

Stuart Smith



By Laura Brown

Opposition leader Dr. Stuart Smith led a comfortable discussion on a personal level between himself and 50 students at York a week ago Wednesday.

Although Smith said nothing new, the students had an opportunity to question him, and receive answers on what he claimed would be "a personal rather than a party basis."

During the one-hour discussion, Smith made a few points which were of significance to university students.

Smith said that as leader of the opposition, there was not much he could do concerning OSAP. He added that he could do nothing more than "push and prod the government."

Speaking of Harry Parrott, Smith said. "It seems incredible that he doesn't seem to understand the needs of the students."

An expansion of Ontario research for alternative forms of energy would result in the creation of new jobs, Smith said.

Ontario does the smallest amount of research per capita of any province in Canada and of any industrial country in the world. Smith added that he would like to push the investment of more money into this industry.

The expansion of research would benefit the province in the light of the possible discovery of new energy sources as well as providing jobs for university graduates.

"The greatest problem in Ontario is that there is no jobs for the educated youth", Smith said.

Students' self-run course

By Lynn Snelling

The Graduate Studies Program of York University has made it possible for a group of students to organize and run their own course. The students in the course, titled "Current Trends in Contemporary Marxist Theory", meet weekly on Tuesday to discuss their reading material on a Seminar basis.

In order for the students to get the program going, it was necessary to approach the Graduate Studies Chairman, Fred Fletcher. Members of the Political Science and the Graduate Studies Programs sponsored the course, which is open to both graduate and undergraduate students. It is run as a reading course, with the added benefit of a weekly seminar.

The course, which has an extensive reading list, is given \$25 for duplicating costs, needed to make available the literature that is drawn largely from European circles. Professor Fletcher said his role, "is technical and my job is to make sure it doesn't duplicate existing Graduate programs."

In order for the course to be bona fide, meaning it would grant students a credit towards their degree, it must have a course director. David Davies, Acting Master of Atkinson College and a member of the Political Science dept., offered to take on the

position. The only task Davies is to perform in the course is the marking of a 10,000 word paper, which is a requirement for all students seeking a credit from this course. Riane Mahon, who is a member of the Social Science Department at Atkinson, is responsible for the organization of the weekly meetings.

The reasons the students themselves felt a need to develop such a program are cited below by one of its members.

"Marxism was founded as a science (historical materialism) and a scientific philosophy (dialectical materialism) but ever since Marx and Engels, its scientific character has been denied, misunderstood or distorted. In recent years a theoretical current founded by Louis Althusser and his colleagues has undertaken to establish it systematically and rigorously via an examination of the philosophy of

science."

The work of the first term centered mainly around the foundations of humanism and historicism. (Lukacs, Gramsci, Sartre, Collitti, Della Volpe, Weber etc.) The second term discussion will focus on problems of analysing social classes, the theory of the state and ideology through concrete analyses of social struggles.

The feeling of the students taking the course is that in these times of tight budgets, the result does not have to be the limitation of courses offered. Their budget does not exceed the \$25 that is granted every graduate course, for photocopying.

In collaboration with the Political Science Graduate Colloquium and the Hellenic Student Association, the students from the Marxist theory course have financed a guest speaker, Nico Polantzias, to come to York on February 15.

Plans for empty acres

By Laura Brown

The numerous green acres which supply momentary relief from the concrete eyesore of York campus will eventually disappear.

According to A. Ross Dawson, director of campus planning, every inch of land is scheduled for some use sometime in the future, although it may not begin for 15 to 20 years.

Of the 560 acres on campus, 180 acres are not designed for any use at this time. The drop in student enrollment combined with the financial straightjackets of the university make it unlikely that further construction will occur in the near future.

According to Dawson, future plans range from parking lots to a medical centre covering 40-50 acres of land.

The university is designed to hold a maximum 25,000 students. For the day when the maximum is reached, ground is set aside for six parking lots. Student housing cannot be filled at present, but when if and when more students require housing, residences will be built.

The university also has plans for an arboretum. A joint operation with the Metropolitan Toronto Region Conservation Authority will organize the planting of special trees from all around the world.

According to Dawson, the general value of the land on campus is \$100,000 an acre. Dawson said, "It is valuable land and is nothing to fritter away."

The university is considering renting space to outside organizations whose presence on campus would prove beneficial to the students at York.

Land rented to certain outside corporations would result in the accessibility to research facilities on campus. Corporations such as I.B.M. renting space at York would work in cooperation with students in various faculties, such as business and computer science.

The medical school is not a consideration at present, but Dawson said the need may soon arise as there is little room at the medical school at the University of Toronto. If a second medical school is built in Toronto, Dawson says, "the logical place would be here."

When asked about the possibility of selling the land, Dawson said it was unlikely. He commented, "the future security of the university is in the land."

In brief

The prospects for Calumet College will be the topic of discussion at the Wednesday February 8 Calumet general meeting. The meeting will be held in the common room of Calumet College at 5 p.m.

A notice to all Founders College students that the Student Council elections for the upcoming term of February '78 to February '79 will be held on Wednesday February 8 in the Junior Common Room and Central Square between 10 am. and 5 pm. The following positions must be voted on: President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Social Representative, Cultural Representative, 4 General Councilors, and 1 male and 1 female Athletic Representative. It is important that YOU have your say in Council events. Get out and Vote.

Bethune paper finished

By Laura Brown

Publication of the Bethune college newspaper, *Lexicon*, has been suspended for the rest of the year due to the editor's resignation as well as the college council's dissatisfaction with her work this year.



Although the editor, Lillian Allen, handed in a letter resigning from her position as of January 31, the council had closed down the paper a week before they received the written resignation.

According to Bethune college council chairman, Bruce Terry, the council reached a decision to stop further publications of the paper due to Allen's apparent lack of interest.

Lexicon had not been published since November. Council members were unable to reach Allen and she attended only three council meetings and very few college activities.

In her letter, Allen stated that her reason for resigning was that there was no clear-cut understanding and financial obligation between the council and *Lexicon*.

Despite the termination of the newspaper, Bethune students will shortly have access to written college news. The Bethune council is at this time preparing a news packet for the community.

The Happy Cooker

By Denise Beattie



Minestrone is good for your ego

Well I've thought and decided that it's time to include a recipe for those who are willing to go to a little more trouble for their culinary treats.

Accordingly, minestrone soup is this week's treat and deservedly so! Although it must be made at a time when you're going to be home for a couple of hours and requires some chopping, it is so good it could permanently reconstitute a damaged self-concept. Really for anyone (like me) who has previously had trouble with the elusive secret of a tasty soup, you'll be amazed with the pizzazz of this minestrone.

Gather:

½ cup dry white beans (Eg: baby limas, Great Northern, white kidney, navy)
4 Tblsp. butter
1 cup green peas (fresh or frozen)
1 cup diced zucchini (one 6-7 incher)
1 cup diced carrots
1 cup diced potato
1/3 cup thinly sliced celery
2 oz. salt pork (see below)
2 Tblsp. finely chopped onion
½ cup chopped leek or another ½ cup onion
2 cups drained (save the juice) whole packed tomatoes, coarsely chopped
2 quarts chicken stock, fresh, canned or made with bouillon cubes
1 bay leaf and 2 parsley sprigs tied

together

1 tsp salt
pepper to taste
½ cup raw rice or macaroni

Procedure:

1) Bring 1 quart of water to a bubbling boil and add the ½ cup of beans. Boil them briskly for 2 minutes and remove from the heat so soak for one hour. Return to the heat and simmer for 1 to 1½ hours. Drain and save the water and set the beans aside. (This can be done the day before.)

2) Meanwhile, melt the butter over a medium heat and when the foam subsides add the peas, zucchini, carrots, potato, celery. Toss constantly for 2-3 minutes and set aside.

3) Get a soup pot (i.e. a big pot!) and fry the finely chopped salt pork.

This ingredient will add immeasurable flavour, so please don't let its fatty appearance dissuade you. If you don't know what it is and have trouble finding it just ask the meat person at your local food warehouse (it looks like a chunk of fatty bacon). Fry it until crisp, and lift out with a slotted spatula and set aside to drain. Stir the onions and leeks into the remaining fat and stir constantly until soft but not brown. Stir in the tomatoes and vegies.

4) You'll now want to add the 2 qts. of chicken stock. I recommend including the bean water and juice from the tomatoes, add enough water to make up the 2 qts. and chicken bouillon. Use as much as you need for good flavour. Add the bay leaf and parsley, salt and pepper and bring to a boil over a high heat. Reduce the heat and simmer, partially covered, for 25 minutes.

5) Remove and discard the bay leaf and parsley, add the rice or macaroni, the beans and the cooked salt pork (optional but try it) and cook a further 15 to 20 minutes or until the macaroni or rice is tender. Taste for salt and papper.

Now, that wasn't impossible was it?! The minimum garnish is grated parmesan or romano cheese, freshly grated is sublime.

Added to this, the following garnish is superb and easy: 1 Tblsp. minced fresh basil or 1 tsp. dried; 1 Tblsp. minced fresh parsley; ½ tsp. finely chopped garlic.

Combine this and sprinkle over each bowl of soup. It is so good! With a tossed salad and fresh crusty bread it is healthy and incredibly flavourful. It gets even better over the next couple of days. If it makes too much for you, freeze half and in a month enjoy it without the effort!

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