Striking students won't take your Pizza Pizza order

By Dan Nedelko

This September, Peter Petrevski, an ordertaker for Pizza Pizza expected to start his first year at York, but now that he's on strike, he can't afford tuition.

Many other ordertakers are students from local universities who face similar situations, says union representative Sheila Kozak.

In February, Pizza Pizza management and the United Food and Commercial Workers began contract negotiations. Talks dragged on and by the mid-October, union members walked off the job.

"[The Pizza Pizza management]

doesn't communicate with the employees," said Petrevski, who now earns \$15 a day in strike pay.

"They forced me into not liking what my manager was doing. I resent the company for this."

Sheila Kozak, a 10-year order taking veteran and commercial worker representative is bitter about the treatment order takers have been receiving from management.

"Pizza Pizza will do anything for a dollar," Kozak said. "They don't. care who they step on."

Petrevski's job was to process orders for customers who called Pizza Pizza's central number. Once the customer 's order and address was

entered, the computer would then automatically determine the closest outlet and forward the order to that store.

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In order to save money, Pizza Pizza handed over control of the order room to the franchise owners. The owners then decided to contract out work to other companies and begin having non-union order takers work out of

MacLean brings memories of York into space

by Riccardo Sala

York graduate Steve MacLean should have bragging rights around campus watering holes for quite a while, having done something no other alumnus has ever done.

Gone into space.

As the constitutional referendum and the Toronto Blue Jays World Series victory unfolded beneath him on earth, MacLean was aboard the space shuttle Columbia, part of a six person crew that blasted off from Kennedy Space Centre on Oct. 22 for a ten day mission.

With his flight aboard Columbia, MacLean became the third Canadian in space, following the missions of Marc Garneau and Roberta Bondar.

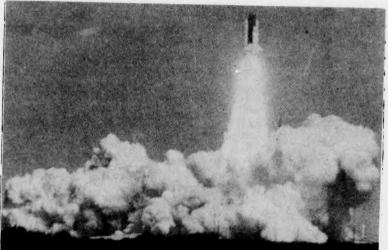
This was the 13th mission for Columbia, the old workhorse of the shuttle fleet. It also carried a payload consisting of an Italian geophysical satellite, the United States Microgravity Payload, and a set of Canadian experiments, which MacLean was in charge of running.

York's Dr. Robert Prince contributed to a Canadian experiment studying exposure in space, sending up a

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Blasting off into space, Columbia shuttle takes York grad into space. • photo by Sandro Camilli

mylar disk with the York University logo on it mounted on the shuttle's Canadarm.

Half the disk was coated with a protective diamond layer one millionth of a metre thick, while the other half was left uncoated. The aim of the experiment was to see if the coating protected the disk from the corrosive space atmosphere.

Prince, chair of the Department of

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Physics and Astronomy, has contributed to past space missions. In the mid-70s, Prince worked on one of the devices sent aboard the Viking spacecraft to Mars.

MacLean had more than the disk to remind him of York. He also took York and Bethune crests and a Science at York t-shirt.

York music professor David Mott, along with fellow faculty Christina

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Petrowska and Al Henderson and alumni composed music for MacLean to bring with him into orbit.

Several alumni of the York gymnastics squad were at the launch .. MacLean initially came to York because of its reputation as the top university in Canada for that sport. Tom Zivic, who coached MacLean at York, and still coaches the Yeomen gymnasts also made the trip to Florida.

MacLean's gymnastics experience was good for at least one question from the press corps in a conference one week into the mission. Time-Life reporter Sue Butler asked the Canadian if he could display an acrobatic routine in orbit. MacLean looked around the crowded cockpit with all six crew members jammed in for the press hook-up and said he might try later.

MacLean's flight seemed to suffer publicity wise from events in Canada, namely the referendum and the Blue Jays. The relative apathy extended to the York campus.

"There wasn't that much interest. None of my friends talked about it, and most of them didn't even know he (MacLean) was a York grad until they read it in excalibur," Marilena Chambers, a fourth year Phys-Ed student said last week.

While they didn't issue an official comment, Nikki Gershbain of the have a lot of talented alumni."

their own homes. However, the home order takers are paid two and a half cents per call plus 2 per cent of net sales. They are also required to lease all necessary equipment - including a computer and telephone - for a total monthly cost of \$55.

Lorne Austin, executive director of Pizza Pizza denies any wrongdoing in the company's business practices.

"It shows up as David fighting Goliath as opposed to David fighting David. Goliath has nothing to do with this show," Austin told the Globe and Mail last month.

However, the Ontario Labour Board has certified that Pizza Pizza and Rapco (another company which was hired to contract order takers) are the same company.

Labour Court hearings are now underway to determine if Pizza Pizza has acted in good faith. If the company is found guilty, they will be forced to bring back all union members that have been laid off, plus provide compensation.



