

**CYSF gets \$5,300 tab**

**Festival loses \$7,000; no 'name' group blamed**

By BRIAN MILNER  
Festival, set up to break even on the basis of 2,000 interested students, lost about \$7,000 last weekend when the masses didn't come.

This means a loss of about \$5,300 to the Council of the York Student Federation, who agreed to subsidize any losses over \$1,000, a loss which could mean there won't be a Winter Carnival.

The Green Bush Inn, who sponsored the weekend of dances and entertainment will have to cover another \$1,000 of the bill and a contract dispute over another \$1,300 between Festival organizers and a talent agency is unsettled. Stu Smith, one of Festival's organizers, gave six reasons for the failure of the annual homecoming weekend.

First, Festival's momentum was slowed down, Smith said, by "going by the bureaucratic way."

Second, ticket sales, which had been going well until the Procul Harum group broke up, were poor.

"The kids at this university don't buy unless it's a big name. They're interested in celebrities," Smith said. He said York was "suburban" and a "cultural wasteland."

And "people got confused as to what was happening," Smith said. The caretaking staff was removing Festival posters from the walls of all the university buildings as fast as the organizers could put them up. Eventually, with permission of the masters, they were allowed to put the posters up in the college complex.

The majority of students just didn't care about the weekend, Smith said. He said most students didn't seem to realize that every undergraduate on the campus was paying a dollar from their CYSF fee allotment because of the failure.

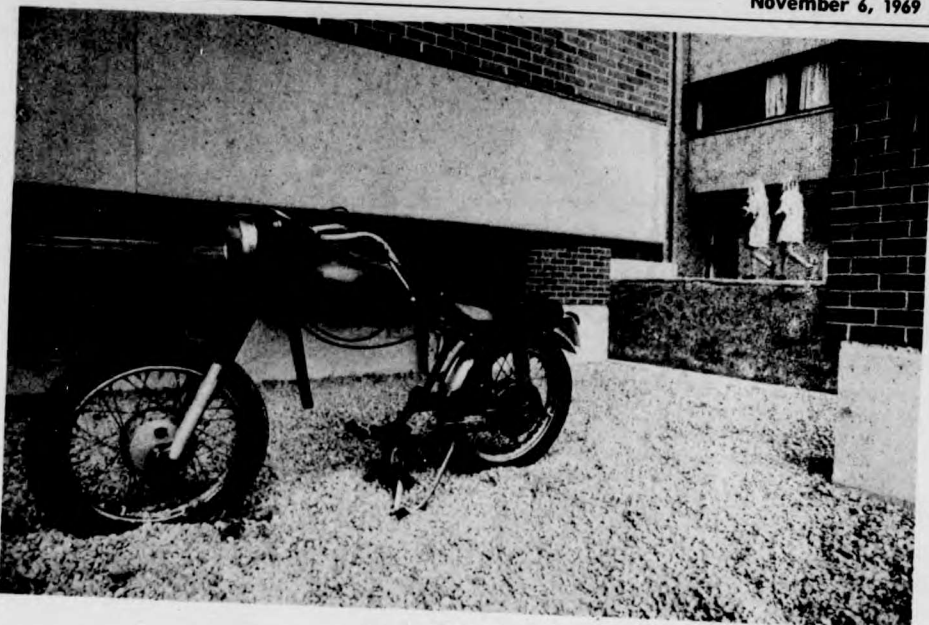
"For a few more dollars," Smith said, "they could have had a good time . . . it was extremely entertaining." Moreover, he said, it may have cost students in other events which CYSF won't be able to be sponsor.

Smith said it was a mistake not to have an effective enough organization. "At least it was a success last year when run by EXCALIBUR," he said.

And he blamed the \$5.50 charge for the weekend for a good part of the loss because it was "an awkward number."

"Hardly antying in the world every costs \$5.50 — \$4.98 maybe — but not \$5.50," he said.

"At five dollars we would have broken even."



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**'Latent racism of Canadian society'**

**Blacks picket over SGWU trail**

By GREG McCONNELL  
Forty black members of the York community demonstrated Monday in support of Sir George Williams University students on trial in Montreal to answer charges arising from the occupation of the university's computer center last February.

They marched for an hour in front of the Federal Building at St. Clair Avenue and Yonge Street carrying placards and chanting "Investigation now!" and "Racism is a Canadian dish." Horace Campbell, a member of

the Black Peoples' Movement at York, read a statement expressing solidarity with the SGWU students.

" . . . This Sir George incident has only brought out the latent racism of Canadian society," he said. "We students of the Carribean and members of the community demand comparable treatment and hospitality which we guarantee Canadians when they are in our countries."

"We postulate that the brothers and sisters in Montreal are political prisoners . . . held to a large degree for their political

beliefs and their refusal to acquiesce to the subtle forms of Canadian racism."

Campbell said the real issue of SGWU professor Perry Anderson's alleged racism in the classroom had been buried.

Anderson was charged with racism by black students in his biology class last year. When he was found not guilty of the charges by a university commission the students occupied the computer center, saying the commission hadn't consulted them.

Campbell said the long period

between the incident when the computer center was burned down and the trial Monday was "a deliberate attempt to test the will and faith of our brothers."

He said the students who occupied the center and even uninvolved blacks have found it impossible to go back to school, get jobs, or even find housing since the computer fire.

The march was planned at a meeting of the BPM Friday, which was attended by Rosie Douglas and Karl Paris, both of whom played prominent parts in the occupation.

**Pension under review; plan should be changed**

York's pension plan is currently under review by the ad-

ministration, but the outcome won't be known in time for the next meeting with representatives of the Building Service Employees' International Union, local 204.

"We've already told them that it's under review," said D. J. Mitchell, director of personnel. "It's a matter of timing."

It's almost a certainty that the plan will be modified. York established its plan July 1, 1960. Every full-time member of the faculty and staff is required to join the plan when his earnings reach \$5,000 or more.

With the Canada Pension Plan now providing minimum compulsory coverage (since 1966), York's plan has lost some of its appeal.

The pension plan had to be compulsory in the past "to guarantee the funds," Mitchell said.

However, there is "a decreasing importance in making it compulsory."

As it stands now, someone making \$5,000 a year pays \$225 (\$4.30 a week) into the York pension plan and \$82 a year into the Canada Pension Plan.

Someone making \$25,000 a year would pay \$1,500 into the Y.P.P. and \$82 into the C.P.P.

Meanwhile, as long as they're forced to pay into the C.P.P. anyway, some workers would prefer to have only minimum coverage and do without the benefits of York's plan.

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