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Sale of cigarettes prohibited on campus

by Patrick Follens

A proposed university smoking policy may ban tobacco sales on campus and may send students and faculty outdoors to smoke.

The policy, issued August 31 by a presidential committee looking into the administration of smoking policy, states that new and renewed leases for all stores on campus will contain a provision prohibiting the sale of tobacco products.

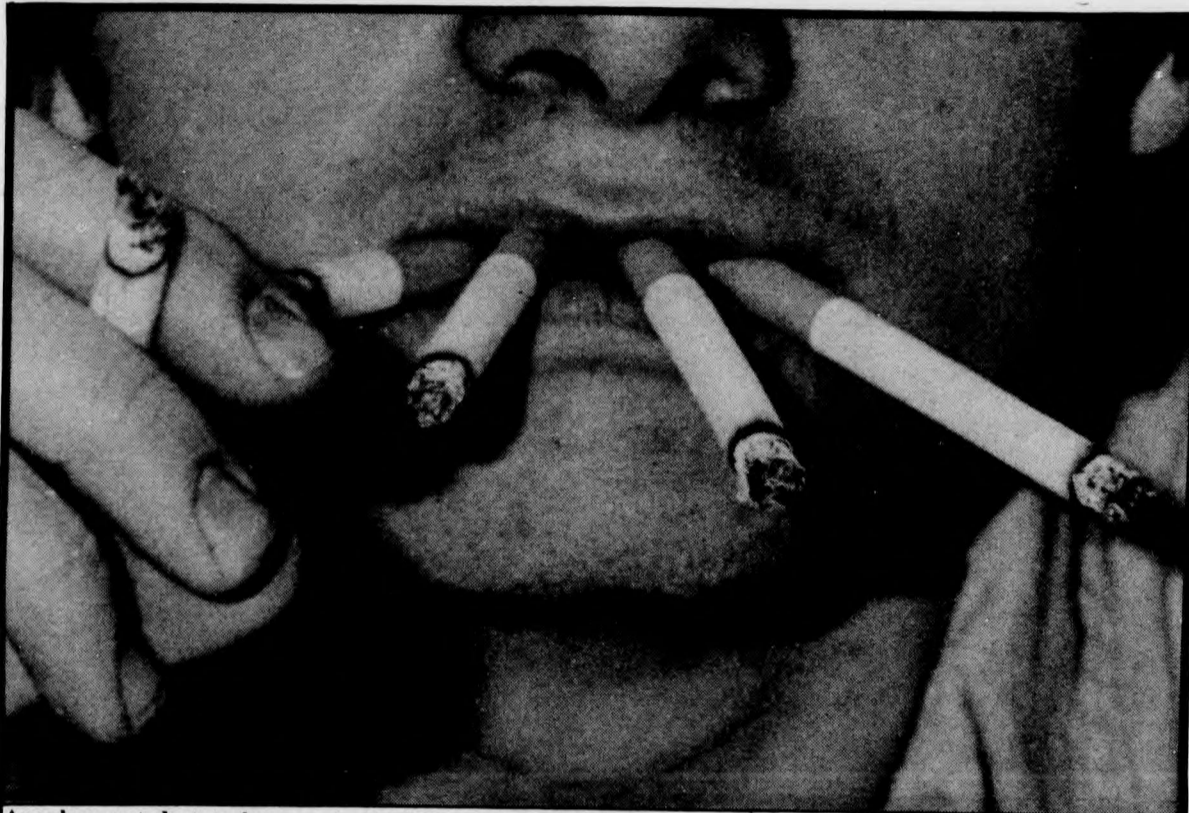
"The decision to ban tobacco sales came as a result of making enquiries of all Ontario Universities as to who is selling tobacco, and most of them aren't," said Kim Cavoukian, director of Occupational Health and Safety which is charged with enforcing the new policy.

The policy also sets stringent new requirements for the ventilation of smoking areas, rendering many existing areas inappropriate.

The new policy would make areas, such as the north corridor beside the Curtis Lecture Halls and potentially some pubs and cafeterias, non-smoking areas.

The policy could mean that, unless renovated, many buildings would be left without any public smoking areas.

The new policy, scheduled to go into effect in January, was drafted in response to a new provincial smoking law passed last January which prohibits smoking in most enclosed workplaces



An unknown student stocks up on nicotine before cancer stick supplies are exhausted. The Puff-police will begin to patrol the campus on January 1st, 1991.

except in designated areas.

Under the old smoking policy, issued in September 1988, a certain amount of space per building or complex was designated as a smoking area.

The new policy suggests the hiring of a Smoking Complaints Officer who would deal with smoking complaints. York security will be charged with enforce-

ment in public areas such as corridors, stairwells, elevators and washrooms.

Sanctions for violation of the policy may include fines, and persistent violation by employees or students may result in termination or expulsion respectively.

York Federation of Students vice-president (internal) Caro-

line Winship, who was on the committee, said the policy's ventilation requirements do not take into account the structure of existing buildings at York of the expenses of renovation.

She also said the policy does not mention buildings under construction.

"The policy is half-hearted," she said. "The university is not

putting the bucks behind its initiative."

Winship wants to organize an open forum where students would be able to voice their opinions concerning the new policy.

Cavoukian feels that overall the policy is a good one.

"Any change, even if its a positive one, is met with some suspicion," Cavoukian said. "I know a lot of students are upset about the smoke."

Cavoukian suggested the implementation of separate smoking and non-smoking pubs as a solution to the possibility of some pubs being unfit as smoking areas under the new policy.

The policy does not specify which pubs would meet the requirements or not.

Mike Collison, the manager of the Grad Lounge said that he would do whatever is necessary for his pub to meet the new requirements.

"A lot of people who drink, smoke," said Collison. "If there are no other places on campus to smoke, we're just cutting our own throats if we don't."

Copies of the draft are available at S914 Ross and Cavoukian hopes that many students and faculty will read the draft and respond to it.

The deadline for comments from the York Community concerning the Smoking Policy draft is October 15, 1990, and the open forum is tentatively slated for the last week of September.

Recycling and rECOvering York alumni

by Jennifer Lim

An independent environmental magazine put out by present and former members of the York community published its premiere issue this month.

The aim of the free magazine, *Recover*, is not only "to inform as many people as possible" about the problems in our environment,

but more importantly, to inform people about "the little things that you can do on your own," says co-publisher David Danto.

Recover focuses on providing the individual with a personable, educational and fun-to-read reference tool, says co-editor Heather Sangster, a York graduate and last year's assistant editor of *Excalibur*.

Both Danto and Sangster stress that the magazine is written and published especially for the average person — someone who might want to know how to contribute to the new environmental cause.

"The individual can make a difference," Sangster says.

Co-editor Nancy Phillips — last year's *Excalibur* editor, is currently working on a Masters degree in environmental studies, and the second co-publisher, Jeff Kippel, is a former York student and last year's advertising assistant with *Excalibur*.

Having similar desires to write, all four got together and decided on the idea of publishing a magazine. According to Sangster, after a series of discussions and hard work, "We decided to have an environmental magazine."

Recover is produced quarterly. The first publication was put out at the start of this month and the next issue is scheduled for December.

The first 25,000 free copies were distributed all over southern Ontario. Sixty per cent of the copies is distributed in Toronto and the other forty per cent is available in cities such as Ottawa, Waterloo, London, Hamilton and Oshawa.

One thousand copies have also been distributed around York campus. It can be found in most

campus libraries, university campuses, retail stores and business firms.

Yearly subscriptions are \$10, which covers shipping and mailing costs.

Sangster came up with the magazine's title. She says the significance of the "ECO" (short for ecology) is the word *Recover*. The three letters are highlighted against an orange sun on the magazine's cover. The other letters in the title are in green.

Sangster says the word "recover" represents the overall theme of the magazine.

Although the articles are presently geographically confined to southern Ontario, production manager Stephen Perry encouraged readers to "think globally, but act locally."

Phillips agrees, saying the stories covered are "practical to what people can do here."

Unlike other environmental magazines, *Recover* stresses "on the individual and at a personal level," says Kippel.

Phillips says *Recover* takes a positive approach in trying to remedy the situation instead of constantly telling the readers about our deteriorating environment.

This fall's issues includes an article in which the writer goes on a trip with the recycling truck and

discovers what we put into our blue boxes.

Other regular columns are the "Book Reviews," "Product Watch," and "Consider This." Helpful hints and suggestions are given as to how households and firms can be more environmentally friendly.

The December issue will feature an article on the myths of bio-degradable plastics and a feature story on the alternatives to disposable diapers. A story on substitutes for Christmas accessories such as wrapping paper will also be included.

Since the writers are all volunteers — "people who are committed to saving the planet," states the press release — the articles come from personal experiences they want to share.

Both Danto and Kippel say they are hoping to increase circulation before attempting to increase the frequency of publications.

"Our long term goal would be to be almost a subscription-based magazine," says Kippel. Looking further ahead, *Recover* also anticipates expanding into B.C., Alta., and other parts of Canada.

While it is still too early to assess the success of *Recover*, both Danto and Kippel are optimistic and are encouraging people for feedback and advertisements.

