



A SEA OF HATS: This scene was repeated several times last week as over 3,800 students graduated. With the weather generally cooperative, the ceremonies were held at the top of the Ross Building ramp. A lone bagpiper commenced each ceremony.

York group protests award ceremony

by JOE FABITZ

The link of York's Board of Governors (BOG) to the apartheid system in South Africa is still an issue. Despite the recent resignation of Sonja Bata from the BOG, members of the York Student Movement Against Apartheid (YSMAA) claim there are other members sitting on York's Board who represent companies with extensive investments in South Africa.

YSMAA members were present at a June 19 convocation ceremony to protest the contradiction of awarding an honorary degree to an anti-apartheid leader while BOG members are associated with South African investment.

York awarded an honorary Doctor of Law degree to Walter Sisulu, a founding member of the African National Congress (ANC), the movement committed to ending apartheid. Sisulu has been imprisoned since 1963.

The YSMAA demonstration was peaceful. Protesters carried signs and distributed pamphlets outlining their position. The YSMAA were granted permission to demonstrate at the convocation ceremony.

The distributed pamphlet stated that "while the York community applauds the significant gesture by York University in its acknowledgement of the efforts of people like Walter Sisulu, we note in passing that the University has on its Board of Governors representatives of 2 Canadian multinational corporations (Noranda Mines and Dominion Securities Ames Ltd.), both of which strengthen the apartheid system, through massive investment.

YSMAA spokesman David Himbara told *Excalibur* that "every dollar invested in South Africa is another brick in the wall of apartheid. We are saying that York can't do it both ways."

The YSMAA objective is to make York a "university against apartheid," says Himbara. He would like all pubs to refrain from selling Carling O'Keefe products (which are partly controlled by South African interests), and to have all unions at York recognize the efforts of the YSMAA.

"The main issue is to get York students to do what other university students are doing," says Himbara, "finding out what the university does with its money, if its investing in corporations that invest in South Africa."

The YSMAA plan to study the York situation to see what information is available concerning the university's investments in corporations with South African connections.

Himbara notes that the University of Toronto, McGill and many universities in the United States have well developed "divestment" organizations. Himbara says to date the YSMAA have "no idea" about the extent to which York is involved in South African investment.

Theft to result in the expulsion of student senator and council members

by DAVID BYRNES

Two Norman Bethune College council members and a student senator are among five York students facing severe disciplinary action following a theft from a Complex II servery on May 9.

The theft was reported by Bethune's *Lexicon* editor Michael Barwick, who himself faces the loss of his editorship and of a residence donship because of his alleged involvement.

Barwick said that he reported the theft after he discovered a group of people "partying" in the *Lexicon* office in the evening of May 9, who had brought with them stolen liquor and "\$200.00-\$300.00 worth" of stolen food. Charged by a disciplinary committee with having prior knowledge of the theft and with having joined the party, Barwick said he tried unsuccessfully to notify Bethune Mas-

ter David Lumsden the next day, and then notified Bethune's Senior Tutor, Ed Hooven, the day after that.

"I feel that the decision (of the committee regarding himself) is incredibly unjust, because I'm the one that reported this in the first place" Barwick said. "This has disrupted my whole life."

The Bethune disciplinary committee formed to investigate the theft has recommended to the administration that the four other students be expelled from the university. These are Sol Lerner, Bethune's Vice-Chairperson; George Leung, Bethune's External Affairs Rep.; David Armstrong, a student Senator; and John Sinclair-Whitely; a Bethune residence student. All involved have confessed to participating in the theft.

Lerner, who had a high profile politically last year as a leader of the successful "No" campaign against a proposed student centre building, is also a member of the Food and Bever-

ages Committee and was an employee of Rill Food Services at the time of the May 9 theft from the Rill servery.

Some of the students facing expulsion have been connected with a series of thefts from the servery, which Barwick said added up to "massive amounts of food" cached in a residence room as well as more liquor stored in Bethune's weight room.

Members of the disciplinary committee, chaired by Bethune residence tutor John McFarlane and including Bethune Council Chairperson Jill Rabjohn, would not discuss the work of the committee, or details of the theft. Bethune Master David Lumsden also would not discuss the matter until the committee finishes dealing with appeals, at which time Bethune will issue a written statement, he said.

Provost Tom Meininger is also reluctant to talk about the matter saying only that he is "aware that allegations have been made and heard" concerning the theft.

Body discovered in York residence building

by IAN BAILEY

The body of a man was found in the garbage compactor of the York graduate residence at 2 Assiniboine Road on June 24.

In a statement made to the press during the day, investigating officer Sergeant Vaughan O'Toole reported that the body was that of a male in his '20s, who was found by the building superintendent, Jack Collins, at 10:20 a.m. A post-mortem was scheduled to follow the removal of the body. O'Toole said the death was being treated as a homicide.

Adrienne McLennan, Director of Information at the Public Affairs Department of the Metro Police, said the body has not been identified.

"It was not known by someone who was believed to have known everyone in the building," McLennan said.

During the day the building was sealed off by police as officers conducted a floor-by-floor search for evidence.



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