

York bureaucrats vote to strike

By Bob Loblaw

Members of the York University Bureaucrat Association (YUBA) voted 98% in favour of striking for better working conditions yesterday afternoon.

The sixty-member union represents all of York's senior bureaucrats, hatchet men, flunkies and flak catchers.

YUBA shop steward H. Ronald Macdonald told *Excalibur* that money is not the source of the dispute. "I'll be honest with you — we're getting by. What we can no longer tolerate is our present working conditions."

"Firstly, we're seeking inclusion of a non-scapegoat clause in our contract. We're sick and tired of

being abused by the students for what the government does, and abused by the government for what the students do.

"Secondly, we want our working environment improved. Some of the changes we're seeking are the construction of a country club by Stong Lake, new carpeting on the ninth floor of the Ross

Building, and a new interior decorator."

Speaking on behalf of the University, President H. Ronald MacDonald told *Localibur*, "Just wait a minute while I change hats. There. I'm ready. OK, what the university is trying to make YUBA realize is that the entire university community must make some sacrifices, given our financial

plight, for the university as a whole. For this reason, we've told them the country club can be negotiated, but the expansion of Stong Lake to make way for a yacht club is right out of the question."

YUBA head Macdonald says union members will occupy their offices 9 to 5 weekdays until their demands are met.

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Courses to be combined to save York's integrity

By Laura Beige

In an effort to cut costs without sacrificing academic integrity and a wide choice of options, York faculties have heightened the emphasis on one of the principles the university was founded on — interdisciplinary studies.

Courses which formerly had nothing to do with each other are now merging as barriers between faculties, programs and departments fall away.

Some examples:

Accounting in Pre-Colonial South America AS245: This combined history and accounting course will study Incan, Mayan and Aztec civilizations, stressing their small business accounting practices.

Introduction to Visual Art and Computer Science SC102: Students knowledge of computer programming, especially in the area

programming, especially in the area of calendar making (Playboy pinups, Peanuts characters, etc.).

The Chinese Revolution and Modern Jazz Dance HD367: Recreate the Chinese Communist 6,000-mile long March of 1935 in black tights dancing to Maynard Ferguson. Do a twirl over Shensi province and land with the splits in Peking.

The Philosophy of Economics of the Psychology of Religion PE101: This truly interdisciplinary introductory course will replace first-year courses in four departments.

Introduction to Economics and Synchronized Swimming PS109: The student will learn how to tread

water while multiplying on a calculator. Includes giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while balancing a ledger, and the never-to-be-forgotten debit and credit half-gainer.

Russian 140 — Corporate Law RD102: As with all language training courses, this beginners' Russian course will continue — but the subject matter will be exclusively corporate law.

Sociology of Crime and Delinquency and Documentary Film DN280: This course has the student filming deviants. Includes pan shots of winos, dolly shots of obscene phone callers and the flasher super zoom.

Education 202 — Graduate Program in Earth and Space Sciences ES608: A true money-saving venture, this one. The Faculty of Education is taking in-class training out of the primary and high schools and putting it back in the university. Education students will clock teaching time for several weeks at a time in other faculties, eliminating the need for many full and part-time faculty.

Davis accepts teaching post

The University announced Monday that Ontario Premier Bilge Davis has been appointed to a part-time teaching post in the Department of Philosophy. Mr. Davis will teach a course on immaterialism.

Davis was approached about the job after recent statements made by him revealed "an usual grasp on the subject of immaterialism" according to philosophy chairperson Yawn Yolton.

"From his inciteful reasoning in his theory 'There are no cutbacks' (in university funding), Mr. Davis has gone on to many exciting new concepts," says Yolton.

"His soon-to-be-published essays, *There Is No OHIP Increase*, *There Is No Stuart Smith* and *The NDP Does Not Exist* will really revive the sagging philosophy industry in Ontario," says Yolton.

The essays are expected to be required reading for the course.

TOB renamed, collapses

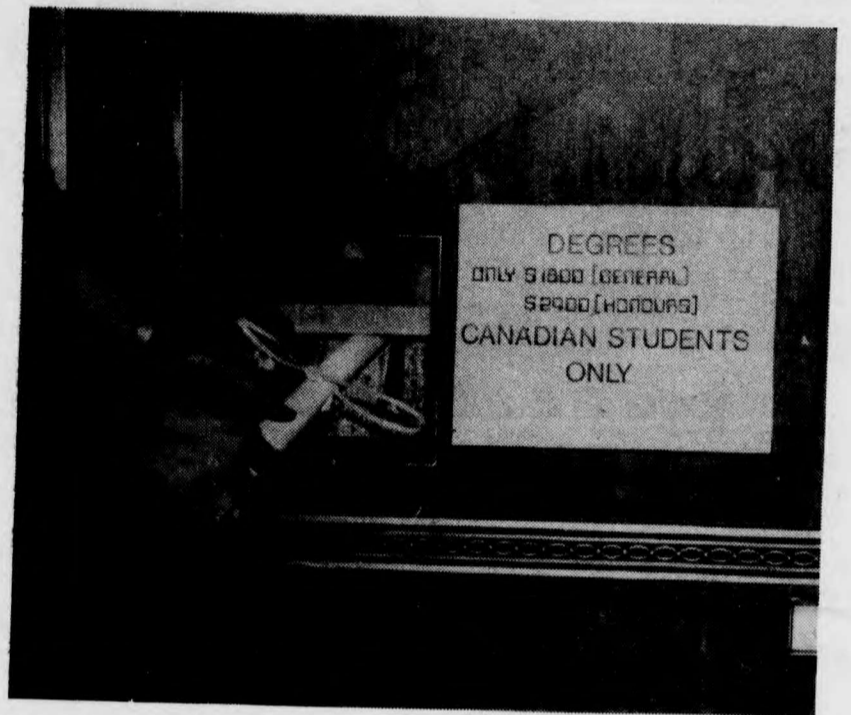
By Ian Nabisco
Editor's Brother

The Temporary Office Building collapsed into a heap of rubble yesterday after a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating its official renaming as the "Permanent Office Building".

"I was afraid of this," said a bystander. "I'm not a superstitious person by nature, but as long as I've worked in this building, I've known it to have a sick sense of humour."

The building's original name was an embarrassing anachronism, as it was one of the first structures to be built on the campus, and replacement by a permanent building has never been a real possibility.

The department located within the TOB will be rehoused in the "Temporary Office Tent" as no funds are available for university construction. Plans to rename Stong "Lake" and the Ice "Palace" have been cancelled.



Trent and Brock to go "discount"

By Paul Stupid

Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities Harry Parot today announced that the province's smaller universities will be converted to "Discount Degree Automats" by 1979.

The move comes after crippling enrolment decreases were an-

nounced at virtually all of Ontario's universities. The automation of Trent University in Peterborough and Brock University in St. Catherine's is the first step in a five-year plan which will see teaching and support staff in all Ontario universities replaced by vending and video machines and computers.

A typical undergraduate student at one of the cut-rate schools will attend classes taught by video sets, turn in essays and exams to a computer for grading, and insert his grade transcripts and four years' tuition in quarters into a degree vending machine created by Canteen of Canada.

The hoped-for drawing force at Discount Degree Automats will be the shortened time necessary to obtain a B.A. (up to three weeks) and a lower-tuition incentive.

Other university services will be sped up accordingly. There will be daily five-minute convocation ceremonies. Residence rooms will be rented by the night rather than by the term.

Cafeterias will follow the academic program's lead, and be replaced by banks of vending machines.

The Ontario Student Aid Plan will also be automated, with applicants feeding the required information into a computerized vending machine which will process the information and dispense the appropriate number of quarters.

Varsity sports will be eliminated except for pinball, "pong" and other electronic skill games.

One of the few areas that will not see personnel replaced by machines will be the upper-level administration. "Unfortunately," said Mr. Parot, "you just can't have a bureaucracy without human administrators."

Bee stripped of stripes

Computer technology has claimed yet another victim. Billy Bee, the smiling anthropomorph on the honey jars, has had his torso replaced by a Universal Price Code. Only his head, feet and one wing remain.

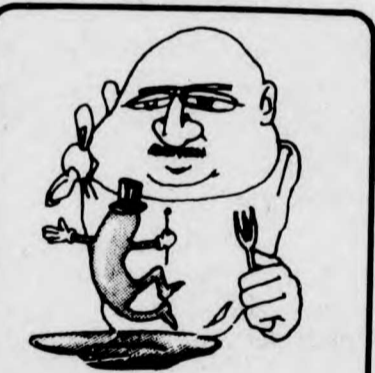
Localibur talked with Mr. Bee in his Toronto hive. "I'm disgusted with the whole affair," he commented. "Those bumblebees assured me I had earned my stripes, and then they pull a stunt like this. It's a'pollen."



Billy Bee-before



Billy Bee-after



Scrip slips in trading

Despite warnings from international economists, York catering companies are still taking no action to strengthen the declining scrip market.

Scrip is "funny money" which residence students are required to buy, redeemable only at campus catering outlets.

In Stong College yesterday, in moderate trading, scrip fell to its lowest point in two years: \$0.69 (Cdn.). As recently as last September, scrip was valued at par with the dollar, although trading was light.

On the Winters-McLaughlin market yesterday, in light to moderate trading, scrip declined slightly to \$0.71 (Cdn.). Earlier in the day scrip had slipped to 70 cents, but the market rallied by closing time at 7:00. Experts have attributed the late comeback to the effect of the chocolate milkshakes offered yesterday in the Winters servery.