Editions, and served in an advisory capacity for the Toronto Small Press Book Fair.

Donations can be made to the Promising Young Writers Fund For/Words Foundation, Marchmount Road, Toronto M6G 2A9.

Ben's punishment much too harsh: prof

By JAMES HOGGETT

Ben Johnson's lifetime banishment from Sport Canada is too harsh, says Dr. Norman Gledhill, Director of Physical Education and Athletics at York.

Gledhill is former Chairperson of the Federal Committee on Doping in Amateur Sport in Canada and was a key figure in establishing drug-testing procedures in Canada.

Johnson was stripped of his Olympic gold medal and banned from the Games after testing positive for steroids just 72 hours after he set a new world record of 9.79 seconds in the 100-metre dash. Johnson did much of his training at the Metro Toronto Track and Field Centre located at York.

The drug found in Johnson's urine was Stanozolol, one of the most

dangerous anabolic steroids. Gledhill confirmed that the drug would have "definitely helped Johnson win the race."

"It would have helped his start, in his acceleration, and it would have helped in the final endurance part of it, as well," he said.

Gledhill said he was surprised at the results because Johnson "has probably been tested more than any other Canadian athlete and has never had a positive test. . . We can hardly say it has been typical of Ben."

Gledhill also confirmed the test's reliability. "There is absolutely no chance that these tests were inaccurate. If they say Ben tested positive for drugs, then he was taking drugs."

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