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Argos, quilters, pipers, descend on York

By B.J.R. Silberman

After exams most of us packed away our

books and burnt our library cards. We bounded off the campus - hoping not to return again until September. And so, for long months York, apparently, closed down and became a place of tranquility. Far from it

for conferences. It played host to athletes, serve when suddenly, clear across the air students and tourists. It even housed a few Scottish pipe music hit the nets. celebreties.

NAKED BOATMEN

Toronto Argonauts invaded the campus.- plaid and photos of the rock group, the They arrived for a two week training period during which they competed for a position on the football team.

The Argos stayed in Vanier Residence near the medical center.

. They soon became well known among the housekeeping staff. Wild rumours arose that the athletes were fond of wandering from the shower to their rooms totally naked

Upon checking in, the first thing many of the Argos did was to roll up their trousers and discuss the one thing they all had in common. Knee operations.

The following day the athletes went into their rigorous training, headed by Leo Cahill, who also was staying in residence. By the end of two weeks the numbers of the Argos had dwindled down to about 40. Most of the other players had either been "cut" or had given up.

LILTING AND QUILTING

In May, before the Argos arrival, dozens of schod stage bands arrived at York to compete in a national music festival. The hands played everything from rock to classical and the students proved themselves to be no mere amateurs.

Following the music festival, were two large crafts groups: The quilters and the handspinners. Both women and men participated in these conferences. Displays were set up by the quilters in the McLaughlin dining hall. The most interesting quilt on display was one with amultitude of cloth hands sticking out. It probably wasn't the most comfortable of bed covers-but it attracted attention and praise for originality.

Several groups came dressed in special outfits for their conference. The Creative Anachronism group checked in bedecked in medieval attire. The women in the Canadian Round Dancers, another group, appeared in "Southern" suits. The country dancers 'Southern'' suits. The country dancers practised their steps in the Vanier dining hall, and again, like many other groups, they participated in competitions.

Many of the men wore their native kilts and family emblems. When the pipers weren't the Open End and Cock n' Bull pubs.

Many of the Scottish groups practised their music on the lawns about campus. At the same time, the Rothman's Open Tennis Tournament was in full swing. One sur-York, over the summer, became a center prised tennis player all but faltered in his

By sheer coincidence, the Bay City Rollers Fan Club stayed in residence in August. Many a piper was amused by the This summer, some & prospective outfits of the teeny boppers. Plastered in girls paraded about the campus. On the Saturday before the concert, the fan club spent all day on the phones in Winters Residence trying to find out where the rock group was hiding out.

Finally, using a line like "Hi, I'm calling from Malabar's and I want to check some costume measurements with-" they got through. The girls, in a frenzy, trooped

In August, Scottish Tattoo pipers arrived. over to the hotel the next day. Apparently, they spent eight hours riding the elevator until one misfortunate Bay City Roller playing at the CNE - one could find them in stepped on it. And that was the end of him

SINK AND SWIM

Many students stayed in residence over the summer. They were housed on the third and fourth floors of Winters. One student, Steve, (a pseudonym), inadvertantly causedone of the biggest comotions in residence: this summer. It would appear that Steve had insomnia one night. The fellow thus wandered through the halls and into one of the washrooms. Thinking that some exercise might help his problem he, 6 ft. 200 lbs., proceeded to do vigorous push-ups on one of the sinks.

The sink broke and water began flooding the washroom. Steve ran downstairs and informed the night auditor on duty, who called in security and the crew from the Physical Plant. But Steve, not realizing that the night auditor had taken such ac-



CYSF's summer doldrums: so long to six members, hello to by-elections

By Ted Mumford

student council, the tively, school's centra (Council of the York Student Federation, (CYSF), and this year is no exception.

representative and CYSF vice-president for external affairs, Karl Dawson, was the only Dick, Stong's Elliot Sugar and Bill Hogarth, and Winters' Pam Fitzgerald fairs. Academic affairs vice-president Lew as the new executive secretary. Figol is resigning from the council executive but not from the council itself.

indicated he intends to step down from his Most of the departing representatives and officers have opted to enter other schools, or the work force.

The required quorum for "summer the Harbinger board of directors. council" meetings (May to mid-September) is six out of the 22 members. Meetings were held May 4 and 15, June 5 and September 6; two more were never brought to order because quorum was lacking.

bers. Hayden's predecessor, Barry Edson, members) and the Faculty of arts student

was elected as interim executive secretary, and Doug Wise and Sylvia Stanley were One of the sure signs of autumn at York is returned to the posts of business adthe annual flurry of resignations from the ministrator and office secretary, respec-

Remuneration for the president was raised to \$7,000 from last year's \$5600. An At press time McLaughlin College amendment to limit the increase to a 10 per cent cost of living allowance was defeated.

In the same meeting former Excalibur member fo have submitted a written editor Anna Vaitiekunas was elected as resignation to CYSF president Paul editor of the CYSF handbook Manus, and Hayden, but at least five of his fellows - Calumet College member Frank Lento was namely Founders' Stan White and Jaro acclaimed as CYSF representative to the Excalibur board of publications.

At the May 15 gathering CYSF declined to were expected to follow suit. Hogarth is endorse any political party in the June vice-president for social and cultural af- provincial election and accepted Cindy Park

The June 5 meeting heard a report from CKRY station manager Richard Gould Council speaker Michael Kenyon has concerning the station's application to the Canadian Radio Television Commission for post, as has executive secretary Cindy Park. a 50 watt FM license, and passed a motion of confidence in this endeavour.

On the same date Calumet member Mary Marrone was made CYSF representative on

The final summer council meeting on September 6 saw discussion of CKRY's license bid and the appointment of Howard Crosner as chairman of the course union administrative commission (CUAC). The The May 4 meeting saw the election of dates were set for three upcoming elections: new officers and council executive mem- -Nominations for the Senate (21 student

September 12 to 23. - The convention for the Faculty of Arts stu-down the capital outlay until such time as washrooms or permanent seating, nor a at which York students would hear

Voting will follow on the same date and continue September 27

- Nominations for the CYSF by-election will some advertising revenue. Says Hayden, be open from September 16 to 23, 4 "Everything will depend on how the p.m. Campaigning begins after 4 p.m. students support it this year.' on September 23 and ends at midnight October 5.

Voting for the CYSF by-election takes concerts jointly funded by the college place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October

Nomination forms for all three elections there is no place in their annual budget for will be available at CYSF. The next CYSF the co-op, and CYSF itself has only \$5,000 meeting will be held September 19 at 7 p.m. set aside in its own. in the senate chambers.

Shortly after his election last March, absence of large halls at York will hold the Excalibur interviewed CYSF president Paul co-op and CYSF itself to small-scale Hayden on his plans and aspirations for the presentations, according to Hayden. 77-78 council. Last week he met with Excalibur again to discuss the problems and progress of his administration to date.

Hayden singled out the expansion of York's student-run radio station, CKRY, as a priority last spring. The CYSF-funded station, which currently broadcasts on a closed circuit system in many campus buildings, has been seeking an FM license for several years.

Hayden is eager to give the financial goahead on the 50 watt license application, obligatory engineering study and the acquisition on an antenna but maintains CYSF cannot afford certain other expenses

tion, called up the fire department. And so, at 3 a.m. in the morning men arrived with tools to stop the flood and still other men with hoses to make the flood worse. Luckily Winters survived the onslaught.

While many students occupied the upper floors of Winters, fine arts students arrived in July and stayed on the second floor. Most of them were dance students and were taking summer courses at the university.

DANCING AND DESTINY

At the end of their classes on August 10, the Fine Arts students gave a dance presentation in the Burton Auditorium. There were a few technical difficulties including a fuse which blew, but the dancing itself was commendable. In particular, Gary Masters presented an interesting solo from Orfeo.

Other presentations included Spanish and Indian dance demonstrations. In another dance, two girls, Holly Small and Jeannie Teillet, appeared both clad in Charlie Chaplin outfits complete with moustaches. The choreography had the right amount of amusement and melancholy to it - and the audience was momentarily taken back to the silent screen days of the comic tramp

In June, York played host to a large national conference known as Destiny Canada Destinée. Seminars were held in both French and English and many of Canada's foremost politicians arrived to make speeches and conduct discussion People came from all parts of groups. Canada to attend the conference and many were put up on campus in McLaughlin. Bilingual students provided York tours for the guests. TV crewmen and newspaper reporters covered the lecture sessions. The net effect was one of great impact and people left with a richer insight in to Canada's future and a stronger feeling for Canadian unity.

Numerous other groups visited York over the summer. To name just a few: IBM, chartered accountants, children's aid managers, sports camps, schools, international scientists, and even CP air passengers, caught stranded between flights because of the air traffic controllers work slowdown.

York Security along with the conference staff, was kept busy over the summer months. There were break-ins to the Open End, fire alarms set off accidently and some not, leaky residence pipes, stuck elevators and odd pervert. Security even found one morning that numerous cars had been vandalized in every single letter lot overnight.

Indeed this summer at York was a busy time for many. On the outside the campus may have appeared tranquil-but on the inside-well, visit York one summer yourself and find out ...

munity station, broadcasting locally, with

This fiscal tightness, coupled with the

CYSF's entertainment calendar for

- a free admission dance with California and

in the Founders - Vanier dining hall.

- the steel band Jerry and the Cardells will

- a dixieland band will perform on the patio

Redwood, the evening of September 20

perform on the central square patio

from noon to 2 p.m. on September 23.

Last spring Concert Productions Inter-

national expressed an interest in the York

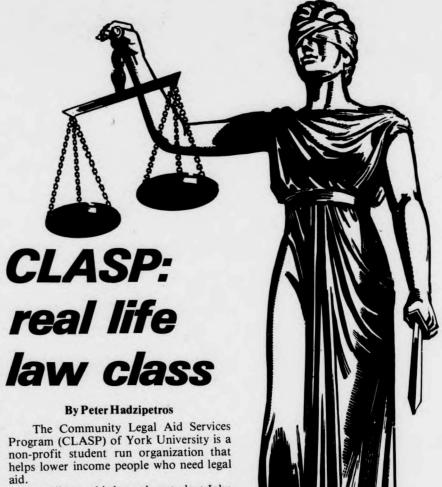
tennis centre as a location for medium-sized

September 20, 12 to 3 p.m. Cash bar.

September includes:

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According to third-year law student John Page, a CLASP director, the program's function is twofold. Firstly, it aims to deliver legal services to people who can't afford lawyers and whose problems are not worth the expense of a lawyer. Secondly, CLASP provides an opportunity for law students to gain practical experience in the legal field

CLASP handles about 1,200 legal cases per year, says Page. They range from problems with the Unemployment Insurance Commission and the Workmen's Compensation Board, to immigration and landlord-tenant difficulties.

Most problems are small, but, according to Page, sometimes CLASP, sometimes "wins thousands of dollars in workmen's compensation and unemployment insurance claims" for clients victimized by bureaucratic error. CLASP also helps out immigrants who have problems with the Canadian legal system. A Spanish-speaking office is maintained in Toronto.

On campus, the program handles student problems such as minor drug offences, student immigration difficulties, as well as the exceptional OSAP (Ontario Student Aid Program) complaint. The organization is involved in non-profit incorporation of student groups. CLASP representatives also keep in touch with residence dons and are available for advice.

Although the majority of cases are from outside the university, the program does receive about five inquiries a week from students. An average of sixty case files are handled during the year.

The CLASP volunteer can plead a case on



Provincial Court (family and criminal). Because of CLASP, people can have their day in court merely for the cost of initiating court proceedings. "The success rate qualifies CLASP as a

pretty good service," Page said.

Founded at York in 1970, the CLASP idea has caught on well in Ontario. Every law school in the province now has a similar program

CLASP employs three people full-time as well as 27 student lawyers who are hired for the summer. During the academic year student-lawyers volunteer their services. They are offered a chance to learn about law outside of the lecture hall in real life situations

CLASP operates on a budget of \$100,000 per year. This money is provided by the Ontario Legal Aid Program, the Attorney General of Ontario, York University, Osgoode Hall Law School, and the federal Young Canada Works program.

The CLASP office is located in the legal aid office at Osgoode Hall. As John Page puts it, "we're law students working with real people. We like to think we help them."

Watch for the CLASP column starting next week in Excalibur.

Hayden is concerned with "setting up the

council made over \$100,000 last year) from

pubs, used book stores and other sources.

CYSF, with the lowest per capita budget of

any campus student union in Ontario, has

disappear in grants before it can think twice

A lack of advertising revenue ballooned

the cost of this year's edition of the CYSF

handbook, Manus to a figure in the area of

\$5,000 (the previous edition cost about

\$1,000). Copies of Manus are available at

advantage of CYSF's ride service. Listings

will be posted on the council bulletin board

opposite the Oasis. Drop into the CYSF

usually seen the last of its \$80-90,000 budget

machinery for years to come - especially in

followed by a question

about profitable ventures.

offices.

offices for details.

Unions negotiate **By Harvey Pinder**

Negotiations are currently underway between the university administration and three union groups, the York University Staff Association (YUSA), the Graduate Assistants Association (GAA), and the York University Faculty Association (YUFA).

Both the YUSA and GAA contracts expired September 1, while the YUFA contract allows wages, holidays and tenure clauses to be re-opened. Wages are the most contentious issue, with the university claiming it cannot afford large settlements.

Both the YUSA and GAA negotiations entered conciliation in the first week of September when agreement could not be reached. The provincial Ministry of Labor appointed a conciliator to meet with the three parties and attempt to find an agreeable settlement. If the conciliator fails then the negotiations may proceed to the strike stage.

YUFA cannot legally strike at this time since the main body of their contract remains in force until April 30, 1978. The university offered YUFA a 9% increase with a freeze on new hiring and replacement faculty (YUFA had requested 13.5%). In response YUFA asked to see the university's financial books in order to determine if the university could afford more. Negotiations are recommencing this week.

The GAA has asked for increases of \$500 for a year's work by teaching assistants, and equivalent amounts for other categories such as research assistants. The university has called this amount "extreme", given the current rate of \$2700.

The GAA claims it needs to catch up to the rates paid in other universities, such as the University of Toronto, which last year paid P.hD. teaching assistants \$2900, and with the cost of living. The university is offering a total wage increase of 6.5%, (as calculated by GAA) which falls short of the 8.4% increase in the cost of living during the July 1976 to July 1977 period.

YUSA has not even received a wage offer from the university, although negotiations began in June. Settlement has been reached on issues such as union security and the wording of the contract, but not on wages. YUSA is asking for increases of 13.5%, with a minimum of \$1350. The minimum is meant to increase the pay of the lowest categories, to reduce the disparity of wage rates, and to benefit lowest paid employees, who are hardest hit by cost of living increases.

Tighter grants

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-some students and their families will be required to give the government access to income tax records to verify financial information;

-part-time students will be eligible to apply for grant assistance:

-a new appeal process involving public participation will be set up to evaluate students' requests for additional assistance.

All of the principles were contained in the report of the interim advisory committee on student assistance, which was received by the ministry in January. Other aspects of the report were not accepted, including these recommendations: -loans should be available without a means

test: -the income of parents should not be taken into consideration in assessing a student's

-the total amount of assistance should permit an amount over and above the calculated need;

-students should be eligible to receive financial assistance for an unlimited amount of time:

-Ontario should opt out of the CSL plan and replace the existing loan and grant program with an "optional loan and grant program with an "optional loan and need - tested grant program" wholly funded by the province.

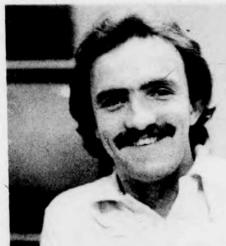
In addition to the new grant program, the ministry is also investigating the feasibility CYSF, Information York and the bookstore of a small program making interest bearing in central square and at the college council loans available to "special circumstances" students, at no cost to the taxpayer.

For 1977-78, Ontario has allocated \$74 million to the current grant program and Anyone seeking a ride or passengers for students are expected to borrow apweekend or holiday trips ought to take proximately \$100 million under the CSL plan. Students are normally required to borrow up to \$1,000 before they are eligible for a grant. About 20 per cent of Ontario students receive some form of assistance.

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caucus (25 positions) will be open from -such as new studio equipment -deemed concerts, but CPI has abandoned the idea, other areas not covered by the Ontario necessary by CKRY. Hayden wants to trim says Hayden, because the centre has no Health Insurance Plan. Another is a forum dent caucus will be held September 26. student support merits further investment. ramp for moving equipment to the court- university and government figures speak on The revamped CKRY will be a com- imagined stage area. As well, the cost of the future of post - secondary education, putting a cover on the centre is prohibitive.

One project on Hayden's mind is a health instituted by Humber College's student the area of income generation." While



Paul Hayden, CYSF president, 1977-78

plan for CYSF students similar to the one union. Under such a plan, part of each many student councils show a profit each student's CYSF fee (\$10) would go year (the mid-sized University of Ottawa's need for loan assistance; Hayden sees the future of the York social co-op, which was founded in 1975 to present automatically into the plan which would cover prescription drugs, dental care and councils and CYSF, as being dim. Hayden says several colleges have already indicated