

STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE

Once again this year, the Ontario Trucking Association has contributed \$250.00 to the Transport Centre to award a student essay prize. The prize will be awarded to the student submitting the best essay related to the general area of truck transportation. Essays will be accepted on all aspects of this subject including:

- the structure of the truck transport industry;
- the management and planning for the truck transport industry;
- the governmental regulation and control of motor carriers;
- the relationship between motor carriers, freight forwarders, and other modes of transportation involved in urban and intercity goods movement;
- the application of new technologies to the industry;
- the future of the industry in the face of contemporary concerns such as environmental quality and energy conservation.

The deadline for submissions is **March 1, 1977**. The length and format of the essays is left to the discretion of the individual student. It is anticipated that many of the submissions will already have been used to fulfill course work and this is perfectly acceptable to the Transport Centre. All essays submitted will be examined by a panel of judges appointed by the Transport Centre. The winning paper (and others of high quality) will also be considered for publication.

Further information on this competition can be obtained from the Transport Centre. Entries should be directed to:

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Damien battle continues, marked by rally and dance

By GARY KINSMAN

"The gay liberation movement is part of the general human movement for liberation," declared Lukin Robinson, New Democratic Party candidate for St. George riding in the last provincial elections, speaking at a rally in defence of John Damien on February 5.

The rally was held to mark the second anniversary of the firing of John Damien as a racing steward by the Ontario Racing Commission. John Damien, as many speakers pointed out was fired solely for being gay.

In his opening remarks, chairperson Terry Phillips explained that gays have no legal protection in the Ontario Human Rights Code.

David Garmaise, one of the coordinators of the National Gay Rights Coalition — a pan-Canadian coalition of lesbians and gay men — talked about the "national importance" of John Damien's struggle and how "John is not or his own but has the support of gays across Canada."

Lukin Robinson, speaking for the NDP, linked the gay struggle to the



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colonial liberation movements, the womens' liberation movement and the struggle of the French-Canadians. He talked about the NDP policy in favour of putting sexual orientation in the Ontario Human Rights Code to help protect gays against bigotry and discrimination.

Paul Jewel, Damien's main lawyer, spoke following Robinson and said he "hopes the NDP pursues its position." Jewel spoke about different lawsuits that have been launched by the Racing Commission and the government to try to prevent publicity for the case and criticism of the government. He also mentioned what he called the government's stalling tactics in the legal procedure.

Harry Kopyto, another lawyer for Damien, called Damien, "the Henry Morgenthaeler of the gay movement," and said the "whole Ontario establishment is uniting against Damien".

Bob Powers, representing the executive of CUPE 1230 (University of Toronto library workers) explained how his union opposes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and sees gay rights, "as part of the overall struggle for social justice and democratic rights for the working class".

Powers spoke of his experiences

as a gay worker and how "you don't stop being gay at 9 in the morning and start again at 5." He talked about the Damien case as an important case for all workers highlighting the lack of job security for gays in the workforce. Powers said the coming together of the gay liberation and workers movements is very important and felt "that the unions and NDP have to be approached to gain support for Damien and for gay rights".

Margaret Campbell, of the Liberal Party, said it was "ludicrous" that gays did not have job security. She said she had introduced a resolution in the provincial legislature last spring to try to bar discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Terry Phillips pointed out the similarity between the harassment of Oscar Wilde, a noted homosexual British playwright of the last century with the persecution of Damien. He concluded by noting "we must build a powerful gay movement which can defend John Damien".

The final speaker was John Damien himself who thanked those who had supported him and hoped they would continue to support him.

The rally and following benefit dance were sponsored by the Committee to Defend John Damien and the Gay Academic Union.

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February 16 - 7:30 p.m.

Lies My Father Told Me
directed by Jan Kadar

February 17 - 8:30 p.m.

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Bambi meets Godzilla, by Marv Newland
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People push in Tokyo

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During most of the year the city's busiest train station hires about 80 people-shovers to cram as many passengers as possible into each rail car and get the doors closed.

But officials say passenger's bulky winter clothing takes up more space and that more cramming is required.



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