

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity
—Lord Acton

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Intimate setting sparks soul baring at Women's lecture

By Jill Troyer

A handful of students clustered in the first two rows of Curtis Lecture Hall "L" last Tuesday evening to hear a lecture on Canadian women in politics. The lecture was the third in a series being organised by the Women's Affairs Committee.

In spite, or perhaps because, of sparse attendance, the lecture became a provocative and highly personal discussion of two Canadian women involved in the business of government. York Mayor Gayle Christie, and New Democrat MPP Evelyn Gigantes bared their souls as they described their endeavors in the political arena. In many ways their experiences have been similar.

As one of eight female mayors out of 835 municipalities, Gayle Christie has surfaced with an enthusiastic optimism. She displayed a Polyanna-like countenance as she described her climb from housewife, to school board-trustee, alderwoman, and most recently, mayor. Although Christie admitted that being a woman and a

single-parent may have created political difficulties, she asserted that generally, "being a woman has been a definite advantage."

She has never lost an election, and she sees that as a reflection of Gayle Christie the person, regardless of sex. She said she was initially motivated to enter politics by a single issue, and her involvement has continued because she is stimulated by the work, and feels a responsibility to make a contribution to her community. Christie's attitude as mayor was summed up in a single sentence: "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

Evelyn Gigantes' ride to office has been a little bumpier, and she bears the bruises. She's lost before, but that's not what bothers her about political life. When Gigantes was elected to represent Carleton East, it meant leaving her young daughter behind in Ottawa.

She said that "for a woman, the amount of disruption is just

Tuition fees would skyrocket if P. S. Ross report is followed

By BJR Silberman
By 1980, York students could be paying close to \$1,100 tuition, according to a scheme proposed in a recent report to the Ontario government. The report, devised to offer a solution to rising costs and declining government grants, also foresees an era where universities set their own fees to compete for students in a market style.

The P.S. Ross opinion that in some way, and aimed at a rough

inflation, said Peter Brickwood a York student member of the Academic Planning and Policy Committee.

A university like York which already has the highest tuition fees in C... could expect an increase of roughly 36 per

researcher Jay Drydyk, adding that such a scheme would "set up a pretty unbearable competitive situation".

Newer universities competing for students would face the dilemma of raising tuition fees and consequently driving students to other far, some for



enormous," and described her personal life as miserable and bitter. Although the personal price

has been high, it is countered by the rewards of the job.

She said the "work itself is

exhilarating beyond belief", but she is still not sure that the trade-off has been worth it.

Urban sprawl nears irreplaceable Niagara farmland

By Kim Llewellyn

Land in the Niagara Peninsula, "the most valuable, irreplaceable agricultural resource in Canada", is in danger of being overrun by urbanization, said Brock professor Bob Hoover last Monday.

Hoover, chairman of the Niagara citizens group, Preservation of Agricultural Land Society, told a York audience the Niagara Peninsula has fallen under the "urban shadow" and land that would sell at \$5,000 for grape growing purposes would sell at \$25,000 - \$30,000 for urban uses.

The Niagara Peninsula, prin-

cipally tender fruit and grape growing land, "should not be looked at as a commodity but as a resource," said Hoover.

Its 35,000 acres are protected from southwest winds by the Niagara Escarpment and are climate - moderated by Lake Ontario.

The 1973 Policy Plan for Regional Niagara, passed by the Niagara Regional Council, advocated that 7,000 acres of prime tender fruit land and 9,000 acres of good agricultural land be allocated as urban area, according to Hoover.

PALS has challenged this decision and the matter is presently being reviewed by the

Ontario Municipal Board.

"The preservation of resources should be a provincial responsibility and not to be entrusted to municipalities," said Hoover.

Allan Veale, the Director of Planning for the Niagara Region, told Excalibur he agreed with Hoover that the Niagara Peninsula was the best farmland in Canada, but said some of the land should be designated for urban use "to provide houses for people to live in."

"If this land is forced to stay in agriculture," says Veale, "People feel that it will be left as a poor

area without sufficient jobs."

"Not all of it is needed for agriculture. If you say these are selfish concerns, you're right."

"I think it's important to provide enough land for housing, and industry and also some for agriculture. Some of the farmers aren't selling all the crops they have. Very strong regulations still remain to protect about 21,000 acres of the land."

The OMB came out with a decision Monday to reduce the urban designated land by 1500 acres.

Staff meets today at 3 pm

Our Town

Atkinson

A discussion and slide show on *Chile Under Allende: The End of Democracy and Revolution* is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 pm in the Fellows' Lounge, Atkinson College.

Dr. Douglas Warren (Occidental Life Insurance Co.) will be speaking on *Environmental Influences on Personal Health*, on Monday, February 19... and on Monday, February 26, Dr. Don Mackay (University of Toronto) will talk about *Oil Spills in a 'Fragile' Environment*. Both events will be held in Room S201 at 7:20 pm.

The 1979 Manel Memorial Lectures are scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, with guest speakers Professor Fred Bird (Concordia University) and Frances Westley Bird (University of Western Ontario). Their lectures will be on *Ritual in Contemporary Cults: Theoretical Issues* at 12 noon, and *Self-Transformation and the Pursuit of Innocence* at 7:30 pm. These lectures will be held in the Fellows' Lounge, Atkinson College.

Anti-Cutbacks Coalition

All interested members of the community are invited to come to an open meeting, Friday February 16 at 2 pm in Curtis Lecture Hall 'E' to help plan the anti-cutbacks campaign. For further information, contact

Michael Michie at 960-5783 or Lauma Avens at 667-3310.

Calumet

The next lunch-time concert series is slated for Wednesday, February 28 and will feature *The New Music Co-op*, at 1 pm in the Calumet Common Room.

American novelist Kathy Acker will be holding a workshop on fiction, Tuesday, February 27 at 5 pm in the Calumet Reading Room (Room 116)... Any students who would like to have their works considered by Ms. Acker may submit typed MSS (no longer than 2,500 words) to John Mays, Room 120 Calumet College, no later than 5 pm, Friday, February 16.

Centre for Handicapped Students

The Centre for Handicapped Students sponsoring an informal meeting of all students, staff and faculty who have multiple sclerosis. If you're interested, meet in Room 148 B.S.B. on Friday, March 2 at 3 pm.

CYSF Classic Movies

CYSF presents *Funny Girl*, tonight at 8 pm in Curtis 'L'... admission is \$1.75 for CYSF members and \$2 for others.

Estonian Association

Three Estonian films will be shown on Sunday, February 18 at 2 pm in Curtis Lecture Hall 'L'. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children age 10 and under.

Harbinger

Harbinger is sponsoring an awareness week once again this year... 'Awareness '79' will run from February 26 to March 2. There will be presentations, speakers, movies and displays related to all the issues Harbinger is confronted with. For more details, phone 667-3632 or 667-3509.

Osgoode

Planning meetings for the city-wide organization of International Women's Day events and rally (scheduled for Saturday, March 10) are now being held. If you're interested in helping out, contact V. Adaiyson, Osgoode Hall Women's Caucus, at 667-3141.

Religious Studies Students Association

The Religious Studies Students Association is meeting at 1:15 pm today in Room 120 Vanier College... Everyone is welcome and coffee will be provided.

Senate Student Caucus

There will be a meeting of the Senate Student Caucus today at 5 pm in Room 255 Atkinson College. All student Senators are urged to attend.

Stong

Australian poet Keith Harrison will be reading selections of poetry in Sylvester's (201 Stong) at 4 pm, Wednesday, February 28.

The Stong Student Show in the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery is opening February 27, 7-10 pm. The show runs from February until March 9, and the hours are Wednesday-Friday inclusive 12 noon - 3 pm and 5-7 pm.... There's no admission charge.

Undergraduate Sociology Students' Association

Representatives from External Affairs Canada will be visiting the York University Sociology Department today to discuss long-range career perspectives in the Federal-Services of External Affairs, at 11:30 am, Room S427 Ross.

York Progressive Conservative Association

On Friday, February 16, Roy McMurtry, Ontario's Solicitor General will be speaking in Curtis Lecture Hall 'M' at 12 noon.

York Women's Centre

Feminism and Prostitution are up for discussion today at the York Women's Centre at 12 noon and again at 1 pm. Professor Johana Stuckey of the Humanities Division will lead all interested people in an open discussion... Bring your lunch - coffee is provided.

The next film, entitled *Rape: Women and the Law* is scheduled for Monday, February 26.

Laura Brown