

Psych professor acquitted but intends to keep gambling

By ANDREW ZARNETT

York University psychology professor Igor Kusyszyn emerged from his five-day trial in provincial court last Friday with the verdict of not guilty said Victor Paisley, professor Kusyszyn's lawyer.

Last January, the Metro Anti-Gambling squad arrested 13 people, including Dr. Kusyszyn. Kusyszyn was charged with bookmaking, carrying on a betting business, recording or registering bets, and transmitting information by telephone.



Psychology professor Igor Kusyszyn

"On the morning of 22 January 1983, six men swooped through my house like the wind," said Kusyszyn. "They read me my rights, took me down to the police station and asked me to make a statement."

According to a *Toronto Star* article, Kusyszyn told the court last week that he had placed a total of \$500,000 in bets last year.

Kusyszyn said he was found not guilty due to insufficient evidence.

Kusyszyn's interest in gambling began in 1964: "I went to the racetrack with a fellow graduate and found it very interesting. Since then I have studied all aspects of gambling, with emphasis on harness racing and blackjack," he said.

In 1970, Professor Kusyszyn originated a college tutorial called "Aspects of Gambling." The program ran for five years at both York and Glendon campuses as a credit and a non-credit course. Since then he has been writing books and periodicals on gambling.

Kusyszyn said he is very much relieved that the case has ended. "I have been taking tranquilizers to calm me down and I've started to chain smoke after not having smoked for 10 years. My family life has been disrupted and my lawyer cost me over \$9,000.

In Kusyszyn's view, gambling laws are very old and outdated. "These laws were originally adopted from the British but in Britain they have changed the laws since," he said. "Canadian laws are antiquated; it is illegal, for instance, to talk about point spreads on the telephone," he added.

Now that Kusyszyn's life is on the road to recovery, he intends to continue with gambling as his hobby. He is also writing a book about gambling on hockey.

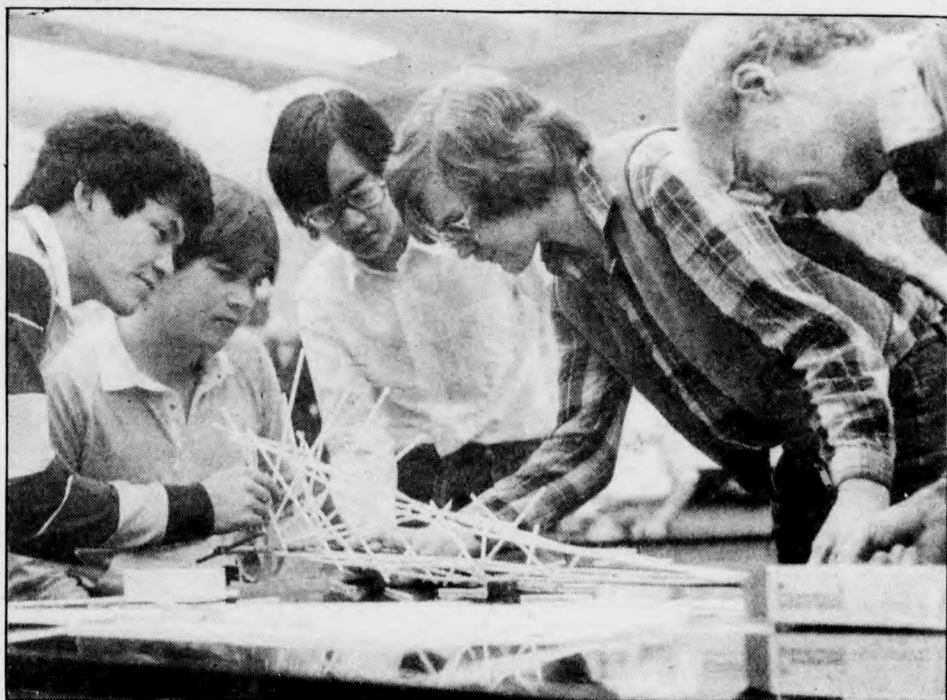


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Judges examine one of the many exhibits displayed at York University's Science Olympics held last Saturday. For the second year in a row students from George S. Henry Secondary, of North York took the first prize. The 30-member team was awarded the Science Olympics Trophy after garnering the highest total score in a series of six skill-testing and problem-solving competitions. Brantford's North Park Vocational School was second and Willowdale's Earl Haig placed third.

Swapo condemns U.S. policy on Namibian independence

By FAY ZALCBERG

A leading member of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) condemned U.S. President Reagan's administration for not actively supporting the independence movement of Namibia, in a lecture at York on Monday.

Peter Katjavivi, who's also a post-graduate student at Oxford University, spoke briefly to an assembly of about 30 people in Curtis Lecture Hall H concerning the plight of Namibian Blacks living under South African occupation. He stressed that although anti-colonial opposition is taking place in Namibia, support from other countries is sorely needed.

Katjavivi said although the U.S. helped pass a UN resolution stating that South African rule had no place in Namibia, "they oppose South

African occupation in theory only." He said the Reagan government, upon its entrance to office, hinted to South Africa that no action to interfere with the situation in Namibia would be taken.

Katjavivi brought along a video, taken in the U.K. for television broadcast, which dealt with the types of torture that victims of racist South African policy are forced to endure.

A member of the Anti-Apartheid Group of York University, which organized the lecture, was disappointed with the small turn-out, but said it was understandable as a presentation on the situation in Grenada was being given simultaneously. Katjavivi said he would have liked to have merged the two talks.

"Events in Grenada are indicative of the type of regime in Washington," he said.



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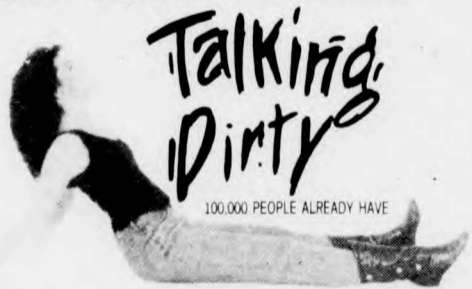
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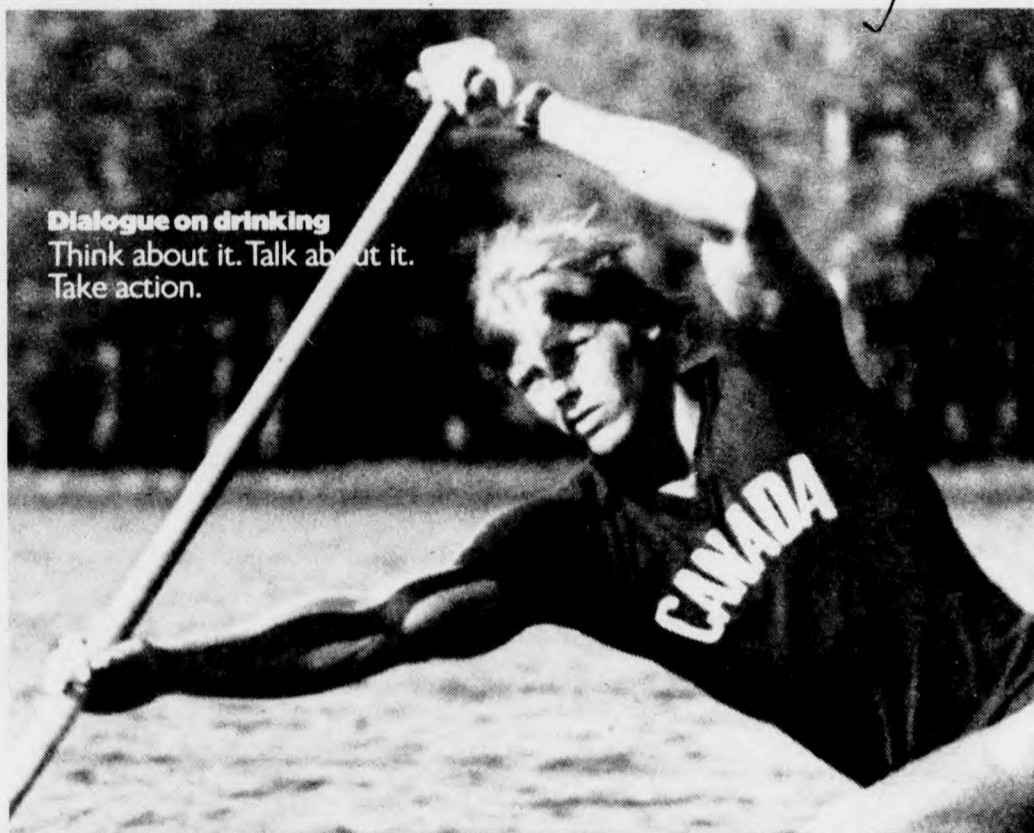


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