

NEWS DIGEST

School adopted
by Stong

By TRACEY REID

On Tuesday, September 22 certain members of Stong College suddenly found themselves with a whole group of new little brothers and sisters.

For the second year in a row Stong College "adopted" Elia Junior High. This "adoption" was organized by Sally Pepper, a residence don in Stong, and Bill Anderson, who, at the time was a teacher at Elia and is currently at C.W. Jefferies. The program is designed to get kids off the street while offering them something they can afford. At the same time it gives York students, especially those in the Faculty of Education, a great deal of experience in the fine art of dealing with young people on a one-to-one basis. The program was actually begun by Bethune College, which adopted Jane Junior High, three years ago. This partnership was based mostly on tutoring, however, while Stong leans toward social activities. Anderson heard of this partnership and was interested in having Elia take part. He sat down with Pepper in June, 1986 and planned an entire year of activities in one hour.

This year's events were kicked off

last Tuesday with a barbecue for all those who wished to get involved. It appeared to be a great experience for the students of both schools.

Mac Hall sound
upgraded

By DAVID ACKERMAN

Preparations are underway to upgrade the acoustics of McLaughlin Hall, a move that will transform the Music Department's rehearsal room into a world class concert space.

James McKay, Chairman of the Music Department, will head up the renovations which will result in the establishment at York of one of the first research facilities to study the acoustics of performance. By studying the many different performers who use the hall, McKay explained, "we will be able to come to terms with what is meant by good acoustics."

The hall, to be renamed the Decoustics ACS (acoustic control system) Centre for Acoustical Research, is a joint project of York University and Decoustics, the company that markets the ACS technology in North America.

The sound we hear varies according to the space in which we hear it, McKay explained. In any room, the sound waves will travel around,

bouncing from one barrier and on to another. In the new hall, McKay continued, these first reflection sounds or echoes will be picked up by a series of over 40 microphones spread throughout the room in various configurations. The sound will then be processed through a special unit and transmitted back into the hall through a series of over 100 speakers. This system will allow for complete acoustical control of the hall, McKay concluded.

Central to the system will be an IBM AT computer which will allow an infinite number of acoustical variations to be achieved. Thus, McKay explained, during a lecture or jazz performance, the reverberation within the hall can be reduced, while for some vocal arrangements, the reverberation can be increased. McKay stressed that those outside the acoustical research team, lacking in knowledge of the computers, will also be able to use the hall, as there will be seven pre-set levels for the room, each depending on the nature of the hall's use at the time (i.e. lecture, band rehearsal, etc.).

Also included in the centre will be a Real Time Spectrograph Analyzer. "This is a machine that will enable us to measure the acoustical environment of any other hall we go into," said McKay. "What we would like to do is measure the acoustical environments of many different halls or rooms, and then have them on file as a repertoire of different acoustical spaces." With this, McKay added, one could conceivably reproduce the acoustics of Roy Thomson Hall, the

Venice Opera House, or even the Bear Pit.

Funding for the centre has come entirely from outside the University. \$450,000 from Decoustics, and an equivalent grant from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, combine to make this one of the largest contributions that the University has received for a non-science faculty.

Film "exposes"
Soviet deception

By TRACEY REID

To the poor, unsuspecting people of the world the media is an institution which reports the facts, and strives to tell the truth about what is happening in the world.

But according to an internationally respected board of authorities on the Soviet Union, the KGB, Novosti and international affairs, people should not believe everything they hear and read.

A new program, entitled "Deceiving America," produced by Angus Sullivan, attempts to reveal the truth about Soviet influence in American media and institutions. The film was shown at Osgoode Hall last Wednesday by York's CEPS chapter. The 77-minute documentary includes such experts on disinformation and subversion as: Yuri Bezmonov aka Thomas Schuman, an ex-Novosti agent and co-opted KGB agent; Reed Irvine, chairman of the Accuracy in Media and syndicated journalist; and John Rees, international intelli-

gence authority. These people, as well as many others, claim that the KGB is trying to infiltrate and undermine such newspapers as the New York Times and such broadcasting corporations as the BBC. In the program, Rees states that "the media has been infiltrated" and it is becoming more difficult "to pick out communist intervention." Dean Herbert London reports that there are 2000-3000 KGB agents in America who can create disinformation sources.

In a roundtable discussion, Reed Irvine reported that when Dan Rather, a "respected" journalist, interviewed Fidel Castro, he let Castro get away with all sorts of lies and did not question any of them. Irvine then stated that Rather was either not well prepared or was afraid to make Castro angry. He went on to explain that Rather's not really a journalist but is more of a movie star who is paid movie star's wages.

Bezmonov then began to list all of the way in which the KGB has played a role in influencing America. According to the ex-Novosti agent, all of the articles on the Soviet Union in the Encyclopedia Britannica were written by Soviet propagandists and no one was aware of it. As well, most of what journalists write about is third-hand information with the first party being a KGB agent who passed it along.

It was also stated that 80% of the KGB's time and money goes into subversion. It appears that the Soviets are determined to subvert the enemy, namely the Americans, and destroy their culture at any cost.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

At this time of year begin the application procedures for external fellowships and scholarships. In recognizing academic achievement, these awards offer support for graduate or continuing undergraduate study. The University wishes to encourage and assist its students in the pursuit of these opportunities. Such awards bring honour to their recipients and at the same time offer material help in furthering learning and scholarship.

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS: RHODES
SCHOLARSHIP, FRANK KNOX
MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP, IODE
SCHOLARSHIP, CAMBRIDGE
CANADA SCHOLARSHIPS, MELLON
FELLOWSHIP IN THE
HUMANITIES

- *The Rhodes Scholarship* is tenable at Oxford University. It is granted to students who have completed at least three years of study by the time of the award. The deadline for application is October 23, 1987.
- *The Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship* is for a year of graduate study at Harvard University in any of a number of fields. It is anticipated that the deadline date for application will be February 1, 1988.
- *The IODE Scholarship* offers support for students at the graduate level and can be held in Canada or abroad within the Commonwealth. The application deadline is December 1, 1987.
- *Cambridge Canada Scholarships* are tenable at the University of Cambridge for candidates to pursue a course of research leading to the degree of Ph.D. Deadline for applications is January 31, 1988.
- *Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities* support beginning graduate work for the Ph.D. in preparation for a career of teaching and scholarship in higher education in a humanistic field of study. Candidacy is initiated by a nomination from a faculty member. Letters of nomination must be received by November 2, 1987.
- *Ontario Graduate Scholarships* are tenable at Ontario Universities in all disciplines. This competition is open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents and students admitted to Canada as visitors with student authorization by November 1, 1987. Applications are available through the Faculty of Graduate Studies, N922 Ross. The deadline is Wednesday, October 28, 1987.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada has once again announced the availability of *Commonwealth Scholarships* in support of graduate and professional study in institutions of higher learning in twelve Commonwealth countries. For most of the programs, the field of study is unrestricted. Depending on the particular program, support is provided for one to three years. Selection of candidates is made by the Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Committee.

Deadline dates for the individual programs are as follows:

- Australian Commonwealth Scholarships (For 1989)*
(December 31, 1987)
- Ghana Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)
- Hong Kong Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)
- Indian Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)
- Jamaican Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)
- New Zealand Commonwealth Scholarships (For 1989)*
(December 31, 1987)
- Nigerian Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)
- Sierra Leone Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)
- Sri Lanka Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)
- Trinidad and Tobago Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)
- Uganda Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)
- United Kingdom Commonwealth Scholarships*
(October 31, 1987)

AWARDS FOR STUDY ABROAD (1988-89)

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada has recently announced a number of opportunities for study abroad in a number of individual countries. Some of these programs are awards offered by the host country and some are exchange scholarship/programs. Levels and fields of study vary, as do other terms and conditions. In every case, a Canadian Preliminary Selection Committee will draw up a short list of Canadian candidates for presentation to the host government for final selection.

In all cases, deadline for application is October 31, 1987.

The following programs have been announced:

- Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt
Graduate Awards
- Government of Austria Scholarship Program
- Canada-Spain Graduate Exchange Scholarships
- Kingdom of Belgium, French Community of
Belgium Fellowship
- Government of Colombia Graduate Scholarship
- People's Republic of China Graduate Scholarships
- Government of Denmark Graduate Scholarship
- Government of Finland Scholarship
- Government of France Graduate Awards
- German Academic Exchange Service Fellowships
- Government of Hungary Graduate Scholarship
- Government of Mexico Graduate Scholarship
- Netherlands Government Graduate Scholarships
- Government of Norway Graduate Scholarship
- Government of Portugal Graduate Scholarship
- Government of Switzerland Graduate Scholarship
- Yugoslavian Government Graduate Award

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS

Interested parties are invited to contact the Office of the Provost (S920 Ross, 736-5275) for additional information, application forms, and assistance in arranging advising. Information is also available on a wide range of other scholarships and fellowships. The Office of Student Affairs (124 Central Square) also maintains a current directory and, where available, application forms for external awards.