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Reorganization just completed

Career days, Alumni College set up by YUAA

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A true story:
The phone at 3154 rang and was answered by a brisk — "Alumni Association". The male caller hesitated in apparent confusion and then asked, "Is this the alumini Association?". It was explained to

him that it was the Alumni Association office. "Oh", the voice said "I was trying to get the aloomini association. I'm a graduate of York and I didn't get my year book. Where is it?"

He was a graduate of York (we checked) but the name of his college

shall remain a confidence. The York University Alumni Association has nothing to do with the production or distribution of the year book, but the incident does point up, once again, the blunt fact that many students spend three or four years here and only on graduation learn that they

are automatically members of a well-organized association, some 6,000 members strong, headed by a group of 26 hard working graduates called the Central Board of Directors.

Every person holding a York degree, whether Honoris Causa or through sheer hard slugging, is a member of YUAA without payment of any membership dues. While the largest single group live in Ontario, York graduates are spotted on literally every continent in the world and in a surprisingly large number of countries.

FORMED IN 1963

The Association was formed by graduates in 1963, when York was a tight little one-Faculty University, still affiliated with Toronto, and with a graduate body of well under 100. The formal constitution devised at that time was correspondingly uncluttered. But today, with a body of graduates more than 60 times bigger than that of 1963, with many colleges and Faculties, a major reorganization of the YUAA was badly needed. The job, started last spring and involving an opportunity for every member to nominate and vote on Board membership, is now completed. The current Board, greatly enlarged, is now representative of virtually all Colleges and Faculties — ten in all — and is involved in several major projects, including a revision of the 1963 Constitution.

Under the new organization, every opportunity is provided for the Colleges and Faculties to form their own graduate associations under the umbrella of the Central Board. Social get-togethers and individual projects are now largely the concern of these alumni "chapters". College and Faculty representatives on the Central Board act as liaison people between the various chapters and the Central Board and, when desired, solicit help for these chapters, such as secretarial help, provision of mailing lists, etc., from the alumni office on the York Campus (Room 228, Osgoode Hall Law School Building).

From the first, the YUAA was predicated on the deep conviction of some graduates that a good, healthy alumni group can be of enormous help to a university in more ways than by contributing dollars — helpful as these are.

An organized graduate body, with membership on the Senate and on the Board of Governors and with a place in the community-at-large, is in a position to help maintain the prestige of a York degree, in which

each member has a stake, by speaking up for academic freedom, or when they think the University is jeopardizing, in any way, this prestige. At the time of the special committee on Rights and Responsibilities, the young YUAA drafted a thoughtful brief on the subject for presentation to the Committee.

CAREER PROGRAMS

It has organized several career programs on campus, making available for one day sessions leading figures in such professions as law, accounting, teaching and journalism as well as York graduates just beginning careers in these professions who are prepared to discuss with undergraduates "how-it-actually-is" in these professions.

At the time of graduation, each graduate is provided with an informational kit on his or her new Association. A few years ago, the YUAA launched a bursary endowment fund through which graduates are asked to contribute annually the sum of one dollar for each year which has elapsed since graduation. Already, bursaries to needy and deserving students are being paid from the interest from this fund.

In the belief that in this day and age of rapidly expanding knowledge, a university can do much to keep its graduates contemporary in their fields, the YUAA are planning for next spring an "Alumni College" to which graduates would be invited back to campus for study in a field of their choice.

So benefits flow both ways. All members of YUAA are entitled to use York's athletic facilities on payment of a modest fee and are welcome to use any of the University's libraries by merely producing a \$10 refundable deposit.

Five or six times a year all YUAA members whose addresses are known to the Central Office, receive a copy of the Alumni's own publication, "Communique" which attempts to keep them informed of developments and problems facing the University.

This, in a nutshell, is the *raison d'être* of the "Alumini" Association. (Come to think of it, maybe the telephone caller was, in his mind, spelling the word ILLUMINI Association, under the impression that it meant "spreader of light!")

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The Performance Group which created *Dionysus in 69* will present two new works and a complete film of *Dionysus* with a discussion of their own work led by Richard Schechner, their director, and members of the company. *Commune*, a new participatory work, will be performed today and tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. in the Atkinson Studios. Concert for TPG, a theatre work for voices, will be performed Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in Atkinson Studios. The film *Dionysus in 69* will be shown at 5 p.m. on Friday and 12 noon on Saturday in Lecture Hall 2, Room 1. Tickets are on sale at Burton Auditorium.

Recommends aid for foreign students

Report seeks OSAP revisions

The following summarizes the main points of the Report entitled *Accessibility and Student Aid* which was recently released to the public by the Council of Ontario Universities.

Accessibility and Student Aid suggests several areas of OSAP which should be improved. It recommends a better means test, that part-time students be eligible to receive assistance on the same basis as full-time students, that the amount of non-deductible

scholarship money be raised, and that resources and course requirements for granting awards to foreign students with landed-immigrant status be reassessed.

Of the various student aid schemes discussed in the Report, none (including OSAP as it exists) was found to meet fully the criteria of equity, accessibility, and viability, that the Committee on Student Aid considers essential to any financial aid plan.

The Report recommends that in

the interest of fostering equality of access and until doubts and concerns about alternative student financial aid programs are satisfactorily resolved, OSAP be altered to introduce:

- a variable loan-grant ratio to provide for a larger grant portion (up to 100 per cent of a student's direct costs according to need) to students in the first year of post-secondary programs, with a progressively higher loan portion in subsequent years

- repayment of loan assistance contingent on the borrower's income after graduation

- an additional, supplementary, non-subsidized loan fund with conventional repayment, without formal means testing, but with a provincial guarantee, such loans to be made only on the recommendation of student awards officers to students in financial need who qualify for minimal or no assistance through OSAP.

In the light of the Report's recommendation for a variable loan grant ratio under OSAP, COU discussed the change by government to OSAP for 1971-72 which would make the first \$600 of any award a loan, and has stated its view that this is not consistent with the aim of improving accessibility.

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YORK STUDENT CLINIC

The York Student Clinic can help in areas of birth control, sexuality, abortion referral, drug information, drug crisis intervention; prepared childbirth, venereal disease and suicide prevention. The services provided are primarily those of short-term counselling, referral and dispensing of literature. The main office is located in rooms 213, 214 and 215 Vanier Residence. A resident staff member lives in room 216. Clinic services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Anyone needing assistance or advice may call 635-3509, or come up to the clinic.

UNITED APPEAL CAMPAIGN

The York University United Appeal Campaign will begin this Friday, October 1. The drive will be conducted entirely by mail with all full-time faculty and staff receiving contribution cards. Although no official goal has been set, the United Appeal Committee is hoping to surpass the 25 percent increase the campaign enjoyed last year over the year before and urges the entire campus to participate as they are able.

STUDENTS ON ARTS COUNCIL

Nomination forms are now available for the 22 student positions on the Council of the Faculty of Arts. The Council of the Faculty is a committee of Senate, and includes all full-time teaching staff in the Faculty, plus 22 students. Any student in the Faculty (in any year of study) is eligible for nomination. Nomination forms may be obtained from the C.Y.S.F. Office, Room N108, the Ross Building, and will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 5. For further information contact Michael Mouritsen, secretary to the 1970-71 student caucus of the Council, 636-6818.

Quote of the week

Whenever you make an impression on a man, stop; your reasonin' and details may ruin you.

T.C. Haliburton, Sam Slick, 1836

Fall convocation: degrees to Florence Bird & Henry Moore

The Fall Convocation Ceremony will take place on Saturday October 16 at 2:30 p.m. in the Tait McKenzie Physical Education Centre.

At the ceremony a total of 561 graduands will receive degrees. Graduands from Atkinson College will represent the largest single group with 231 students graduating. Other provisional figures for graduands are: Graduate Studies - 118; Administrative Studies - 42; Faculty of Arts - 127; Faculty of Science - 19; Fine Arts - 1; Osgoode - 2; and Glendon - 22.

Two honorary degrees will be presented at the ceremony to Florence Bayard Bird and Henry Moore.

Mrs. Bird will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. She is

Chairman of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women and is well known as a writer, broadcaster, and lecturer on international affairs and the welfare and rights of women. She is appointed to the Companion Order of Canada.

Henry Moore will receive an honorary Doctor of Letters degree. Mr. Moore is often acclaimed as the world's greatest living sculptor. After many years of antagonism to his work he has gained wide acceptance, receiving honours from countries around the world. He was offered a Knighthood in the United Kingdom but declined. His controversial 2½-ton bronze sculpture *Three-Way Piece No. 2* ("Archer") is the centrepiece of Nathan Phillips Square at Toronto's City Hall.