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## 'Whipper' Watson honored with degree

By KEN MOORE

This past weekend York University honored one of this country's greatest humanitarians, bestowing an honorary Doctorate of Law degree upon former wrestler "Whipper" Billy Watson at its Fall Convocation.

The 69-year-old Watson, who fought his way to the top of the professional wrestling scene with five world titles, has since climbed to the top in the field of charity work

through his work of the past 40 years.

Watson expressed sadness at the fact that his mother and his coach, who have both passed away, were not able to witness his achievement. Watson credits his one-time wrestling coach with urging him to turn to the work of charity upon his retiring from the wrestling world.

The "Whipper" has worked diligently with several causes, including

the Easter Seals Society, the Bob Rumball Center for the Deaf, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Watson is hoping he can be as successful at battling these opponents as he was with his adversaries in the ring.

Other recipients of honorary law degrees were Dr. Bohdan Hawrylyshyn, director of the International Institute in Geneva, and Stephen Lewis, Canada's new Ambassador to the UN and a former leader of the NDP in Ontario.

## Year of Youth By ANNE ESKEDJIAN

The United Nations hs announced that their theme for 1985 will be International Youth Year. York University will be playing a major role in organizing a career orientation day for the youth of Toronto in October 1985.

The University career day will focus on the relationship between youth employment and rapid technological change. The entire Toronto community will be involved in this project.

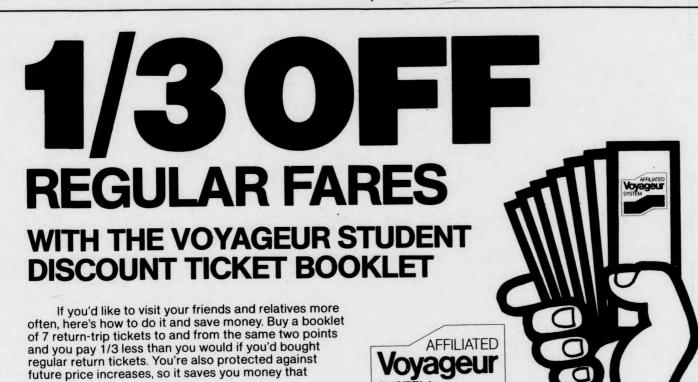
Kai Mahabir, heading York's contingent in the event, hopes the focus of the project will help spawn similiar programs concerning the future of youth in Toronto.

The university has also been supportive of the career day and Mahabir points out tht York's facilities are conducive to this type of event.

Mahabir, who is seeking volunteers for the project, said participating students will gain valuable experience while working on the development, promotion and financing of the event.

All interested persons are welcome to help fill committee positions and can contact Kai Mahabir through the York Admissions Liaison Office at 667-2334.

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