

# Lobby day draws 100

By Ian Kellogg

About 100 students participated in a "mass lobby" of Ontario MPPs organized by the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) last Thursday, November 10.

The purpose of the lobby according to OFS was "to raise the consciousness of Ontario legislators about post-secondary education" and to find out what they think of our problems.

The Ontario government's changes in student aid (OSAP) was the issue highlighted.

Due to some scheduling problems only about one half of the 125 MPPs met with students. The next day being Remembrance Day, the legislature sat in the morning rather than in the afternoon. Many MPPs left early to enjoy the long weekend before students could nab them.

York's council, CYSF, managed to meet one of the 125 MPPs: Yorkview's Fred Young of the NDP.

President Paul Hayden and external affairs vice president Gary Empey said Young and the NDP agreed with the OFS position on OSAP. But Young said most of the new program had already been decided in committee during the summer.

Hayden said he couldn't book any other appointments with MPPs

because of the short notice OFS gave him.

OFS, as of Tuesday, had not assessed the lobby's impact. The lobbyists' report had not been received or had not been fully studied.

OFS, through actions like the lobby, wants to reverse the Tory move to cut off OSAP grants to graduate students. In general it pushes for a more accessible post-secondary structure using OSAP as one means for this.

Hayden, although a firm believer in lobbying, does not believe the

Thursday lobby will achieve OFS' goals. He feels Harry Parrott, the Minister of Colleges and Universities, should be the lobbyists' target.

Hayden and Empey think a further lobby may be necessary in January when Parrott unveils the all-important parental contribution tables for OSAP.

Both the Liberals and the NDP say they support OFS' long term goals. OFS hopes the lobby will highlight this support helping it in its negotiations with the government.

## Station claims interference

By Scott Clayton

Radio York is claiming CYSF jamming of their operation, with the static coming mainly from David Chodikoff, CYSF vice-president of communications and student services, and chairman of the Radio York board of directors.

Giulio Malfatti, station manager of Radio York, says that Chodikoff is involving himself too deeply in the affairs of the station, is not representing it properly, and refuses to explain station matters he is involved in to Radio York staff.

Specifically, they are upset over an article Chodikoff wrote for the CYSF column in *Excalibur*, which they feel was not in the best interests of the station and was merely a publicity piece for Chodikoff himself. Malfatti also claims Chodikoff would not produce written evidence of the repayment of a loan which Radio York had advanced to its speaker-repair company a number of years ago.

Malfatti stated that Chodikoff has been accused of digging into the Radio York closet looking for skeletons in order to "uncover information to get his name known to run for president in the spring."

In response to these accusations, Chodikoff says they are "incorrect", and that it is Malfatti who is guilty of a lack of co-operation.

The newspaper column was originally approved by the station he says. Chodikoff maintains he is investigating the past affairs of the station to increase its credibility in the face of accusations about its previous operations.

As for the business of the loan repayment, Chodikoff says that Doug Wise, business manager of CYSF, has assured him it has been repaid, although it is not clear how it can be accounted for when no books or records were ever kept.

The disagreement came to a head last Friday at the offices of the Radio Station. The altercation that occurred has resulted in bad feelings on both sides. Chodikoff says that "Giulio has a personal dislike of himself (Chodikoff) and the myself (Chodikoff) and the CYSF", and that "Communication has broken down, but he (Malfatti) still recognizes the Board of Directors."

Malfatti says that unless he gets some explanations and more co-operation, he will not recognize the board of directors and will urge the station members to do likewise.

Chodikoff is demanding a written apology from Giulio Malfatti for "verbal insults", and if he does not receive it, he will bypass Malfatti in his dealings with the station. Malfatti in turn, says he will send Chodikoff an apology when "hell freezes over."



Leader of the raid on Entebbe, Major-General Benjamin Peled speaking at York last Thursday. His visit was sponsored by the JSF.

## Israeli air commander at York

# Lebanon bombings defended

By Hugh Westrup

Major-General Benjamin Peled, commander of the Israeli air force, spoke before an audience of York students last Thursday and defended his country's air attacks on civilian settlements in southern Lebanon last week.

Last week's bombings by Peled's planes followed the shelling of Nahariya, an Israeli sea resort, with the Soviet-supplied rockets of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. The Israeli government has insisted its retaliatory attacks were aimed at Palestinian guerilla bases, but at least one civilian township was reduced to rubble and as many as 100 people, mostly women and children, were killed.

Peled regretted the loss of lives, but said bombings were the most selective means of retaliation.

"Of all the weapons that can be used," he said, "air raids are the most surgical."

Peled described Israel as a "non-belligerent" nation that abhors the use of military force to gain political ends. He said a nation without this commitment would simply seize neighbouring territory in response to missile attacks like those launched by the PLO.

"It would have been quite easy for our army to stroll into southern Lebanon, take on the territories and make short order of the whole thing. We don't do that. That's why we have to use other means that are less popular, in the hope that it will solve the immediate problem."

Following his official military defence, Peled offered a personal opinion on the retaliatory attacks.

"I don't think it's effective," he said, "but it calms the conscience and keeps down public agitation for a few weeks. But who am I to criticize a whole government?"

Peled also spoke about 1977 being a crucial year in Israel's history. The question of whether Israel is a Jewish state or a non-secular democratic state has become increasingly important.

"Not answering that question has brought about the problem of the Palestinians," he said.

Those Palestinians who have resorted to terrorist strategies and refer to themselves as the PLO, Peled believes are part of a phenomenon that grew out of the social upheavals that began in the 60's. He said young people, the new left and campus radicals created an "atmosphere of rebellion."

"Only now is Western society realizing that these widespread protest movements have created terrorist organizations that supposedly have an ideal to fight for. The Western world was very gentle but now it's becoming a little more tough."

Commander Peled's visit to York was his first meeting with a student body outside Israel. He is best known as the leader of the July 4, 1976 raid on Entebbe.

Peled's comments about Entebbe were a deliberate erasure of any romantic notions surrounding the rescue mission.

"War is 99 per cent waiting, 1 per cent fighting, and that's exactly what happened."

"In the command post over Entebbe the plan went so well, with so few surprises that I actually felt a little redundant. The whole

operation took 54 minutes. It was almost uneventful except for the feeling that we were doing a very very dangerous thing and that if it paid off it would be the most wonderful thing that we could have done.

"It was an exciting operation but if I were to tell you that I sweated and worked - no. I was just there to make a hard decision if need be. We didn't have to make any hard decisions on the spot, luckily."

## News briefs

The Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Chile is sponsoring Pena, a cultural evening November 19 at 7:30 pm. The evening will include a slide show, Latin American and Canadian Folk groups and singers and Latin American food and drinks, all for a mere \$2 donation. It will be held at St. Peter's Church at the corner of Bloor and Bathurst, across the street from the Bathurst subway station.

The Muslim Student Federation now has an office, located in the South Ross Building, room S156. "Come and join us." All students are welcome.

"Panama: this issue goes deeper than the canal." The Latin American Working Group (LAWG) and the Latin American Research Unit (LARU) invite you to a public seminar with Phillip Wheaton of the Ecumenical Program for Interamerican Communications and Action (EPICA Task Force) Washington, D.C.

The seminar will discuss the issues of the Panama canal treaty and whose interests it actually serves. There will be a showing of the slide tape montage "Panama for the Panamanians". It occurs Thursday, November 17, 1977 at 7:30 pm at 33 St. George St., Toronto.

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Saturday, Nov. 19 is the last day to view **Potters' Exhibition**, ceramics by Harbourfront's resident potters; and **Preparatory Works**, a collection of paintings by John Howlin. Thursday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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This week it's **The Jazz Corporation**. 7:30 p.m. in the Cafe.

### FIESTA CARIBAY

A look at the culture of the Caribbean, presented by **Black Theatre Canada** on Sunday, November 20. Activities: noon to 6 p.m., reggae, jazz, calypso and salsa; 6 to 9 p.m., the new **Black Theatre Canada** production, **A Few Things About Us**; the **Chissamba Chiyuka Dancers**; **Black Theatre Canada Juniors**; **Rastafarian Cultural Workshop** drummers and more. 9 p.m. to midnight, more music, featuring **Ernie Smith and Ishan**. Noon to midnight at 235 Queen's Quay West.

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Every Tuesday night in the Cafe. This week's guest reader is **David Donnel**. 8:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Next Wednesday (Nov. 23) looks at India. **Samsara: The Wheel of Life and Death** focuses on the street life of Pondicherry, India; **Indira Gandhi of India** is a portrait of the former Prime Minister; **Ganya Maya: Mother Ganges** discusses the Ganges' significance to India. 7:30 p.m. in the Cafe.

Free admission unless otherwise stated. Free parking. For more information on these and other programs during the week, call us at 364-5665.