

Editorial

Concert proves need for Student Centre

Last week CYSF put on a \$22,000 orientation concert which, if it hadn't been for the weather, would have been money very well spent. Over a thousand people turned up and made the best of the rain, the resulting wet grass and later the bone chilling cold. What would have been a rare opportunity for thousands of York students to enjoy an exciting coming together of this fractioned and decentralized University didn't quite work out as planned.

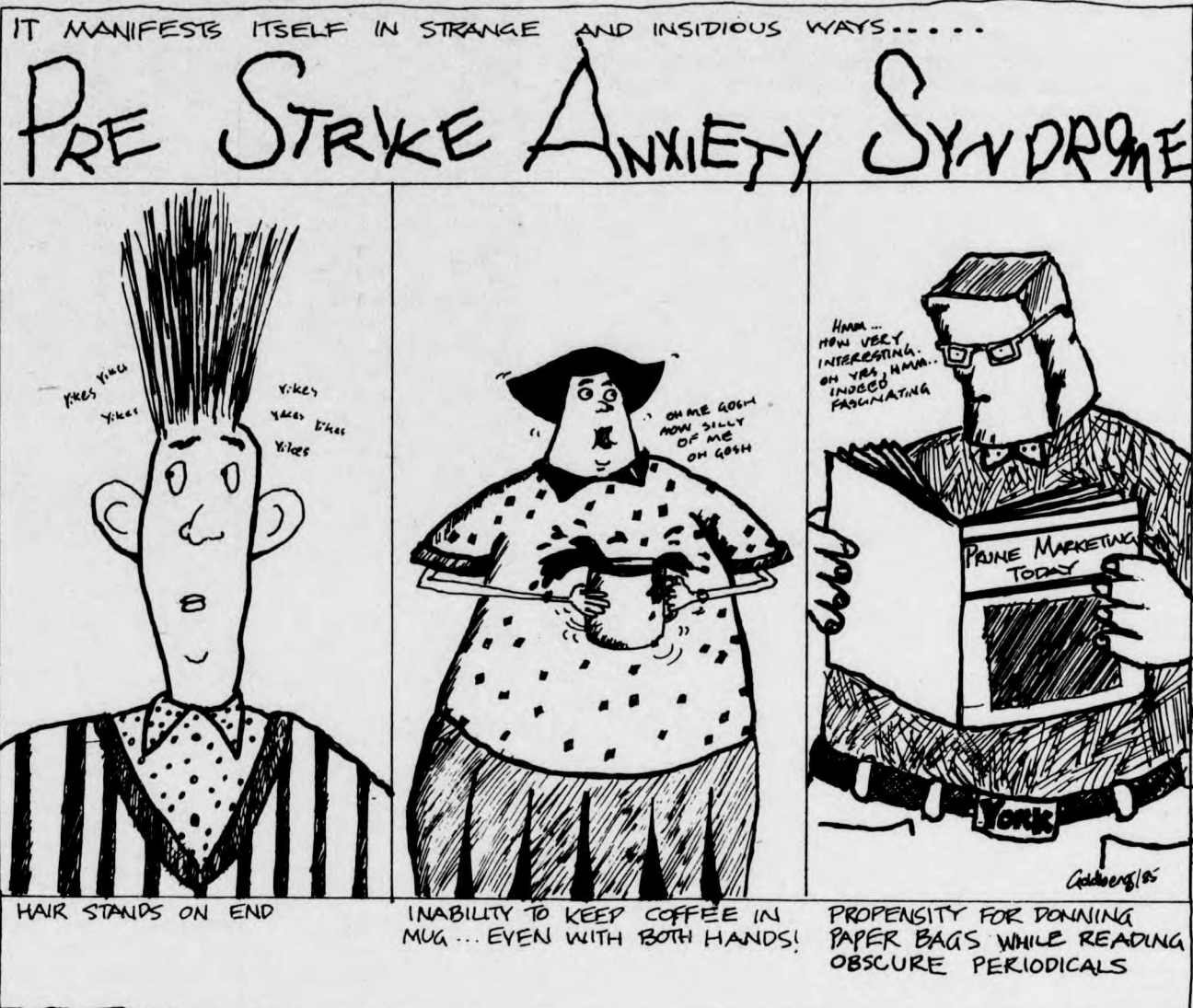
Uncooperative weather also came close to foiling this year's Induction Convocation ceremony, which was held on the podium between the Ross Building and Scott Library. About 1200 people attended the ceremony, many leaving their seats for shelter before President Arthurs announced that due to rain the culmination of the ceremony, his address, had to be put off.

Both the organizer of the concert and of the Induction Convocation have expressed their disappointment and both would like to see a multi-purpose indoor facility that could be used for large assemblies. Presently York has Burton Auditorium, which with a capacity of only 750 people is obviously inadequate for a university of 40,000.

A Student Centre with a large assembly hall would benefit not just students, but the entire university by housing a facility that at least once or twice a year could accommodate central events, which need to be held to develop a sense of community here.

Last year a proposed Student Centre, which would have had such a facility, was voted against because the administration said they didn't have the money and the students objected to the \$50 tuition increase required to foot the bill. Since it is obvious that the university needs a large assembly facility, then it should also be, in part, its financial responsibility.

Last week President Arthurs said that students will profit from the new Faculty Lounge. Everyone would profit as well from a Student Centre with a large assembly area, and it should be a top priority.



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Letters

Calendar insults York women

Editor:

As a new woman on campus this year I was shocked and frankly insulted by the appearance and sale of the 85/86 calendar entitled *The Women of York University*. At a glance I was unable to discern whether this was the work of some REAL women infiltrators or another tasteless 'joke' from the men's locker room. On closer investigation I was offered a 'sneak preview' of the first three pages (the others being tacked securely to the table to keep me in suspense) which quickly confirmed my suspicions of the publication.

Not only do the photographs highlight, in many cases, the rather demure qualities of their subjects, but the title itself strongly implies that these women are representative of the entire female student body. The popular male response to these criticisms is indignant assurance that the men of York U. are similarly displayed for the benefit of female students (a 'tit for a tat' was one man's justification) so no one is being discriminated against. This call for humanism lacks any imagination and moreover negates the historical exploitation of women in pin-up publications while encouraging a worship of them as objects on parade.

If calendars such as these are a tradition at the school it would seem important that they reflect the diversity of cultures and disciplines present here, rather

than a blatant disrespect for "the other women of York University."

—Andrea Meeson

Reader seeks truth in hiring

Editor:

At a time of critical unemployment and underemployment among Bachelor, Masters and Doctoral graduates of York and most other universities, my suspicions were aroused on learning that the spouses of at least two faculty members of York's Chemistry Department are also faculty members of York/Glendon. As a student concerned about the realistic validity of individual merit and of truth in statistical sampling, I would like answers to the following:

(a) Were these pairs individual York faculty members in their own right before they wed?

(b) Were these pairs spoused prior to the appointment of one spouse and the other spouse appointed in short succession?

If (a) is affirmative then my suspicions are allayed. However, if (b) is affirmative, then the academic hiring committee better have good explanations for those well-qualified but unprivileged Canadian science graduates and Fellows who have to drive cab or pump gas because of the scarcity of teaching positions in Southern Ontario.

In fairness, let us have disclosures from all departments of circumstances under-

lying the election of spouses or close relatives of York faculty to tenured teaching positions here.

Daniel Raxlof
 Science II

Student Senator to the rescue

re: "Fine Arts student cries foul over registration methods" (*Excalibur*, September 12).

Many 2nd and 3rd year students ended up in the predicament of having courses closed to them during the Fine Arts enrolment. Luckily, with the help of a few students, I was able to put out a questionnaire asking for course information and comments. The questionnaire (which was filled out by more than 70% of the students during the three-day registration) has since been acted upon by the Faculty and Administration involved. As a result, next year's enrolment will not be held in the same manner, but more importantly for this year, if you find you still have not been able to enrol in a particular course that you want, leave all your relevant information (student number, name, course prefix and number). Also, if you have concerns or ideas regarding enrolment or anything else, there are meetings being set up over the next few weeks, or speak to your class representatives or myself.

—Simon Jacobs

Fine Arts Student Senator

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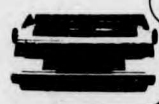
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