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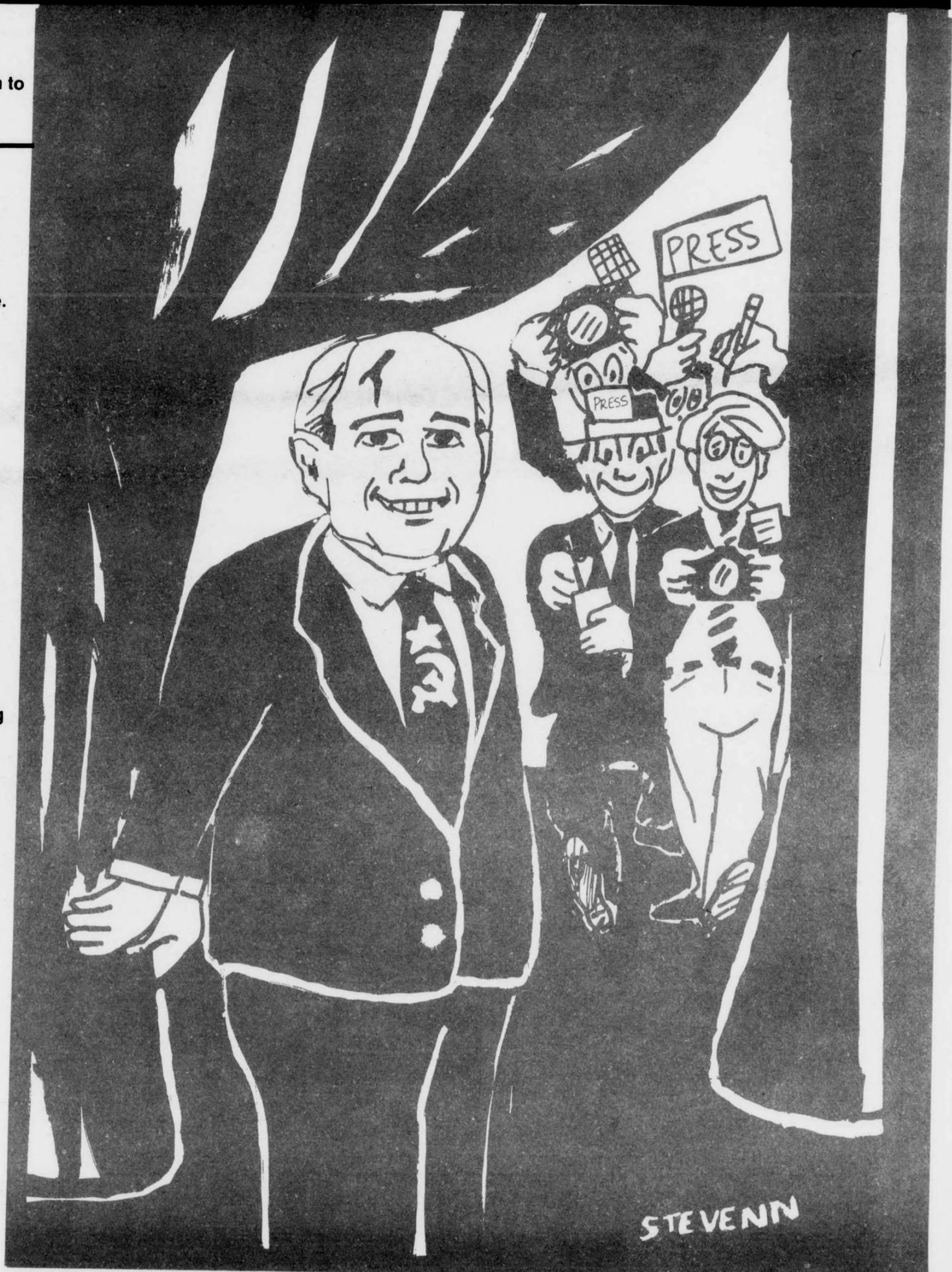
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Career Planning With CHOICES

by Doug Shanks

The occupational research process at the Career & Placement Centre is now enhanced by a computer laboratory with 5 computers available for the CHOICES program. The following is an actual experience of one graduating student who took the program during the summer. We'll call her Susan.

Susan came to York from a background in film, television and video production. She had worked successfully in that area but wanted to move in some new directions.

Having been independent for some years, she decided that her first priority was to have an adequate salary. She chose factor 6 in the CHOICES booklet which lists a salary of \$27,000 to \$33,000 per year. Later, in the program, Susan was able to experiment with higher and lower salaries also.

Second, she chose the Holland Types factor which finds occupations based on your interests and abilities. Susan selected E for Enterprising and A for Artistic. Later she tried S for Social as well.

In third place, Susan wanted to satisfy her interests. What was most important to her was to do some form of abstract and creative work. She wanted to work with people and she wanted to give leadership by directing and organizing.

She spent a couple of hours bargaining with the computer about her education, temperaments, attitudes, activities, hours, environment, and so on. Each time she changed her

options, a new list of occupations was suggested.

At the end of the seminar, CHOICES had produced 43 pages of occupational research data. Fifty six occupations were suggested to Susan on 22 separate lists. One of those occupations appeared 12 times. One appeared 11 times. Six other occupations were worth further consideration.

The last eight occupations were entered into the Information part of the program and Susan received a 2-page summary of each. In first place was 119110 Foreign Service Officer. Along with a brief job description and full details on education, interests, temperament, etc. The summary also gave the address of the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers in Ottawa.

In the details of 2319199 Gerontologist, Susan not only learned that a gerontologist "designs, implements and evaluates programs that meet the needs of the elderly," but she also received information about the Canadian Association on Gerontology in Winnipeg.

It's not possible to give the details of all 43 pages that Susan took home to study. It is enough to say that CHOICES is waiting to provide you with the same kind of career research information.

Drop into the Career & Placement Centre, go through the Orientation process and then enroll in CHOICES. Let the computer help you to discover your employer options.

Isn't it the truth?

by John T. Harries

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"if we raise a lot of shit down here, we will make the university bend." Students want voices heard in rental decisions

by Howard Kaman

Residence fees are going to increase, and some students are not going to stand for it.

Following a January 17 rally, about 45 residence students held a meeting to outline a plan to become involved in the Residence Budget Committee's (RBC) decision making process.

Glendon College Student Union president Gus Pantelidis, led the

discussion. He focused on how the students could make their RBC recommendations heard by the administration.

According to Pantelidis, a proposal was put forth last year to the RBC to increase residence fees to 95 per cent of market value, over a 10-year period.

This plan, announced last January by former assistant vice president (business operations) John Becker, would raise bachelor unit rents by 13.7 per cent for three

years, beginning September 1990. Over the following seven years, rent would then increase by seven per cent per year. All other residences on campus would face a fee hike of seven per cent a year, over the 10 year period.

Pantelidis sees many difficulties with the plan, including the RBC's comparison between "market value" and a York residential apartment. As described by Vanier College Council president Kate Collins, market value is based upon the cost of living in a Toronto area bachelor apartment with a private bathroom and kitchenette, while York's undergraduate residence students do not have such luxuries and shouldn't be made to pay for them.

"If they make residence out of reach of the average student," said Pantelidis, "then York university's going to become out of reach of the average student."

Pantelidis also described the RBC as "a loophole in the Residence Rent Review and Premises Act of 1976, which allows the university to raise rents in excess of inflation, if it consults with the students."

Last year, the RBC recommended undergraduate rent increases of 4.7 per cent over 10 years, the rate of inflation. The university, however, free of the Act's limitation's, could then raise the fees to 13.7 per cent for graduate students, and seven per cent for undergraduates.

Pantelidis believes the university has been using the Committee

to avoid the residence students' recommendations, but explained to the crowd that "if we raise a lot of shit down here, we will make the university bend."

Pantelidis said the RBC served little purpose, and that he would like to see the university pay more attention to its recommendations.

Collins agrees that the RBC's consultation with students has had little effect on the university's decisions. "Consultation means 'We will listen to your complaints,'" she explained, "but we won't promise to act on them." Every single year a new bunch of students with the best of intentions comes in, does the research and the reading... and then has to sit back and see nothing happen."

According to Steven White, chairman of the York University Tenant's Association (YUTA) subcommittee of the RBC, a unanimous motion was passed January 17 asking the students to participate in the Committee, "because of their essential role in deciding these questions."

However, White also admitted that he would be "the last one to suggest that [undergraduate] participation is enormously useful. I think it's useful only marginally more than not participating is." CYSF vice-president (internal) Caroline Winship reduces the student role in the RBC to that of a "rubber stamp." Despite the Committee's membership, consisting of one student from each

residence and five members of York's administration, Winship says the undergraduates' role is minimal. Quorum for an RBC assembly, she explained, is five members, allowing for meetings with no students in attendance.

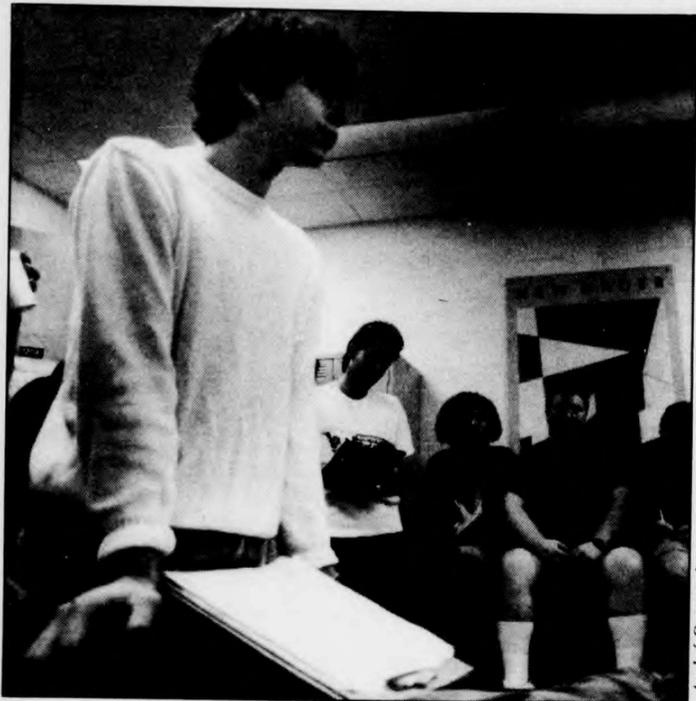
Director of housing and food services, Norman Crandles, agrees the RBC has little influence on the university administration, but believes it shouldn't be a concern to the students. He calls it a "consultative committee," which serves no more purpose than to advise the administration.

Crandles also said the "rise to 95" applies only to the graduate apartments on Assiniboine and Moon Road. "You can't take undergraduate residence to 95 per cent of anything," he said, emphasizing that the undergraduate rent increases of "five to seven per cent" are perfectly in line with inflation.

Pantelidis insists, however, that all rents will increase to the same amount. According to his calculations, the university has assessed graduate residence rent as being 52 per cent of market value. He said the university has assessed undergraduate residences at a rent 71 per cent of market value.

With the planned increases, Pantelidis explained, all residences would all rise to the 95 per cent figure.

"I want them to abandon the 95 per cent mentality," he said, "I want the RBC to become effective."



André Souroujon

Gus Pantelidis at the January 17 meeting

Charges dropped against student and officers

by Daniel Wolgelerenter

Assault charges and counter-charges against a law student and two York security officers were dropped last Monday after a deal was made between the two sides, the security guards' lawyer said.

Assault charges against third year Osgoode student Dean Adema were dropped by the Crown after Adema agreed to enter a one-year peace bond. The Crown subsequently dropped charges against security officers

Rachid Ennaffati and Edward Ciamtar, said the pair's lawyer, Robert Blakeley.

Blakeley said Adema's lawyer Bryan Heller made the offer that led to both sets of charges being dropped.

Under terms of the peace bond, Adema must keep the peace and not have contact with the two security guards for a period of one year. If Adema breaks the terms of the bond, he would be liable for a fine of \$500 and charges under any new offence.

The charges stemmed from an incident last September when Ennaffati and Ciamtar responded to a noise complaint at Adema's residence at 4 Assiniboine Rd. Adema was arrested and charged with two counts of assault for allegedly assaulting both officers.

The officers alleged that Adema assaulted them. Adema alleged that the two had harassed guests leaving his apartment from a party. Adema also alleged that he was physically threatened

by one of the officers after protesting against the treatment of his guests and then arrested when he would not stop protesting.

Adema later filed charges against the two officers.

Adema, Ciamtar and Ennaffati were all unavailable for comment, while Heller refused to comment on the case.

Interim director of security Pam MacDonald said she was not surprised the charges were dropped against the officers

since security's investigation found they "acted in an entirely proper manner."

She said she prefers the deal to following through with the charges and that the peace bond gives the security department assurance that the incident won't happen again.

"Happily, the outcome is more positive than it looked like it would be for a while," she said. "We don't want our students to have criminal records if it isn't necessary."

Students may pay more for gov'ts under CYSF plan

by Daniel Wolgelerenter

The CYSF has come up with a plan to substantially increase funding to student governments. The plan would provide more services for students by keeping pace with inflation.

The plan, announced by CYSF vice-president (external) and chair of the CYSF research and development committee Peter Merrick, would see overall funding to student governments rise from \$9.20 to \$17 per course by 1994-95 school year over a four year period.

Merrick said the last time the student fees for government increased was 1980, and that current funding to student governments has not kept pace with inflation.

Under the proposal, total governmental fees will rise from \$46 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student to \$85 by 1994-95. From full members, the CYSF's revenue will increase \$18.50 per FTE student to \$31.50 while college governments will collectively receive \$53.50 instead of

the \$27.50 they currently receive.

Associate members who currently do not give any money to CYSF will contribute \$25.00 per FTE to the CYSF by 1994-95. Associate member councils will receive \$60 per FTE student instead of the \$26 they currently receive.

The plan also calls for the indexing of the governmental levy to inflation at the end of the four year plan in 1994-95.

The fee restructuring proposal was presented in two reports, one for full members and one for associate members of the CYSF. The college governments and the Faculty of Education Students Association are full members while Osgoode, Glendon and Atkinson student governments are all associate members of the CYSF.

The proposal for full members needs the support of the majority of the CYSF constituency committee in order to go to a referendum. The second proposal for associate members needs the approval of individual associate members' councils before Glendon, Osgoode and Atkinson stu-

dents can vote on the proposal in a referendum.

The CYSF has tabled the proposal until its next meeting on January 31, while waiting for reactions from full and associate

member governments.

The proposal states that a referendum should take place this March in order to give the administration time to implement the new fee structure in 1991-92.

Admin nixes Naosaki's plea

by Jacob Katsman and Nancy Phillips

The Commonwealth Games have started without Maasaki Naosaki.

The university administration has denied the York University Faculty Association's (YUFA) request for an expedited hearing, shutting out any remaining hope for Naosaki. YUFA made the request in the hopes of overturning the decision to not let him go to the Auckland, New Zealand Games.

Naosaki, a physical education professor, was denied leave to attend the Games to coach gymnast Curtis Hibbert. Hibbert is a York student who has trained with Naosaki for 12 years and

could sweep the medals for Canada.

"Under the labour law, both sides had to agree for an expedited arbitration," explained YUFA chair Brian Abner. "We had an independent arbitrator ready to hear the case on Friday. It is inexplicable why the university did not agree to hear the case."

York vice-president (finance and administration) Bill Farr said he personally was not involved in the matter, but he believed the university's action was consistent with the decision that Naosaki was not to go to the Games.

York president Harry Arthurs still refused comment regarding his conversation with Canadian Gymnastics Federation (CGF) director John Brookes in which

he told Brookes that the university would consider letting Naosaki go if the CGF would absorb \$8,000, or one-third of Naosaki's term salary.

With a tight budget and no previous arrangements with York, the gymnastics federation could not respect Arthurs' request, said CGF men's technical director Rob Paradis.

Despite the university's decision, Naosaki is continuing his grievance through YUFA and is determined to set a precedent with his case. "I am continuing to fight," said Naosaki. "It is very important to have this matter cleared up before the 1991 World Championships and '92 Olympics. I don't want to have these problems again."

The brick wall

Gus Pantelidis, president of Glendon's Student Union, wants students to protest a proposed plan to increase residence rents to 95 per cent of market value. He wants the university to listen to students' concerns and to let students be integral members of the Residence Budget Committee. We can predict, however, that no matter what students do, if the administration wants rents to go up, they will.

The university refuses to hear the York University Faculty Association's grievance on behalf of coach and professor Maasaki Naosaki. President Harry Arthurs will not comment on his offer to the Canadian Gymnastics Federation that if it had paid \$8,000, or one-third of Naosaki's term salary, he would have let him go. The university seems to be saying, "We would have broken our policy for money, but since the CGF didn't pay, we won't even discuss it through established mechanisms."

Members of the administration met with angry students in Central Square last term to "discuss" issues of concern, like overcrowding, the restriction of space for tables in Central Square and the proposed AIDS Policy. Nothing has changed and no plans for solutions were agreed upon. Although Arthurs promised to meet with students, he still has not and it is the end of January.

There is still asbestos in Osgoode Hall Law School.

In November, York accepted \$1 million for a scholarship fund from Japanese billionaire Ryoichi Sasakawa. About 10 faculty members have since protested the donation, including Bob Wakabyashi, who was so dead set against it, he resigned as chair of the East Asian Studies programme. Sasakawa made a fortune by gambling and was once imprisoned as a suspected war criminal. And York is keeping the money.

A friend of this newspaper asked her undergraduate thesis supervisor for tips on getting into a graduate psychology programme. He told her 75 per cent of female grad students sleep with a professor or advisor.

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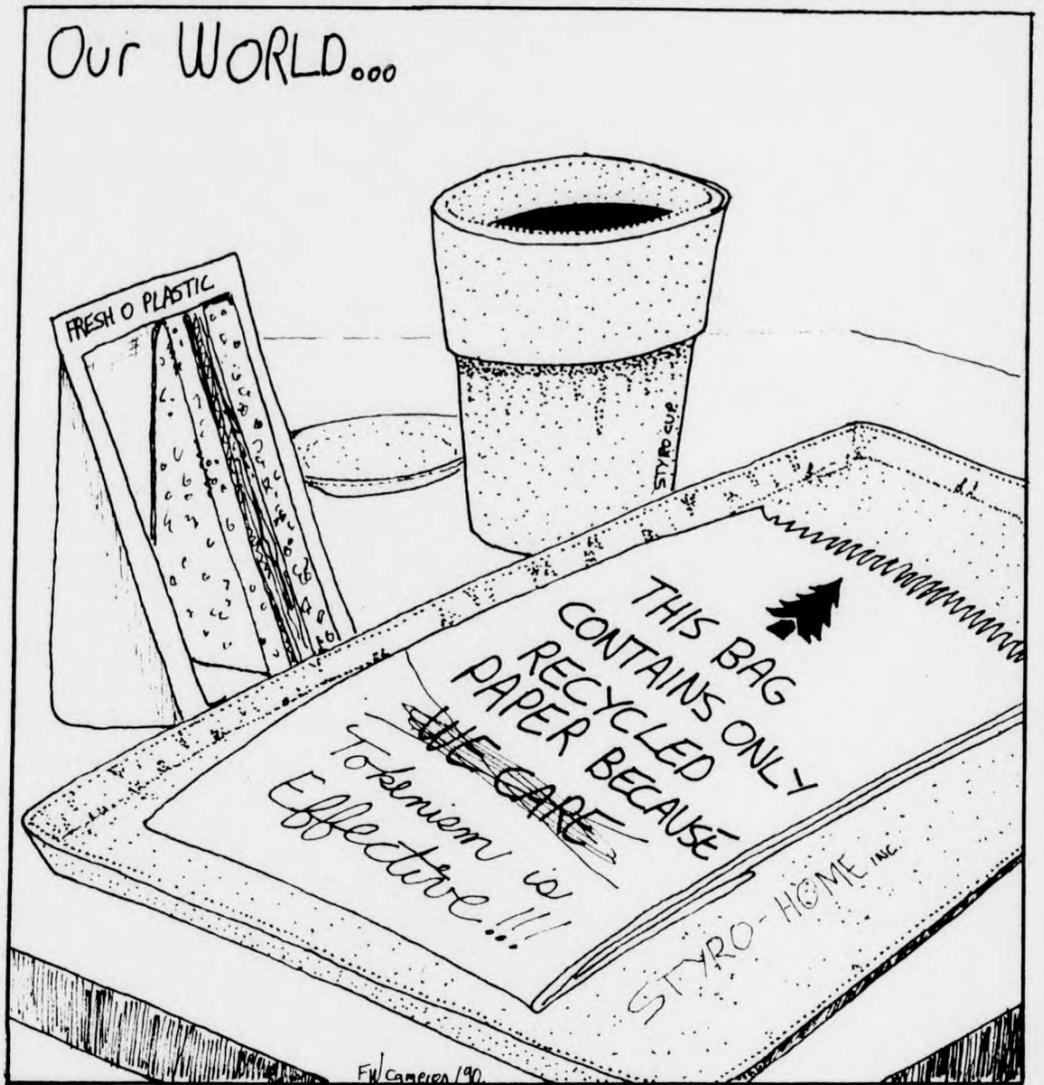
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Letters

Student praises Donato's "initiative"

Dear Editors:

I would like to offer congratulations to CYSF president Peter Donato for taking the initiative to "clear out" all off-campus publications from Central Square. It's very comforting to know that our political leaders are "looking after us," and are deciding what it is that we as students should and should not read. How often have I agonized and convulsed over which paper to choose to read on a particular day? To have the decision made for me in advance brings me great solace indeed!

The fact that these other papers (*Now* and *Metropolis* in particular) do not compete with campus papers (for either comparable stories or advertisements) is irrelevant, as is the fact that other universities *do* allow free off-campus newspapers to be distributed on their property (one need only stroll through the Robarts Library at U of T to be persuaded of this). The bottom line is that students at York should not have to suffer the excruciating pain of deciding which newspaper to read. Besides which, students at York should only be permitted to read on-campus newspapers anyways.

I would like to suggest that Mr. Donato also ban the city papers (*Toronto Star*, *Globe and Mail*, etc.) from York premises. Again, these publications interfere with campus newspaper readership. Perhaps Mr. Donato should ban all off-campus posters as well. Why should students seek off-campus entertainment when York has it all? Oh... and one more thing Mr. Donato — could you please convert all of my cable TV

channels to the single York University information channel?

Once again, my congratulations to Mr. Donato for this unprecedented initiative. You have an inspiring career ahead of you as a politician. Incidentally, if you're looking for employment, I hear Romania has an opening for a new leader.

Gratefully yours,
Tom Weega
Graduate Student
Faculty of Environmental Studies

Objectivity impossible in abortion referendum

Dear Editor:

It appears that under political pressure the CYSF has decided to hold a referendum to determine its stand on abortion. But I wonder, considering that the outcome of the plebiscite will depend largely on how it is worded, how truly representative of student thought it will be. Will it ask, "Do you support the recriminalization of abortion?" or "Do you support the right of women to have reproductive freedom over her own body?"

Or will it ask, "Do you support the need to protect and affirm the value and equality of all human life?" or "Do you believe that the fetus or unborn child has a right to protection under the law?" Each of these questions is emotionally loaded and contains enough persuasive language to sway the voter one way or the other.

I argue against the fallacy that objectivity is possible. We have all been touched in one way or the other by the abortion issue. We have all been affected by propaganda on both sides of the debate. The written word is a powerful and persuasive tool. The only way to

come up with a fair plebiscite would be to have intelligent representatives of both sides of the debate work together to come up with a wording that would allow for an unmanipulated survey of student opinion.

Sincerely
M. Parker

Juvenile journalism, sour grapes

Dear Editor,

In the January 11, 1990 issue of *Excalibur*, you printed a letter by Brett Lamb, the editor of the *Vandoo*. In this letter, Mr. Lamb criticized CYSF president Peter Donato for not including the *Vandoo*, and other college newspapers on a list which thanked all those who helped contribute to a successful first term.

As I am sure Mr. Lamb realizes, often people do make mistakes. I am certain that Mr. Donato had no intention of downplaying the importance of college newspapers. What Mr. Lamb has done to make his point is down play others who have contributed to the York community, including fraternities and sororities.

In the style which has become commonplace in the pages of *Excalibur*, persons completely uninformed about Greek life have been granted space to pass judgements concerning the worthiness of fraternities and sororities. I find such tactics, both by Mr. Lamb and *Excalibur* reprehensible.

Where does Mr. Lamb get off attacking legitimate efforts to improve student life, simply because his efforts were over-

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looked on a well intended list? I suggest Mr. Lamb should learn to deal with his sour grapes in a more productive manner. Fraternities and sororities are legitimate student organizations. Their contributions to student life are widespread, and positive. This fraternity bashing must end.

Why are the school publications so determined to undermine the efforts of a great number of York students to help make the university a bearable place to exist? Surely there are more important and newsworthy events happening at York. If there are not, I believe the students of York deserve a refund of money levied to *Excalibur*. We should not be subjected to such a juvenile approach to journalism.

Fraternally,
Stephen Offenheim
Master
Alpha Epsilon Pi

Panama feature disregards reality

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to reply to your article of 11 January entitled "Panama: The Present Regime is an Illegitimate One."

I would like to congratulate Mr. Maximilian C. Forte for his outstanding work. It must be extremely difficult to write a two page news story with one's head up one's ass. Never before have I seen such a blatant disregard of reality in favour of conjecture, fantasy and pure misrepresentation of fact.

On 20 December, 1989 the United States invaded Panama. This was done because General Noriega declared war, and nothing short of war. Panama was not under attack, and defensive actions were never his intentions. One cannot remotely believe he did not intend to attack American civilian or military installations. Noriega was a military leader and understood only too well the implications of his declaration.

As for his trial in the U.S., he was not abducted to stand trial. He surrendered to the U.S. military, and was no longer a head of state when he did so. He will answer for his crimes. There are no more havens for the Noriegas, the Ceausescus, or the Duvaliers of this world, and they themselves are a dying breed.

Mr. Forte then shows his complete lack of judgemental skills by referring to the "brutal militarism" of the United States. If he wants an example of brute militarism, he need look no further than the Panamanian elections. Noriega and his handpicked candidates were outvoted by as much as a three-to-one margin. His response to this voicing of democracy was to turn his military on opposition leaders, then claim victory.

It's time you woke up and smelled the coffee, Mr. Forte. Panama was invaded but Panamanians were liberated.

Sincerely,
Phil McCracken

Panama piece misinforms public

Dear Editors:

I am writing to you about the article titled "The Present Regime is an Illegitimate One," published on the 11th of this month. I am a Panamanian and spent the last month of December in Panama. It bothers me greatly that a newspaper of any kind should publish articles which misinform the public it addresses.

It seems to me that if Mr. Forte wishes to write an article he should support himself with accurate information, and as a newspaper *Excalibur* should not fall into the trap of expressing only one point of view. I understand Mr. Forte's point of view, but in his article he left Panama out of the issue. His article is an essay about criticizing the U.S., a favourite past-time for many Canadians.

With regards to the article I can give one brief response: If anybody is to decide whether the U.S. troops remain in Panama or not, it is Panamanians, not the U.S. and certainly not Canada.

If you would be so kind in delivering this letter to Mr. Forte, I would be pleased in helping him find out exactly what has been happening in Panama in the last 86 years, in our relationship with the United States.

We all regret operations such as "Just Cause," but as Panamanians we know that now it will never happen again. Panama was not invaded this Christmas, but granted the best gift Santa Claus could ever bring: Liberation. Whether the role of Santa Claus was taken by the U.S. or not is not the issue. No other country has expressed any active concern about Panama, so why won't we receive U.S. "intervention" with open arms?

No matter what, I believe that it will be raining coffee in Panama sooner than we all expect it to, and for once we will be able to say that yes, the United States actually worked towards democracy.

Very Sincerely
Pedro Guevara-Mann

Frat protective of sorority

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Delta Pi Sorority, we would like to satisfy your curiosity that was expressed in the editorial of January 11, 1990. We were disgusted at the insinuations

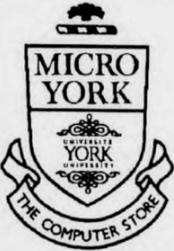
made by *Excalibur* regarding Alpha Epsilon Pi and other fraternities in general. Contrary to the editor's beliefs concerning the alleged sexual advances, we being closely associated with the brothers of AEPi have never experienced any such harassment. In fact, because of our strong brother-sister relationship they tend to be very protective of us, concerned for our well-being and are always there when we need them.

In the news section of the same issue, the implication was made that the little sisters formed a group independent of AEPi in order to escape the possibility of sexual abuse. Nothing could be further from the truth. The reason for our separation was to become more integrated into the Greek community of York University as well as to create closer relationships between the sisters themselves. With the support, help and encouragement of the brothers of AEPi we were able to form the strong foundation of our newly formed sorority.

Delta Pi continues to maintain strong ties with Alpha Epsilon Pi and we hope that if in the future any accusations are to be made against our affiliated fraternity, they are well-founded and not based on stereotypes and biased opinions.

The sisters of Delta Pi are outraged by the implications made by the various articles published and this letter serves to revoke those insinuations.

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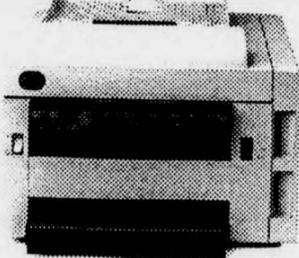
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- 1-1.44MB, 3.5" disk drive
- Serial, Parallel and Mouse ports
- VGA graphics card

	MSRP*	Micro York Price	Special Price
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- 2MB of memory
- 1-1.44MB, 3.5" disk drive
- Serial, Parallel and Mouse ports
- VGA graphics card

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IBM Proprinter X24E (24 pin)	\$894.00	\$549.00
30MB Hard Disk for Model 25 <small>(price includes installation, hard disk is NOT IBM)</small>	\$475.00	\$399.00

	MSRP*	Micro York Price	Special Price
With 30MB Hard Disk	\$4,595.00	\$3,079.00	\$2,799.00
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letters

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YASA to stay away from politics

Dear Editor:

I write this letter in response to Faisal Kutty's Jan 11/90 letter. Mr Kutty seems to have a very selective memory or perhaps he only "zeroed in" on the table which dealt with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. However, during Israel Week there were many different types of displays including a tourism presentation, the selling of T-shirts, information on Israeli Universities, Israeli food and Israeli cultural diversity.

As Mr. Kutty accurately points out, the JSF is a religious, cultu-

ral and political organization and does not claim to be anything else unlike the Y.A.S.A which, according to its constitution, is only a cultural organization. Perhaps Mr. Kutty should adhere to the old adage "there should be truth in advertising." If you claim to be only a cultural organization, then stay away from material that is most obviously political.

Ronda Drash
Osgood Hall Law Student

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Dear Editor:

Durin' (sic) yur (sic) artacle (sic) 'bout (sic) AEPi, yur (sic) attempt (sic) too (sic) balittle (sic) the infamation (sic) bye (sic) not dooing (sic) any editing (sic) is not 'preciated (sic)

Fraternally and very proud of it
Brian Bossin
Alpha Epsilon Pi
Editor's note: (sic)

Extremism alive and well at York

Dear Editor:

As students who have had the privilege of seeing the Islamic quotes distributed by the York Arab Students Association, we are thoroughly stunned by last week's remarks by Mohamad El-Assi, as printed in *Excalibur*, January 11.

For the benefit of those who haven't yet had the pleasure, YASA's writings, quite justifiably defined as "hate literature," declare that, "The hour shall not occur till the Muslims shall fight the Jews and the Muslims shall kill them . . . the stones and trees will proclaim, 'O Muslim! O servant of Allah! There is a Jew behind me so come and kill him.'"

This quote, authenticated and

justified by Mr. El-Assi himself, as having been made by the prophet of Islam, is both ominous and foreboding. The existence of such a hostile passage comes as no surprise. In fact, this prophecy is in line with hundreds of years of Islamic intolerance and outright persecution of minorities within their midst.

Even Mohammed, the founder of Islam, could never forgive, nor understand that the Jews would not accept his faith. He dealt severely with the Jews of Mecca, where in 627, over 600 were butchered in cold blood. After the prophet's death in 632, all Jews and Christians were expelled from Arabia.

What is surprising is that a student association at this university would propagate such unmitigated enmity toward another people and another community of students. Moreover, after public attention was drawn to the offensive literature, a representative of the group would write in *Excalibur* that, "the situation should not be

interpreted as an attempt to bring Mid-East fanaticism onto the campus." It is clear that Iran-style extremism is already alive and well at York University.

In suggesting that, "the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is instead an Islamic-Jewish conflict," Mr. El-Assi inadvertently refutes years of Arab anti-Israel propaganda which aims at convincing the West that the Arab people always loved the Jews, rather that they are only against Zionists (those in support of a Jewish national home, i.e. Israel). Mr. El-Assi is most correct in claiming that the core of today's conflict in the Middle East is rooted in the deep age-old animosity, expressed by the Islamic world towards the Jewish people.

YASA has not cleared the air rather, the cloud over York is polluted as ever, contaminated with the same hate and radicalism that has plagued the Middle East for generations.

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Nayman sexist towards men

Dear editors,

Re: Ira Nayman's "Massacre Shows Men Use Women As Scapegoats," January 11, p. 3 of *Excalibur*.

Life doesn't always give us what we want. It's a sad comment on human nature that few women are mature enough to accept reality: that the bad things that happen to them are mostly their fault. Or worse; nobody's. Women today need scapegoats for their alienation and perceived failure.

If you think you've been reading sexism in this letter, you're right. The writers of this letter, being men, can't get away with proliferating this sort of thing about women. And rightly so. We don't want to. Unfortunately, *Excalibur* columnist Ira Nayman can get away with saying this sort of thing about men. You see, we have simply taken the first paragraph of Nayman's article and changed every instance of the word "men" to the word "women." We have not done this to escalate the "war between the sexes" which, as Nayman does point out, "neither side can win." We have written to point out that if "seeking scapegoats is an act of immaturity," Nayman's turning men into scapegoats gets us no closer to resolving the conflict between women and men. Such a statement begs the question: what will bring us closer to resolution?

Nayman says that "by denying women their humanity, men set up the psychological table of women's abuse." By the same token, denying men their individuality serves only to turn the tables. It is this constant turning of tables which impedes the communication and resultant understanding which is necessary for the elimination of sexism. In short, what the writers of this letter are saying is this: stop turning the tables — remove them. Nayman stresses the need for "strong

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Excalibur — Tbilisi editorial newspaper exchange

Tbilisi University journalists will visit *Excalibur* between February 23 and March 9

Excalibur thanks Andrei Stulov and the Novosti press agency for helping to make this exchange a reality

Excalibur's visit to the Soviet Union will take place in April. Look to future issues of *Excalibur* for further coverage



Excalibur will be the first university newspaper in Canada to welcome Soviet student journalists

by Jacob Katsman

Excalibur is going to Soviet Georgia. York's soon to be twice-weekly community newspaper will be the first in Canada to welcome a student newspaper delegation from the Soviet Union this February. Two *Excalibur* reporters will be making a reciprocal visit in April.

Working with the Novosti Press Office of the Soviet Embassy in Canada, *Excalibur* has established contact with Tbilisi University in Soviet Georgia.

Georgi Sigua, a member of the editorial board of the newspaper *Tbilisskiy Universitet*, and David Imedashvili, regional Novosti correspondent in Georgia and professor of journalism at Tbilisi University, have accepted *Excalibur's* invitation for a two week visit.

"The first student newspaper delegation from the Soviet Union in Canada will be hosted by *Excalibur* which . . . is very remarkable and [we should] strive to establish wider and more interesting contacts between students commenting on our countries," said Novosti press attache Andrei Stulov.

Stulov said that editors from the University of Calgary's newspaper *The Gauntlet* were the first to visit the U.S.S.R., with a trip to Minsk University in Byelorussia last year, and will probably host their Soviet counterparts this March.

"There have been several exchanges already of student newspaper editors between the U.S. and Soviet universities, but there is not yet much here in Canada," Stulov added.

Excalibur's editor Nancy Phillips said she is proud that York will be the first university in Canada to complete such an exchange. "An exchange of student journalists will benefit more people than just the people on the exchange. Student journalists can help increase understanding between two countries by reporting on what they learned and experienced to thousands of student readers."

Excalibur will also participate in



An old building at Tbilisi University, established in 1918.

the establishment of a joint Soviet-North American student magazine sponsored by the Novosti Press Agency in the Soviet Union and several organizations in the United States.

York's provost Elizabeth Hopkin's office is supporting the *Excalibur*-Tbilisi exchange with a generous contribution. York International also complemented *Excalibur's* initiative and is financially sponsoring the Soviet visit as well as hosting a luncheon at the CN Tower.

Excalibur is continuing to seek other university and corporate sponsors.

CYSF president Peter Donato said, "The exchange will be a good thing for York and it's great that *Excalibur* will be the first to host the Soviets."

Tbilisi University, one of the Soviet Union's leading educational establishments, has about 14,000 students studying 41 specialties at 16 faculties with 1,500 professors.



The Tbilisi 'Ross Building': Georgian journalists will soon be able to compare architecture during their two week stay at York.

Founded in 1918, Tbilisi University continues Georgia's ancient educational traditions. In the 1930s it became a universally recognized centre for training scientific personnel and organizing scientific work. The university developed rapidly, with new chairs and laboratories being opened. These new chairs became the basis for establishing a number of institutes which paved the way for the foundation of the Georgian Academy of Sciences.

"Student journalists can help increase understanding between two countries by reporting what they learned and experienced to thousands of student readers."

Tbilisi University scholars are known for their linguistic research. They study the history of the Georgian language, its genesis and interaction with other languages as well as general linguistics.

Both Sigua and Imedashvili speak English and, during their visit to *Excalibur*, hope to give lectures on Soviet journalism and political and economic issues, which should interest York students and faculty.

As a regional correspondent for Novosti, Imedashvili has hands-on experience with cultural and political issues in Georgia and the rest of the Soviet Union. Also, as a journalism professor and a key player in organizing the Georgian part of the *Excalibur*-Tbilisi exchange, Imedashvili hopes to sign other exchange and co-operation agreements in Canada.

Excalibur has many educational, cultural and social activities planned for the Soviet guests. Imedashvili and Sigua will visit Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city and Niagara Falls.

Phillips said she hopes this exchange will lead to annual exchanges between *Excalibur* and Tbilisi.

Organization recruits "older" volunteers

If you are a student about to graduate and are interested in volunteering in a third world country, CUSO is not, or at least not yet, the organization you'll want to contact. If you've heard otherwise, your information is outdated.

The organization that was once known as the Canadian University Service Overseas dropped its university affiliation in 1981. CUSO is now the name of the organization and an acronym no more.

As it moves into the 1990s, this independent Canadian organization which sponsors and helps administer development projects in some 42 third world countries throughout the world is recruiting from a more experienced group of people who may or may not possess academic qualifications. As is stated in their 1988-89 Annual Report, cooperants, as their volunteers are termed, "tend to be older, more expe-

rienced," and "many have trade skills or a background in farming, fisheries or forestry."

According to Brenda Kuecks, the CUSO Toronto Coordinator, while in the 60s most of the people CUSO sent were young graduates just out of university who didn't have any work experience, the organization now has to meet frequent requests for people with many years experience and, in a lot of cases, real specializations. Accordingly, the average age of a CUSO volunteer has gone from 22 in the 60s to 37 in 1987.

Cooperants are now required to have a minimum of two years of direct work experience in Canada in the field in which they are serving overseas and that has not, according to Kuecks, created any shortages of volunteers. CUSO sends approximately 125 new volunteers overseas every year. An average contract with the organization is for two years.

M.C. Yaacov

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independent, self-respecting role models to show women a different way" and we applaud this sentiment. All of us, not just women, need some new role models. Without new role models and the mutual understanding they must proffer, sexism will never subside.

As we finish our letter, we are glad to see, in the letters section of the January 18 issue of *Excalibur*, that others have already written. We are encouraged to see so many people ready to identify discrimination and to react against it in whatever guise it may be found. *Excalibur* should also be commended; while the paper made a serious error in judgement in printing Mr. Nayman's original discriminatory "opinion" the editors showed better judgement in devoting so much valuable space to the indignation of their readership.

Dave Lomax
Brian Poser

CYSF made statement on massacre

Dear Editor:

In your January 11 issue of *Excalibur*, a complaint was made by Mary Jankulak concerning the CYSF's behaviour in regards to the 14 women massacred at the University of Montreal. The CYSF would wish to inform the students of York that three members of its Council attended the Scott Religious Centre's December Memorial Service to pay respect to the victims and their families.

The York Student Federation is a council made up of 19 members. Many have different responsibilities that are placed under their portfolios, however all of these individuals represent York equally.

On December 11, 1989, the CYSF issued a letter both in English and French offering condolences and assistance to the University of Montreal's student association. The CYSF did feel it was important to make a statement to the York community on this unfortunate tragedy. This was accomplished by the placing of an ad by the CYSF in *The Lexicon's* special edition on the massacre at the University of Montreal.

The CYSF regrets that Mary Jankulak feels that the York Student Federation did not act appropriately, however all these steps were taken during the winter break.

We hope this letter clarifies our position on this very unfortunate tragedy.

Council of the York Student Federation

correction

In the letters section of the January 18 issue, the letter entitled "Nayman's observation shallow" by Peter Degroot contained a typographical error. The sentence should have read: "The fact that you seem to find no difficulty understanding such deranged behaviour would certainly put me on guard in your presence, regardless of my sex." We apologize for the mistake.

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A E Pi helps grieving brother

by Gavin Roth

Growing up, every person takes on a sense of right and wrong, a set of values that remains with them throughout the course of life. There are those who regard wealth and prominence highly and there are those who feel stronger about health and happiness. I, personally, regard friendship and family highest amongst my set of values. Recently, my faith in those values was rewarded as I had to turn to my friends to help me endure a crisis of tremendous proportions, the loss of my father.

The memories are still fresh in my mind, and rightfully so. They are the memories that every son has of his dad; going to a hockey game and holding onto his hand for dear life as the hords of apparent giants rushed to their seats, or camping up north and enthusiastically absorbing his recollections of life as a little boy, or sitting down and having an adult to adult discussion about my future plans.

He always carried that air of knowledge, that special wisdom;

always there with advice and a willing shoulder to cry on. But now he's gone and nothing I can do will ever bring him back.

My father, the greatest guy I'll ever know, died this summer, and while I can never bring him back, he still remains right beside me guiding me along life's crooked path.

This most unexpected occurrence left my family and me in a deep, dark state of confusion. We didn't know who to turn to, where to go. Without my dad, the backbone of our family, we were seemingly lost.

We would still be lost if it weren't for the help of some very special friends. While I can't speak for my mother and two sisters, I can describe the experience I felt.

A day hadn't passed before my fraternity brothers and sisters from Alpha Epsilon Pi, my fraternity, arrived to be with me. Nobody expected me to speak. They just sat with me and felt my pain, even absorbing some of my anguish. These truly wonderful people rushed to my side every day, leaving their own lives behind

to offer me comfort and companionship during a time when I reached the lowest depths of sorrow and insecurity. If it weren't for my friends in the fraternity I wouldn't have been able to get back up and continue. They guided me and filled me with words of inspiration that will stay with me forever.

Throughout my 20 years I've made many friends, most of which have come and gone as I've moved on. However, the friends I've made in Alpha Epsilon Pi are going to be my friends for life. They were there when I needed them and I am going to be there when they need me.

I'll never forget the words that Steve Offenheim, my friend and the master of our fraternity, offered to me. He told me that sure we party and travel and play hockey on Wednesdays and go to meetings on Sundays, but at times like these we forget about all that stuff and realize what brotherhood really means. I never could have realized such a great group of people existed had I not joined Alpha Epsilon Pi.



André Souroujoun

If the Central Square cafeteria cares so much about the environment, why are they still using styrofoam cups and trays?

York not most dangerous school

by Brian Gold

A recent, informal comparison of Ontario universities suggests that York does not rank first in any category of security offenses.

Pam MacDonald, interim director of security, and Eric Pond, assistant director of security, conducted the study in preparation for a recent interview at York's radio station, CHRY. Both officials promised more rigorous comparative studies in the future.

From January to October 1989, there were 16 counts of common assault reported at York. The highest total at an Ontario university was 30, however, MacDonald and Pond refused to say which schools had the highest rates in any category. York was the site of 263 thefts (private and university) which gave it a ranking of fifth among its counterparts. York's total of three sexual assaults ranked third highest among Ontario universities. York was the site of three break-and-enter attempts, ranking second in Ontario. In the area of vandalism, York ranked third with a total of 167 offenses, compared to 549, which was the highest figure in Ontario.

Although York's totals may seem high, Pond explained that the universities' populations must be factored into the equation. York's 43,000 commuters comprise the largest commuter population among Ontario universities. As Pond explained, "Due to its size, a fair comparison would pit York against the city of Barrie."

The discrepancy between security systems at various universities creates another area of difficulty in comparing security offenses, said Pond. York is one of only four universities which does not have a special constable force. As a result, university crime statistics are not kept in the same manner, said Pond.

The commonplace problem of under-reporting was also a factor. Some crimes on campus are never reported. Pond would not give estimates as to the numbers of offenses which were actually committed at York.

Both Pond and MacDonald stressed that the rate of security offenses at York has dropped considerably over the last three years. In 1987, there were 1,394 total offenses committed. The fig-

ure dropped to 1,200 in 1988 and over a 10 month period in 1989 the number of offenses was 768.

The two officials agreed that York's escort service caused the decline in crime. York, McDonald called it, "Far and away the most impressive service of its kind." Pond added that other universities are beginning to emulate York's service and pointed to Western as one example.

Recently, a meeting concerning security took place at the University of Waterloo. Approximately 25 Ontario universities and colleges were represented, said MacDonald. Of paramount importance was the issue of official statistics on security offenders. Documentation of security offenders would help deter crime at universities, according to Pond, since officials could notify each other as to criminal records of transfer students.

MacDonald said she hoped York's impressive security record would not lull students into a false sense of security. As she explained, "While we do want people to feel safe, we do not want them to stop being vigilant."

News Digest

by Susan Vanstone

LIBRARY THEFT: A compact disk indexing five years of more than 400 Canadian business and current affairs newspapers and periodicals was stolen from a CD player in the Government Documents Library two weeks ago.

The disk, useless without the necessary hardware, will be replaced this week, said director of libraries Ellen Hoffman. Head Government Documents librarian Vivienne Monty said the \$100 penalty replacement charge was waived by the distribution company, since York has never had to replace a disk before.

Monty also said the library's security will be "more stringent." Students will have to provide identification and sign in before using disks. The purchase of a lockable CD player is also possible.

VR-ES VICTIMS REIMBURSED: Students who filed claims for expenses resulting from their use of the Voice Response-Enrolment System (VR-ES) have been reimbursed by the university.

A total \$3,713.17 of the VR-ES budget was paid to claimants. Of 68 claims, 59 were approved, two were withdrawn and seven failed to include

documentation of expenses. Claims ranged from 75 cents to \$204, according to publications coordinator and VR-ES committee member Lorie McRae.

McRae said she doubts reimbursements will be issued next year if the planned toll-free 800 VR-ES phone number for fall/winter 1990-91 enrolment is implemented.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Fine Arts Phase II is near completion. The 7,000 square-foot Terrazzo Lobby floor is currently being installed.

Student apartments north of Assiniboine Road, otherwise known as "Passy Garden Apartments," will be partially ready for occupancy in April. The remainder will be ready in a couple of months following.

The Calumet building's foundations are substantially complete. Above-ground work will begin soon.

The gravel parking lot south of Winters is operating as a daily fee only lot. It will be paved in the summer.

The fire access route south of Central Square is complete. The surrounding area will be sodded during the summer.

Construction on the Entry Pavilion and the New Academic Building east of Ross begins February 1.

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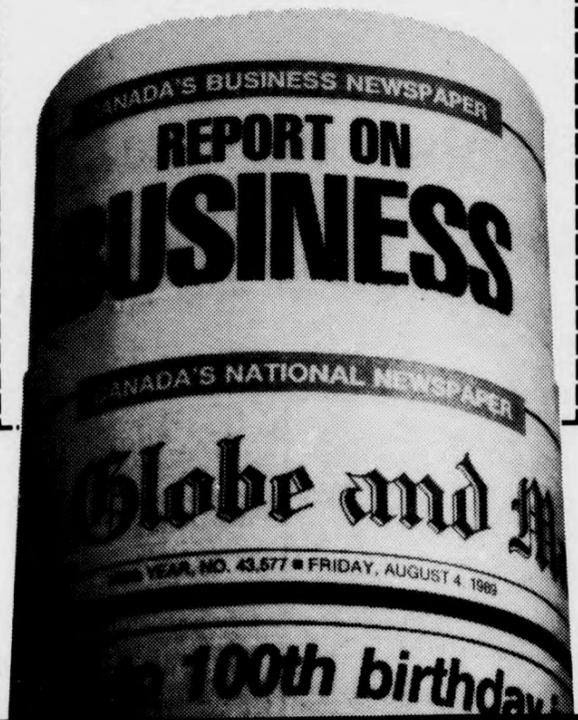
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Cash to gov'ts may rise

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into effect. Student government levies at that time will be collected directly by the CYSF and the college governments.

The *White Paper* has placed a moratorium on all student government increases until the paper takes effect.

ments may ask for funding at a later date. He feared the faculty governments would be in competition with college governments for students and funds.

Chua added that York could be "pricing itself out of the market" for students if the levy were allowed to grow and increase

that student governments could possibly take over the administration of student affairs in the future. He said the CYSF and other student governments should put more pressure on the administration to get more money from the provost's budget before asking students to pay more.

Provost Elizabeth Hopkins was unavailable for comment. Shanna Miller, president of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, said the question of Osgoode joining the CYSF as a full member will not come to a referendum this year. She said Osgoode students are "not ready" to become full members of the CYSF but her council and the CYSF may discuss a way to have the fee increase put to a referendum while Osgoode maintains associate member status.

She would not comment further, saying negotiations are still going on.

McLaughlin College Council endorsed the proposal in a council meeting earlier this week.

CYSF president Peter Donato supports Merrick's proposal and says the CYSF needs the extra money in order to get stronger and possibly be able to take over the role student affairs now serves.

PROPOSED FEE RE-STRUCTURING FOR CYSF AND ITS FULL MEMBERS

	TOTAL COLLEGE FEES FOR FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	FEES PER COURSE	TOTAL CYSF FEES FOR FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	CYSF FEES PER COURSE	TOTAL STUDENT GOV'T FEES FOR FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	TOTAL GOV'T FEES PER COURSE
1989/90 (1)	\$27.50	\$5.50	\$18.50	\$3.70	\$46.00	\$9.20
1990/91	\$27.50	\$5.50	\$18.50	\$3.70	\$46.00	\$9.20
1991/92	\$32.50	\$6.50	\$22.00	\$4.40	\$54.50	\$10.90
1992/93	\$42.50	\$8.50	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$67.50	\$13.50
1993/94	\$47.50	\$9.50	\$28.50	\$5.70	\$76.00	\$15.20
1994/95	\$53.50	\$10.70	\$31.50	\$6.30	\$85.00	\$17.00
1995/96	(2)		(2)			
(1) REFERENDUM	YEAR					
(2) FUTURE FEES	INDEXED TO	INFLATION				

Merrick said the purpose of the proposal is to increase the services provided by the CYSF and the college governments. He said CYSF would be able to use these funds to hire full-time researchers, vice-presidents and student advocates. The increased funding will also go towards increased club spending, a student directory, a student photo-ID card, a yearbook and CYSF transportation vehicles. He also promises a new scholarship programme will be implemented by allocating \$1 from each full-time student towards a fund.

Not all councils have formally debated the motion, although Bethune College Council has rejected it. Bethune president Chia-yi Chua called the reports "half-assed" for not taking into account faculty governments, which may be formed in the future under the terms of the *White Paper*. Faculty govern-

tuition.

Chua said a possible solution would be to get some funding for student governments from the student affairs budget. Chua said

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York parties duke it out in Model Parliament

By Ken Turriff

It was a political junkies' delight this past weekend as the York University Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, and

New Democrats met for the Second Annual Model Parliament in the McLaughlin Junior Common Room.

The Liberals, led by Premier

Roman Lojko, formed a minority government. They managed to remain in power throughout the weekend with some "back room" dirty dealing and power brokering with the New Democrats.

Steven Reid led the Progressive Conservatives in the role of a misbehaved, rowdy, and extremely boisterous official opposition. His party members spent most of the weekend shouting insults at the government and demanding the resignation of key Liberal ministers in the Mock Cabinet.

The New Democrats were surprisingly without stars Jean Ghomeshi and Kathleen Hall.

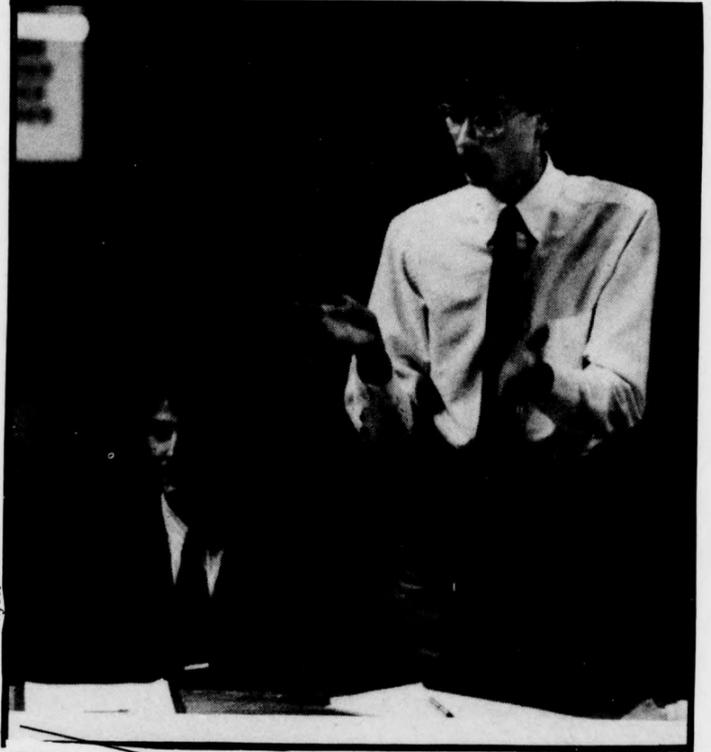
The not-so-serious and often hilarious Parliamentary session, presided over by Speaker of the House, Marc Potivin, spanned a three day period from last Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.

Friday evening was largely dedicated to the reading of and response to the Government Throne Speech.

Saturday and Sunday were given to the introduction and debate of government and private member bills.

One bill, a "Sewage Treatment Act", required the installation of "toilet tank dams" in all toilets in the province, for improved water conservation. Failure for households to comply with the new regions would result in a heavy fine. Enforcement of this law would be carried out by "Toilet Police." The bill was passed.

A private member's bill proposed to ban Yolanda Ballard from Ontario, turn Maple Leaf



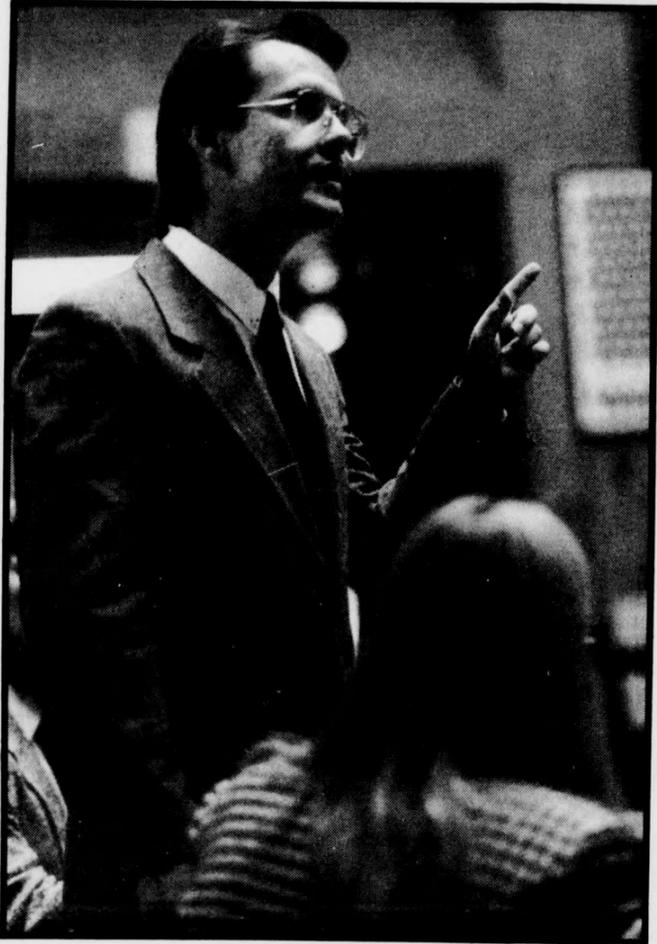
Oh those crazy Liberals!

Gardens into a new provincial Crown corporation, and have it headed by Alan Eagleson. This bill was defeated.

The rest of the weekend saw many antics. Conservative opposition member, David Gilinsky, a stock broker by trade, was accused by the Liberals of conflict of interest for inside trading practices. Gilinsky later crossed the floor to the Liberals to accept a Cabinet post as Provincial Treasurer.

The Liberal minority later formed a coalition government with the NDP to retain the confidence of the house, enabling them to pass all proposed government legislation with the exception of a transportation safety bill.

The weekend wrapped up with the Conservatives walking out of the house in protest and disgust. The bells have been ringing ever since.



PC leader Steve Reid makes a point

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Your immaculate lawn is killing the neighbourhood



by Stephen Mitchell

Has it ever occurred to you that nobody really looks too healthy anymore?

Environmental activist Dawn Mangillo, who spoke at York last week sponsored by the York University Greens, thinks so. Scanning the faces of her audience, she said, "I would bet that most people in this room right now are not in the best of health. I know I'm not."

This reporter, honking miserably into a kleenex throughout the noon seminar, nodded with blurry, swollen affirmation.

The problem, Mangillo said, begins with pesticides. Pesticides in our water, our food, our air. Yes, we have all been numbed into intellectual paralysis by statistics—but here's one more: Every year, over four billion pounds of pesticides are manufactured, according to the Pesti-

cide Action Network. That's almost one pound for every human being on earth.

Mangillo, the self-proclaimed "middle-of-the-road" element of the anti-pesticide movement, is virtually a barometer by which the devastating effects of pesticides can be measured. A particular physical sensitivity to pesticides nearly killed her three years ago.

Fortunately, Mangillo recovered—slowly—and began to mobilize whatever energy she had to wean her rural Waterloo neighbourhood away from pesticides. She has spent the last three years fighting a kind of "guerilla warfare" with her suburban professional neighbours. These people, reportedly, had a propensity for immense, immaculate, weedless lawns and were maintaining them in a far from organic manner.

Mangillo went through a period of anger, lashing out at regional

polluters. "I felt like quite the crank," she told the York gathering. And just to compound the tension, "My kids go to school with their kids!" she laughed. Last summer, having already filled countless mailboxes with her pamphlets, she started up a local branch of the Pesticide Action Group—aligning herself with similar efforts in seven other cities.

The thrust of Mangillo's current campaign is the effect of pesticides on food and children. As far as general health is concerned, she said, "Children under six are affected the most." Mangillo was particularly critical of governmental pesticide testing. Chemical compounds, she said, "are tested on full-grown men," but a pesticide deemed safe when tested on full-grown men might have a destructive effect on the delicate constitution of a child.

The roots of Mangillo's activism are rural, but she's come to view the pesticide problem as an urban one. At this time, Mangillo knows of only one Canadian city (Montreal) that has stopped spraying its boulevards and hydro right-of-ways. "It's a small step," she said of Montreal's decision, "but it's a significant one."

One participant in the seminar suggested doing away with urban lawns altogether, claiming that a radical about-face of this nature was recently undertaken in Texas. Mangillo tempered this remark by advocating methods of organic lawn management such as overseeding with clover, for the added nutrient that clover brings. Also, she said, "leave in the dandelions. Children love dandelions."

But the crux of the pesticide problem, for most of us, is not lawn management. We don't eat our lawns (well, at least I don't), but we do like to eat fruit and vegetables, and the documented evidence of the extent to which pesticides invade our food has put a deep crease in society's brow. The Pesticide Action Group suggests a diluted solution of pure dish washing soap and water for removing surface residues from fruits and vegetable. The group later confesses, however, that even the most diligent scrubbing, peeling or pummeling won't remove pesticides that are contained inside the produce.

The organic produce industry is looked upon by many as a solution. The produce doesn't always look as appealing as the glossy, flawless, commercial-perfect vegetables and fruits that have been protected with pesticides. Sometimes organic produce comes complete with worms. But the health benefits are undeniable, and apparently a sink full of cold water and salt is enough to persuade those worms out of your broccoli.

From Mangillo's perspective, all signs point to further development of all things organic. "There's no reason why we should be using insecticides," she said. "We don't need them." She pointed out that Ontario's long, frigid winters are the best insecticide we have, an advantage farmers in balmy Florida do not enjoy.

Unfortunately, Canada's ample output of organic fruits and vegetables is more often than not processed in the United States. We simply don't have the processing means yet, Mangillo explained.

Near the end of her talk, Mangillo, a classic idealist, drew a parallel between environmental awareness and world peace that opened up conversation among the audience. No possibility was left unturned. One participant warned against the use of indoor pesticides to fight cockroaches; another defended the presence of cockroaches in our daily life ("yes," someone else agreed, "they're entertaining!"). One woman spoke of the possibilities of a spiritual approach to land husbandry; Mangillo knew of farmers who had successfully "negotiated" with the worms assaulting their cabbages (apparently the worms responded positively to pleas like "please stay on the first cabbage in every row.")

Farmers who fall into step behind the organic movement, of course, will have to formulate their own methods of pest-control. The Pesticide Action Group has encouraged the rest of society to buy certified organically-grown food, stop using pesticides for household and garden pests, form citizen awareness groups and pressure the government and retailers for better consumer protection.

Mangillo, who has chosen not to deal with the government, said she believed most strongly in building up a network of consumers and farmers to create a solid foundation for the organic movement.

Mangillo has focused her earlier anger into workable energy. She now favours steady persuasion over rage. She believes, "You can attract more flies with honey than with vinegar."

Still, she added ruefully, "our invitations to parties have dropped."



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Computer thefts up

by Trevor Burnett

A substantial increase in computer thefts on York's main campus has been reported by York security.

Bob Stevens, an investigations officer at security and parking services, says the main reason for the increase is that computers have become more expensive and valuable. "There has been a large number of thefts that have taken place all across Canada with respect to computers and everybody has experienced this phenomenon," he added.

According to Stevens, 1989 has been a banner year for computer thieves at York, with seven cases of computer theft and several attempted thefts. In 1988, there were five cases that accumulated to only \$9,000 in losses. In 1989, that jumped roughly ten-fold to \$101,000.

Stevens assessed the thefts as "disturbing" and "shocking," particularly three cases that occurred during the latter part of the year. On December 2, 1989 computer equipment worth \$62,000 was stolen from the Ross Building. Previous thefts on May 19, 1989 of \$20,000 and August 3, 1989 of \$11,000 also involved equipment stolen from the Ross Building. Stevens believes all these cases involved lost or stolen keys or manipulation of computer door locks.

Although Security has put out

alert notices, checked possible suspects and has collaborated with Metro Police, particularly 31 Division, there hasn't been any positive leads, arrests or recovery of stolen property.

Stevens believes that since computer theft is so widespread, protection is the best deterrent. Says Stevens, "an ounce of prevention isn't worth a pound of cure. It's worth a ton."

He also noted that the "most important consideration one should give when one procures computer equipment is the kind of protection necessary, particularly if the equipment is of good quality and value. People should give considerations to arranging their own insurance policy because the current arrangements under the university programme aren't beneficial. In most cases, the deductible is so high, up to \$50,000, that very few can benefit, but the essential thing is to have some sort of physical arrangement to protect your items of value and in almost everyone of these cases, this wasn't done."

Apart from investigating thefts, Stevens and his staff also advise colleges and faculties on ways to stop or deter thefts by installing alarm systems, restraining devices, logos and other distinguishable marks on equipment. In all cases where this was done, not a single case of theft has occurred, says Stevens.



An undetermined amount of turf damage was caused when an uncooperative male student drove his Jeep-like vehicle several times around intersection #1 January 13. Security detained the student.

A vandal entered York's day care centre through an unsecured door over the weekend of January 12. The centre was in disarray and some food items were missing. Clothing thought to belong to the vandal was discovered in the centre. It appeared that the vandal had slept in the centre over the weekend.

A male confronted a female student and started to masturbate in her presence at the Bayview and Lawrence bus stop January 11. After reviewing the circumstances and taking into account that other students use this same stop, the complainant decided to report the matter January 15. She described the perpetrator as being 5'6", slight build, in his early 20s, dark brown hair and East Indian in appearance.

A female student was trapped in an elevator in the Ross Building January 17. The North York Fire Department freed her.

Foodstuffs were stolen from York's day care centre's gymnasium January 17. Security suspects that a vagrant may be using the space at night for a place to sleep. Estimated loss is \$40.

Five or six males were drinking in the Vanier College lobby January 18 and, after being told to move on, broke a display stand and relocated to the Open End Pub. Later in the evening, the Open End staff called to report that the same group was involved in a fight. The matter was partly settled except that the instigating male initially refused to leave the premises. Security is pursuing the matter.

Security

BEAT

Across Canada

compiled by Donna Mason and staff

Tuition Increase at U of A

University of Alberta's tuition will increase \$160 in the 1990-91 academic year, raising fees to approximately \$1,400 a year for a full course load (faculty of arts). Alberta's Advanced Education Minister John Gogo announced that Alberta's universities are allowed to raise tuition fees by a maximum of \$20 per month.

Paul Davenport, president of the UofA, favours the increase and expects the university to raise tuition over the next eight month period.

Davenport's proposed plan for tuition increases would see UofA rise to the national average over the next five years.

from *The Gateway*, University of Alberta

Campus May Go Smokeless

Queen's University is expected to be an entirely smoke-free campus, according to vice-principal (operations and university relations) Tom Williams.

Although Queen's was considered a smoke-free campus as of July 1, 1988, smoking is still permitted in designated areas like pubs, residence rooms and professor's offices. However, because of strict, new provincial regulations which require the construction of a new ventilation system for designated smoking areas, the university has decided that providing indoor smoking space is too costly.

from *The Queen's Journal*, Queen's University

Pharmacists Required In Ontario

The faculty of pharmacy at the University of Toronto is struggling to fill the demand for pharmacists in Ontario. Donald Perrier, dean of pharmacy, says the UofT faculty, the only one in the province, receives between 700 and 1,000 applications for admission each year but can only graduate 150 to 160.

Perrier said there is a shortage of pharmacists in Ontario, and that many students go to the United States for education. The number of registered pharmacists in Ontario has dropped significantly over the last decade.

To have pharmacy faculties at universities requires medical faculties under Ontario College of Pharmacists' regulations.

from *The Newspaper*, University of Toronto

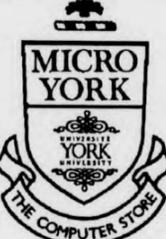
Engineers Want Gun Control

A national conference of student engineers in Kingston called on the federal government to tighten gun controls after the December 7 massacre of 14 female University of Montreal engineering students.

The group voted to encourage the government to work for tighter gun controls and supported a more specific resolution calling for the restriction of military and para-military weapons.

They also passed a resolution calling on each engineering society to hold a fund raising event during National Student Engineering Week. The first \$20,000 raised will go to a scholarship fund at the University of Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique.

from *The Gazette*, University of Western Ontario



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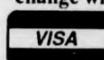
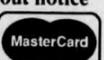
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Women's Centre organizing campus safety audit

by Marina DeLuca

It's dark, you're alone and you're walking across York's main campus: a scene familiar to most students. If you're a man you probably feel relatively safe, but odds are most women in this situation will experience a little fear.

The issue of safety on campus is constantly being raised and the York Women's Centre is attempting to do something to help women feel safer. It is organizing a safety audit, using the Women's Safety Audit Kit.

The material distributed by the Centre at a January 18 meeting was provided by Metro Action Committee on Public Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC).

A safety audit is described in the Women's Safety Audit Kit guidebook as gathering data about certain places in small groups, at various hours of the day for a period of time, in order to determine whether women are exposed to danger in these areas.

Primarily, the auditors develop what the guidebook calls a "checklist," ask questions and make recommendations. Concerns outlined in the book include: escape routes, isolation (could someone see or hear a screaming victim?), lighting, movement predictors and sightlines (is there something which blocks vision?).

Sixteen men and women with a wide range of interests attended the meeting and most were students who live on campus. The general consensus was that escort vans are scarce, that there is a high percentage of women on campus who are attacked, that information regarding danger zones remains unpublished and that, in an emergency situation, a person cannot contact the police directly but must notify York Security first.

Other problems women experience is the locked door: college doors are randomly locked and no one seems to know which doors are open. To a woman trying to outrun an attacker, a locked door can be terrifying.

The safety of the underground tunnel was also questioned. Anger was expressed by many women over an outline on the floor of the tunnel, which is believed to be situated on the spot where an actual sexual assault took place.

A man, who announced he has worked on campus since 1966 with the department of physical plant, said York has always had lighting problems. He contends that one of the most important factors is the individual student's ignorance. There are a lot of people here from small towns, who he is convinced are completely unaware of any danger.

Moreover, the university can only afford certain modifications and he gave examples of staffing problems. Also, one year the lighting system was damaged by staff who hit wires while digging.

He also suggested the drivers of the escort service vans be "given a kick in the you know where." This was a response to women's complaints that the drivers tend to congregate around

variety stores or fast food restaurants.

The issue of the Jane-Finch Corridor was also raised, and Women's Centre representative Ayssa Beckman expressed her concern that one of the biggest assumptions people make is that the danger originates off campus. Those present at the meeting felt this is an unsubstantiated allegation, which is often an excuse for apathy.

Beckman also voiced a need for 24-hour porters to keep trespassers out of the residences. Another student suggested that a system, like the token system used in subways, could be implemented so intruders could not follow students into residence.

METRAC's kit also addresses "opportunity crimes," which are those which occur because of flaws in the environment. Better lit areas, cameras and mirrors dissuade potential attackers.

Money is a prime concern. Safety audits have costs, although volunteer labour will defray some of them. Those

interested in this safety audit will have to lobby the York administration for funds.

Beckman said support for the safety audit has been voiced by the York University Greens, the Advisor to the University on the Status of Women and physical plant.

Ideally, Beckman would like to see the York administration provide funds to enable the Centre to hire an expert to provide advice. Also, more volunteers are required. This will be a student run initiative, said Beckman, and a report will be drawn up for the administration by students.

Although the first meeting served to acquaint those interested with the issues, actual planning did not commence. Hence there is still an opportunity for those interested to contact the Centre.

Spearn resigns

by Mark Wright

York University Development Corporation (YUDC) president Greg Spearn has resigned.

Spearn will be leaving to take a position with Bramalea Ltd. after March 31 when his resignation will take effect. Bramalea Ltd. is the corporation which purchased 22 acres of land from York and plans to build six condominium buildings on the property.

YUDC director of development Ron Hunt said Bramalea Ltd. had been impressed in its dealings and negotiations with Spearn and this led to his being made the offer.

York president Harry Arthurs had only praise for the departing Spearn. "During the past four years he has won the respect of constituencies across the university and has helped us with our goal of creating a fine, new campus," he stated.

Spearn's resignation follows last month's controversial approval of the YUDC's York Lanes project, which the Student Centre Corporation is currently disputing.

Hunt maintains that Spearn's resignation had nothing to do with the SCC's dispute. "His (Spearn's) leaving was totally predicated on his being offered a job in the private sector," Hunt said.

Hunt said that no one has been chosen to replace Spearn at this time but an announcement will be made.



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“No other choice...”

The Israeli Consul General examines the Middle East peace process

Israeli Consul General Oren David spoke at the Jewish Student Federation portable Monday January 15. He discussed various aspects of Israel's latest peace plan and the Palestinians' reactions to it. Excalibur's *Dina Lebo* attended the session, and wrote the following report.

The Middle East peace process has become so complicated that only diplomats and specialists can follow its many twists and turns. The cast of characters is enormous, and with so many religious, political and economic factions, the public no longer knows who's who or what to think.

In 1977, there was the Camp David Accord between Egypt and Israel. In 1988, Yasser Arafat declared in front of the United Nations that the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) would recognize Israel's right to exist. Still, there is no peace.

Now, another peace initiative has emerged. Israel has produced a plan in which the most notable feature is a proposal for free democratic elections which would lead to the interim autonomy and self-rule of Arabs in the Occupied Territories. Israel's plan satisfied the United States, but the PLO (with which Israel will not negotiate) and the majority of Palestinians in the Territories would have nothing to do with it. According to journalist Sheldon Kirshner, it is a fig-leaf for maintaining the status quo.

In another bid for peace, U.S. Secretary of State James Baker unveiled his plan for starting an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue involving Egypt. Israel has accepted the American proposal. With the plan's acceptance by Egypt, the ball is back in the Palestinian court.

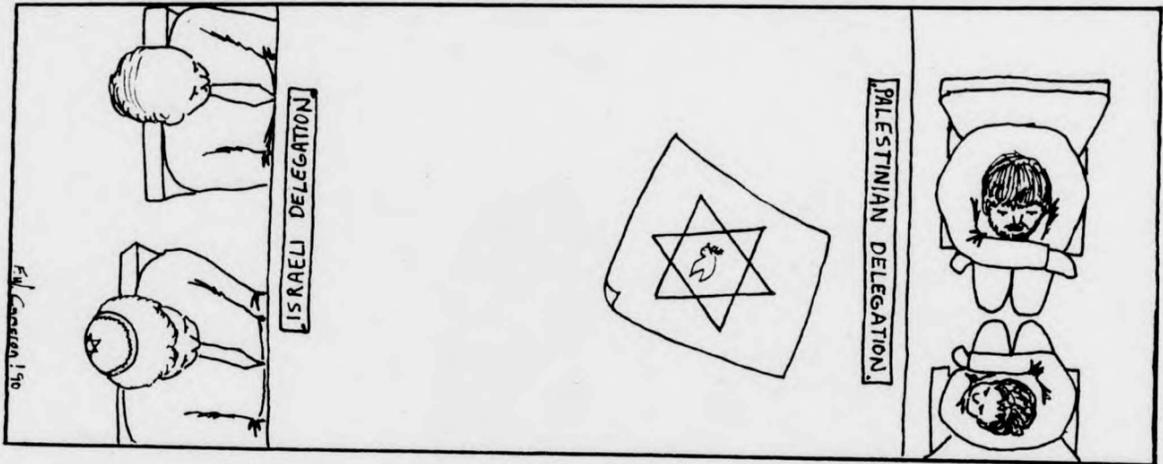
“We haven't heard anything yet from the PLO,” says Oren David, Canada's Israeli Consul General, “and this is a good sign. They haven't rejected it because they know that the people in the territories will not take it any more.” David spoke about the peace plan and Israel's hopes for both the short and long terms.

He opened the afternoon by explaining why Israel feels that the PLO cannot be a partner in the peace process. “We do want peace,” he said, “but what we want is peace with security. Look at the numbers and you will see that it is in our best interests to have peace. But, by its own actions, the PLO has shown itself to be the greatest obstacle to peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians,” David explained.

“Most of the PLO leadership lives outside the Territories and are based in Tunis and Lebanon. They are not interested in peace; they are interested in continuing the violence. Their actions prove it. They are not in a hurry to achieve a peaceful solution because they don't suffer the daily life of the conflict.

“The insiders, those who live in the territories,” he continued, “have a more urgent need for peace now — just as we do.” The Israeli Consul went on to say that for the last 25 years, the PLO has been involved in well-known terrorist activities. Actually, said David, since Arafat's announcement to the U.N. in Geneva which abandoned the armed struggle against Israel, Arafat has, in fact, escalated the conflict. Arafat, said David, even threatened to kill a local Palestinian leader, the mayor of Bethlehem, who supported an end to the violence so an atmosphere conducive to dialogue could emerge. David explained that scores of Palestinian Arabs have been murdered and many more wounded by the PLO for not towing the party line. The dead and injured have come from all walks of life; mayors, village leaders, religious leaders, public figures and even civil servants.

In fact, just recently, Amnesty International condemned the Palestinian leaders for endorsing the murder of Palestinians by fellow Arabs. The organization has stated that more than 120 Palestinians were brutally murdered between December 1987 and October 1989, dates which



coincide with the latest uprising in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Amnesty officials reported that the killings were carried out by special death squads intending to punish those people considered to be collaborating with Israeli authorities. “You see,” said David, “These people have no respect for human life, not even their own brethren. How can we negotiate with these people?”

A second reason Israelis give for not wanting to deal directly with the PLO is the Palestinians' insistence on their “right of return” to their land, which they fled in 1948. Israelis feel that this act of return would overwhelm the country with refugees and jeopardize security both internally and externally, said David.

Who are the Israelis willing to negotiate with? David said Israel stands ready to negotiate with those in the region who sincerely seek a peaceful end to the conflict and who would be fully

the preliminary stage — negotiating a list of Palestinian representatives, acceptable to both Israel and the Palestinians, with whom Israel can discuss the technicalities required for free democratic elections in Judea, Samaria and Gaza in the near future. In these elections, representation will be chosen so that the Territories will be able to pass into a transitional period of self-rule. This period will constitute a test for co-existence and co-operation, according to David, and will set the stage for the negotiation of a permanent solution during which all the proposed options for an agreed settlement will be examined.

This preliminary plan does not treat “final status” questions such as Israel's permanent departure from the West Bank. These questions will only be tackled after elected Palestinian representatives are in office and self-rule and autonomy have been a reality for at least three years. In reality, it is a plan conceived to facilitate the beginning of a dialogue rather than focusing on the final result as the Egyptian plan had tried.

“It's a shame,” says David, “because the same thing was proposed after the Camp David Accord in 1978. Ten years have elapsed since and these 10 years have seen untold violence and atrocities.” David hopes that “this time the Palestinians [will] stand up to the PLO and endorse the plan accepted by Egypt, the USA and Israel.

“Had the PLO allowed negotiations in 1979 when they were first proposed,” he said, “there would have been elections the following year. By 1982-83 there would have been autonomy and self-rule. It's unfortunate that the PLO would not allow an alternative leadership to evolve in the territories because, by now, we would have had a permanent solution. I hope that 10 years from now we still won't be in the same boat.”

Moslem students at the gathering asked David about the brutality attributed to the Israeli Defense Force. One of them, Mohammed, was a Lebanese born Moslem who had actually been involved in an incident with Israeli soldiers. “Israeli soldiers don't want to be in the territories,” said David. “They don't like policing and they are unhappy about the situation, but you have to understand that they are not dealing with peaceful placard-holding demonstrators, characteristic of Gandhi and Martin Luther King type demonstrations. The people that we are dealing with,” he continued “are violent demonstrators who throw Molotov cocktails, fire bombs, rocks and stones at Israeli citizens and their own citizens, as well as the Israeli Defense Forces.”

“I think that we've shown the utmost restraint given the situation,” David explained. “What other country has introduced rubber bullets in an attempt to enforce a No Kill policy. Other countries would have adopted much harsher methods much earlier to deal with such violent demonstrations. What do you think the U.S. would be doing if faced with such a situation? We fight terrorists . . . we are not terrorists . . . we have no other choice for the moment.”

“Had the PLO allowed negotiations in 1979, there would have been elections the following year.”

Israeli Consul General
Oren David

prepared to abide by the commitment to keep peace with Israel. “We will accept PLO sympathizers or Moslem fundamentalists,” he explained, “as long as they are not representatives of the PLO and as long as they live in the Territories.”

According to the Consul General, legitimate interests and needs of Jordan and the Palestinian Arabs in Judea, Samaria and Gaza are not necessarily incompatible with a genuine and durable peace that would also be based on Israel's needs and interests.

The Baker Plan is a proposal for talks between Israelis and Palestinians in Cairo. It is based on the Israeli peace proposal of May 1989 which includes free elections, negotiations for an interim solution and final status questions.

The American version, however, deals only with

Meech Lake, Via Cuts and more



Sports Minister Jean Charest was at York during the Christmas break, addressing a meeting hosted by the York University Progressive Conservatives. On Tuesday, two Liberal MP's demanded Charest's resignation because of a phone call he had made to a Quebec Superior Court judge before he was to pass judgement on a case. Charest denied the allegation that he tried to influence the judge and also explained that he was only clarifying a document filed with the court.

Excalibur's Ken Turriff spoke to Charest while he was at York, long before the Minister's current troubles.

Excal: Is the reduction of the Goods and Services Tax [GST] from nine to seven per cent an indication that the government was forced to compromise, under weight from public pressure and demands?

Charest: We certainly want Canadians to know that we are listening to them, because we are. [The reduction in the GST] mean[s] we have to impose cuts elsewhere to be able to compensate. There is not going to be any easy solution one way or another and [Finance Minister] Michael Wilson's been very clear about that.

Excal: Your government just announced that it will cut \$1.4 billion in federal expenditures. Is this nothing more than an attempt to sugar-coat an otherwise bitter GST pill?

Charest: It's in response to our fiscal needs, too high a deficit, interest rates [that] are too high, and in response to Canadians [that] want clear indications that the federal government is doing its share. We have to make Canadians realize also that [the GST is] replacing a 13.5 per cent tax, a hidden tax that they don't know of, [which] hurts our competitiveness. We are sensitive to the fact that it's not popular, but we're also resigned to the fact that it will never be popular.

Excal: The Atlantic fishing community has come out and accused this government of selling out to the Europeans and Americans for failing to curb foreign fishing quotas off the Canadian Atlantic coast. How do you respond to this?

Charest: The Spanish have been fishing off our coasts for 400 years and there are historical rights that we cannot deny. Certainly, the over-fishing problem did not start in 1984, when we were elected; in fact it was the Liberal government which gave away pretty substantial quotas to European countries and did not necessarily preoccupy itself with the availability of that resource. Now we're stuck with a very serious problem. We're looking at ways now to be able to respond to those changes and to the fact that a lot of people will be unemployed. We hope to come forward with a package soon, to help those people.

Excal: We are hearing that the government, with its policy of privatization, is considering selling off Canada Post and, more recently, Petro Canada. Petro Canada was set up by the government after the energy crisis of the 1970s to ensure Canadians an abundant energy supply in the future. Why, when

Petro Canada has been working so well under public ownership, is the government now working toward its privatization?

Charest: We've said, generally, that we are continually looking at all Crown corporations and put[ting] operations in view of seeing how efficient they are and whether they cannot work more efficiently. In some cases that may mean privatization. If ever the government decided to privatize it, [Petro Canada] would be having that objective in mind, to make it more efficient.

Excal: Canada is running a trade deficit for the first time in 13 years. Interest rates are high, and there have been numerous plant closures. Are these not symptoms of an imminent recession?

Charest: Well, the indicators go the other way in the sense that our economy is doing very well. Certainly the numbers of one month don't indicate a trend. We do have high interest rates; they're too high. At the same time, we received information that the inflation rate had gone up slightly. We don't want inflation to cripple our economy as it did in the early '80s [when] Canada suffered a very severe recession. So we're trying to put forward an economic policy that will be [as] productive as possible for Canada, among substantial structural changes, the free trade agreement and the GST. The evidence seems to indicate we're doing the right thing. We've created more jobs in Canada. We've gone from 11th to fourth position in terms of investment destination. We've had the strongest economic growth within the industrialized nations of the world, except for Japan. We've also had a substantial decrease in the poverty rate in Canada. There's been a lot of investment in machinery, a lot of investment in housing. But more has to be done. That's why it's so important to get our deficit under control, get our fiscal house in order, [and to make] reductions in spending. We brought the deficit down to 10 billion a year. We brought it down relative to [the] Gross Domestic Product [GDP] from 19 per cent in '84 to 16 per cent now, 15 per cent next year.

All that implies very tough choices. But, it's not perfect. We know that these high interest rates have an impact and we hope that the combination of a certain number of measures will help us get on a course where eventually we can bring them down.

Excal: Mulroney has stressed on many occasions the need to increase Canada's research and development spending in order to make Canada more competitive in the global market economy. We have

just witnessed the sale of a high-tech Canadian laser firm to Japan. Now we are about to see the Canadian owned flagship of technology, Connaught BioSciences Inc., fall into the foreign hands of Institut Merieux S.A. of France, which is controlled by the French government. Is this not the opposite of what Mulroney had promised?

Charest: What he had previously proposed, as early as '83, when he ran for the leadership, was increasing research and development in Canada, moving it from 1.2 to 2.1 relative to GDP. That has not yet happened. It's been very slow, because the private sector has not been contributing as much as we hoped it would. We have done different things to correct that. We changed the granting formula to the Research Council of Canada, matched our private sector grants, and opened up our economy rid[ding] ourselves of [the Foreign Investment Review Agency] so that Canada would be more attractive in terms of foreign investment. We have to accept that, from time to time, foreign investment will be interested in areas of research and development and areas of high tech.

In some cases we require assurances that will benefit Canada. Investment Canada is still in place to do that. We've undertaken those measures in the case of the sale of Connaught to Merieux. And we've received assurance that they will continue their activities in Canada, and that the jobs will remain where they are.

Excal: It's been suggested that the Meech Lake Accord has to be accepted as is, in its entirety. If the Accord is rejected, can that be interpreted as Canada saying no to Quebec?

Charest: I think so. If Meech Lake is not accepted, Quebecers will feel rejected. I think we have to acknowledge certain parts included in the Accord that cannot be negotiated. The distinct society clause cannot be eliminated; there's no way. There are fundamental things in the Meech Lake Accord for which Quebec cannot settle for less. I don't know what the other provinces intend to do. I think they're going to have to realize that this is done in good faith, and hopefully live up to their word. Otherwise nothing dramatic will happen. But its not going to be good news for Canada. Quebecers will feel rejected. This will be the second time after 1982. I can't see anything positive coming out of that.

Put yourself in the place of Quebecers, for example. If you look at Manitoba. It is probably the province that has [most] denied French Canadians their rights. They object to Premier [Robert] Bourassa using the Notwithstanding Clause. But the Notwithstanding Clause has nothing to do with the Meech Lake Accord. It was included in the 1982 repatriation of the Constitution, because Sterling Lyon, the Progressive Conservative Premier of Manitoba [at that time] insisted that it be in the '82 deal of which Quebec was excluded; we didn't sign that deal. [Premiers Filmon, Devine and Getty] had enacted the Notwithstanding Clause in their provinces to declare English as the only language of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, because the Supreme Court of Canada said, that according to the terms of entry into Confederation, [their] province[s] were] bilingual.

But when Premier Bourassa enacted the Notwithstanding Clause in similar circumstances, again because of a judgement of the Supreme Court of Canada, [Manitoba Premier Filmon] was revolted and felt that [it] deserved his withdraw[al of] support to the Meech Lake Accord. That's a little tough for Quebecers to understand. They look at that and say 'This is Manitoba that denied our rights. They introduced the Notwithstanding Clause. Two other provinces invoked it; but when we invoke it it's not acceptable.

Excal: Some of the VIA rail cuts, soon to take effect, will occur in your home riding. Certainly you must be seeing a fair bit of opposition to these cuts from your constituents who depend on a passenger rail service?

Charest: In fact, I have two trains going through my riding; one was a Sherbrooke-Montreal daily train that will be completely cut; the level of occupancy was about 35 per cent. They lost \$1.5 million a year on the operation of that train. The other train that goes through my riding is the Atlantic. It went through seven days a week, and it will now go through three days a week. That's more than it was when the Liberal regime was [in power] in '84, and they had cut both trains. People in my constituency have accepted the decision. I'm not receiving any major complaints.

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Sparkling ashes of butted fags
Nevertheless our time seems to lag
and sag and drag and drip of golden
hershey kisses down your throat,
wild passionate chocolate licking your
teeth with ice cubes on your breath.
Its flashes of black, blurs of grey
sometimes white and sometimes green
Grass, stones, water, and earth
yellow pebbles of smoke stained dentures
from chewed sandy strands of hemp
Broken mirrors, plastic and tendons,
I know you and your sand dunes
recognition opens a flush of desire
for a forgotten dream, lost during the
awakening to your destined reality
a waterfall's hush, a beggar's cry
SHHHHH. IT'S ME AGAIN. MIST-AWAY . . .
The last fast driver, a jockey riding
240 hidden metal horses that smelt
of smooth cheese farts
tape worms smelling of yeast-
a prism of death and gonads
with incredibly tiny dust fleas, dancing
a pocketful of posies
A prison of love and sex, droplets of
life spewed out preceded the death
He saw the light and the fish
you chewed the clam and stole her pearl
I'd rather be riding the green house
or following the red snapper
blue light black candle
only green smoking incense left to remember
the teardrip hours of the night
tropical haze, honey down your neck,
buzzing bugs, railway ties, flies
diesel fumes, salt water, and
He's dead Jim.

—Banana Groupie Gang

"scenes from an approaching storm"

a lone black hawk becomes
the horizon:
indigo transmutation
in the radio twilight

menthol cool grace
of cigarette
red in retina of melted
snow

bitterness
and a virgin on first date
tension of cock
and a motionless lake
frozen in diode precision
waiting for the sun

nicotine grey dusk
suspended
unrealized
in the conspiracy of easter rain

smoke curls from lotus roach
dissolves in gathering breeze

—marc jeanneret

THE BIRDS

Black snowflakes
fall from the tree
when the hunter's
gun erupts lead.

Birds in waiting,
birds of prey.
The sun, the
dawn of dusk,
spread wings, spread
feathers cover
the sky, and one
dies, tumbles,
falls
falls
falls
the lame bird
falls to Earth.

Cocked rifles
cocker spaniels
men with cocks
lacking hearts
play their game
stalking stuffed
prized game.
Slain birds.

—aj

THE JOINT

The moment I entered New York State Penitentiary for Criminal Intellectuals, I realized that this was the toughest joint standing. As I walked silently through the ominous, cold corridor to the prisoners' cells, my mind marvelled at the distinct contrast to Homer's Iliad.

The chains linked to huge clamps around my legs rattled noisily behind me on the cement floor while I gazed into each cell that I passed. Men half my age were busily making notes on literature by Dickens, Hemingway and Robertson Davies, to name but a precious few.

My heart skipped a beat as a man in one cell violently ripped a Mad magazine apart and smashed it with his heel, hollaring, "Garbage! Mindless, ill-conceived drivel! Oh, what shame!" This was definitely the worst I had ever seen.

The guard eventually led me to my cell, number 101, and introduced me to my cellmate, Tolkien. I really needed no introduction. The infamous J.R. Tolkien was known throughout the nation for his mastery of Marxism and Franco-Prussian novellas. My stomach churned with fear when I saw that this criminal genius had his nose buried in a textbook on Existential Euclidean Geometry.

I tried to establish a reputation for myself right off.

"Conquering new fields, are we?" I asked in a suave manner.

"Hardly," he replied, eyes never leaving the page.

Adopting a more conservative method, I extended my hand in comradeship.

"The name's Dresier, but you can call me Theo," I purred. Ignoring my hand, the convict raised his menacing blue eyes and asked, "How long you in for . . . Dresier?"

My eyes averted his.

"Ten years," I replied. "I was caught teaching epistemology to a group of young monks instead of Renaissance art at a university in Iowa."

"Small town boy," he mused, cracking his knuckles while he got up from his tiny cot. His six foot, five inch towered over mine as he whispered, "Do you know what I'm in for Dresier?"

Even though it was legend, I shook my head in fear. His words spewed out like venom from an asp.

"Got fifty years for believing Freud's Wit and Its Relation To The Unconscious didn't have psychodynamic characteristics."

I listened with rapt attention as he kept on talking about many of the daring escapes he had tried and failed, such as when he had painted himself blue and tried to pass as an Andy Warhol sculpture.

Tolkien and I shared many a laugh and a tear as he reminisced of his days as a young, revolutionary idealist who felt he could change the world.

Laying in my cot, I knew I was to stay at N.Y.S. Intellectual Prison for many years, so Tolkien and I pondered an idea I had for a non-fiction textbook entitled Driving: A Privilege or a Right?

—Stephen Balsky

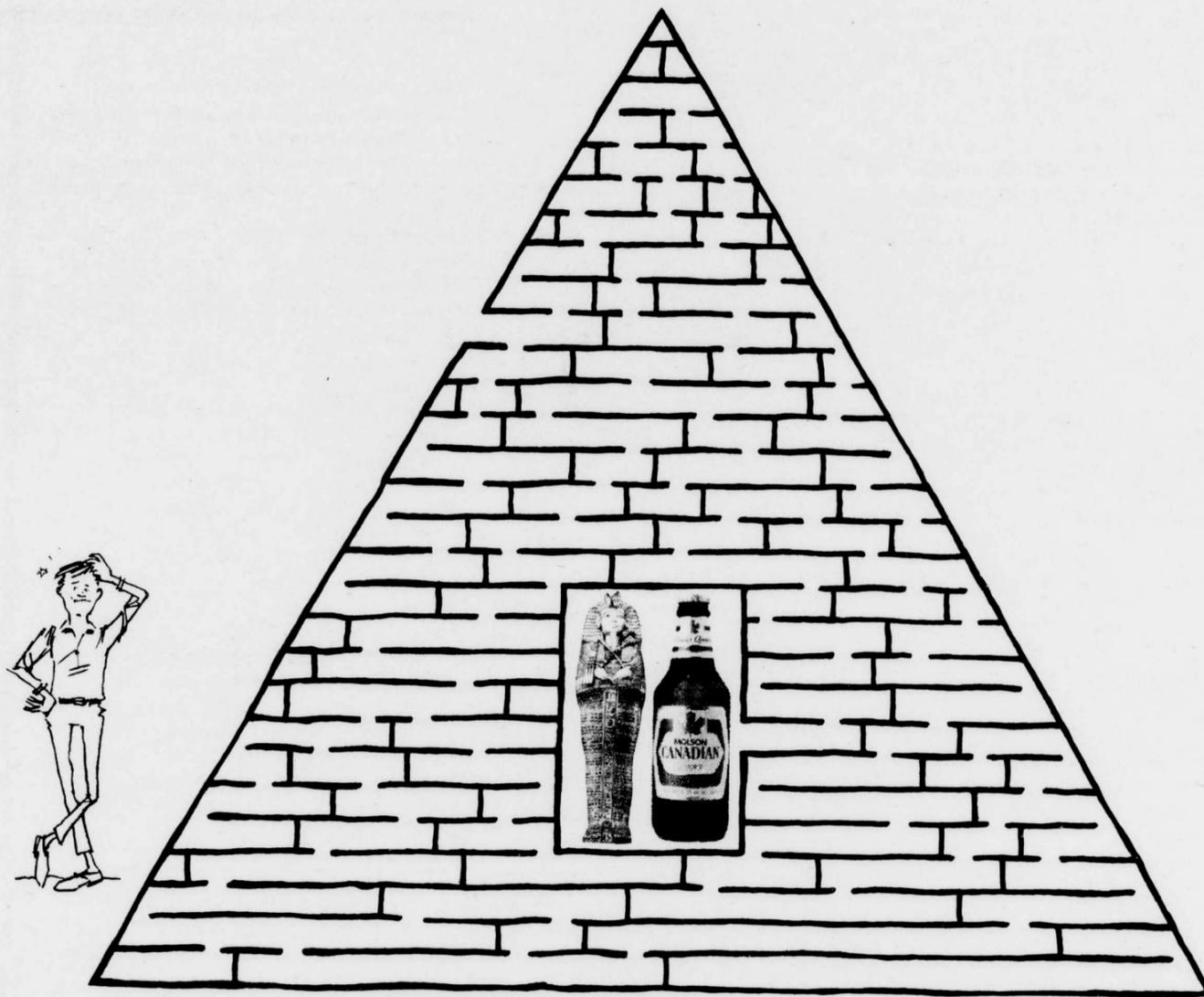
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Arts

waiting for ms. godot

by Jeannine Amber

"I'm not trying to make a feminist statement," says Professor Ron Singer in response to questions about the production of *Waiting for Godot* currently staged by York's fourth year theatre class.

In order to attain permission to produce *Waiting for Godot*, perhaps the most famous play by recently deceased Irish born playwright Samuel Beckett, Singer was required to sign an agreement stating that he would follow the playwrights' instructions, to the letter, in matters of stage direction and casting. According to Singer, Beckett is one of the only playwrights who demands that theatre companies adhere so strictly to his scripts. In the past, it was not beyond Beckett to close down productions of his plays if they did not meet with his approval.

In this production, usually performed by an all male cast, Singer has cast the play exclusively with women. This move directly contradicts Beckett's stipulations and is in disagreement with the contract signed by Singer.

But, Singer wishes to point out that "other than the fact that there are five women in this production, we have pretty well stuck to every single thing that [Beckett] has asked for." Singer feels confident there will be no serious repercussions of his action. "York University [is not] serious theatrical territory so the likelihood of the people who rent out the royalties coming up and saying 'you shouldn't do it' is pretty slim."

If making a feminist statement is not Singer's intention, why then has he chosen to put on a play written for male characters and cast women in all the roles? Particularly given that this is the precise action which, in the past, brought Beckett to sue the producers, directors and all the cast of productions of *Waiting for Godot*. According to Singer, his decision was pragmatic rather than philosophical. "There were four women in the fourth year class who needed a script. I felt that *Godot* would suit the needs perfectly of these women."

Denial of feminist motives aside, Singer comments that he has discovered, in *Waiting for Godot*, themes of particular relevance to women.

"The theme, in my opinion, is waiting . . . and I think that waiting, while universal, applies in some ways more to women than to men. The concept of waiting is something that is very familiar to women. Waiting for their men to return from war, waiting for the men to come home from work. Men were the doers and women, particularly in the past, but even to this day, were the waiters. They waited."

Whether or not one agrees with the idea of women as more attune to the concept of waiting, Singer maintains that, as a universal theme, it is applicable to everybody and can be expressed by women as well as by men.

Waiting for Godot, which undoubtedly deals with the theme of waiting in a very concrete way, can also be understood as an absurdist play dealing with the abstract themes of futility and hope. As such, it can be a difficult, and demanding play for actors.

For the women in York's theatre programmes' graduating year, the play offers a unique opportunity. "We've never done this kind of high-paced comedy, vaudeville, mystery, extreme surreal," the cast explained. "(It's a) stretch in a way that we don't get the opportunity to be stretched in," commented Karen Svendsen who plays Didi.

In addition, *Godot* allows the women the opportunity to play roles that they will doubtfully have the opportunity to play after graduation. It also allows them a chance to play some of the 'great male roles,' as they had done in last semesters' production of *Hamlet*, but with the chance to play them as women. "There was never any question of (these characters) being anything but women," explained Svendsen. "Almost everybody wears skirts."

Svendsen notes that, as a woman, she may have certain advantages over males in dealing with the role. She notes that opposed to a linear way of thinking "women are able to

entertain more possibilities, and that's what you have to do with this play."

The play, beginning January 29, is already sold out for several performances. Singer attributes this to the recent death of Beckett and the increased press he, and his plays, have been receiving as a result.

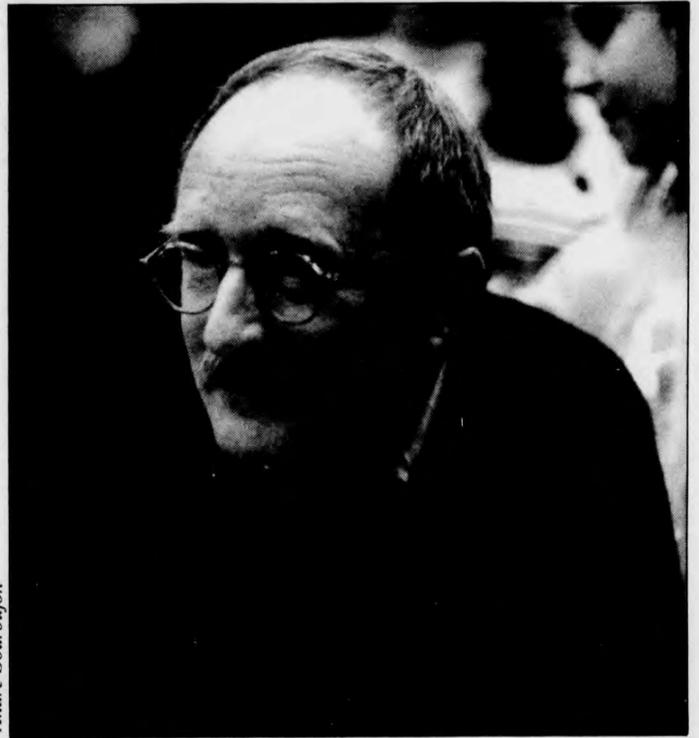
The cast wishes to point out this is not a brooding, intellectual play. "It's not the play you read in high school," they chorus. "It's an exciting, alive piece of theatre," says Rachel Derry who plays Lucky.

On a final note, the cast and interviewer exchanged notions of Beckett's plays as those which allude comprehension. I asked the cast if they now understood the play, being so closely involved in its production.

Svendsen claimed to have "an understanding of it but it's a very personal understanding" while Derry admitted she has "an understanding of moments of it."

Gina Brunton, who plays Gogo, said, "That's my nightmare come true, you guys both understand it and I don't." A lot of nervous laughter over that one.

Waiting For Godot previews



André Souroujon

Director Ron Singer guides an all female cast in Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*.

January 29 and runs from January 30 to February 3 at Atkinson Theatre. Phone 736-5157 for ticket info.

"not the play you read in highschool"



Singer with his cast and crew 'wait' for opening night.

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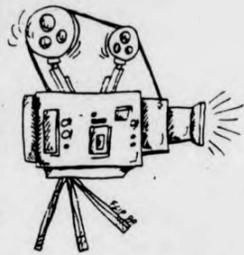
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by Howard Kaman

When director Phil Alden Robinson decided to make a movie out of W.P. Kinsella's novel, *Shoeless Joe*, he may not have realized the difficulties involved. He overcame most of them with *Field of Dreams*, a film which captures the novel's magic with inimitable charm.

Here we have a movie that relies on performances. Kevin Costner, a likeable guy if there ever was one, plays Ray Kinsella, the ultimate dreamer. When Kinsella starts hearing voices while working in the fields, he feels he has no choice but to obey their commands. By doing so, he believes a void in his life will be filled.

That is the real focus of the film; it is not a film about baseball, rather it uses the sport as a vehicle to explore the pursuit of one's desires. Baseball is convenient because of the sport's mythology; no other sport is connected with as many heroes and rituals.

Field of Dreams' hero is Shoeless Joe Jackson, whom Kinsella believes will reappear from the dead. Jackson was blacklisted during the White Sox scandal of the 1919 World Series. (immortalized in the film and novel *Eight Men Out*.)

Costner's is not the only performance worth noting. Ray Liotta is mesmerizing as Jackson, attaining a ghostly aura in the role. James Earl Jones is also enjoyable as an author who loves baseball. Finally, Burt Lancaster shines as Moonlight Graham, who played in the majors for only one game.

Probably one of the most unusual movies you will ever watch, *Field of Dreams* will be shown, along with *Major League*, at Reel and Screen (Curtis Lecture Hall L) this weekend, January 26 and 27.

by Howard Kaman

Born on the Fourth of July directed by Oliver Stone Universal Pictures

The first thing you notice is Cruise. Gone is the immaculate hair, the sunglasses, the permanently affixed smile.

In *Born on the Fourth of July*, Tom Cruise plays Ron Kovic, an American who proudly went to Vietnam to serve his country, and ended up paralyzed from the chest down. Kovic lives his adult life in a wheelchair, and becomes a dedicated anti-war activist.

The initial shock of seeing Cruise in a wheelchair is almost as surprising as the power he has over the character. In a way, Kovic is the perfect character for an Oliver Stone picture, a man who finds himself alone with his conscience, in desperate situations. Like James Woods in *Sal-*

vador and Charlie Sheen in *Wall Street*, Kovic enters war with one attitude but comes out with another. Kovic's story is about a dream he realized could never come true, and the mistakes he made in the process.

Watching Cruise, one gets a sense that he took the same journey as Kovic. From his first starring performance, opposite Rebecca DeMornay in *Risky Business*, we saw an actor who could make his career the easy way, skipping from teen flick to teen flick.

But, as Cruise matured, so did his roles. This maturity is evident in his latest projects, *The Color of Money*, *Rain Man* and *Born on the Fourth of July*.

What makes this latest film so important is the lack of legends for Cruise to fall back on. While Paul Newman and Dustin Hoffman made fine company in his

previous films, they also served as crutches for the weak spots in Cruise's performance. With *Born on the Fourth of July*, there are no crutches, and Cruise stands just fine on his own.

But Cruise is not all the film has to offer; it is also beautifully filmed. Although the combat scenes are brief, they are among the most vivid images Stone has put on celluloid.

Suitably, he never relies on glamorous locations or angles. The small towns of America look small, the bars look claustrophobic and the military hospital that Kovic is in looks hellish.

As usual, Stone hammers his point in hard. *Born on the Fourth of July* is a film about the harsh realities of the Vietnam War.

Of course, it's only one of literally dozens of films on the topic and, perhaps, it has come 15 years too late. "The Vietnam

Movie," has almost become a genre unto itself, with films like *Platoon*, *Apocalypse Now* and *Full Metal Jacket* being compared to each other. But this film is different.

Rather than focusing on the battlefield, the movie details life before and after the war. Rather than a first hand look at the carnage, we get a sense of the war's broad cultural impact. This view comes complete with all the hallmarks of the era, including parades, drugs and rock music (courtesy of none other than neopie Edie Brickell, who makes a cameo appearance in the film).

With an appearance by Willem Dafoe, who made his name in Stone's other war epic, *Platoon*, *Born on the Fourth of July* is solid proof of both Stone's ability as a director and Cruise's enormous potential as Hollywood's next great leading man.

extended twilight zone

by Ira Glick

I dropped into this press screening late and was sure I had come into the wrong room. Not only is *Carnival of Souls* in black and white, it is also about thirty years old. Nobody told me, so there I was thinking, "wow this art direction is brilliant — you absolutely can't tell this film is new."

The plot? Three young women are challenged to drag race across a wooden bridge. Their car plunges into the water. Police and searchers dredge the river. Nothing. A few hours (!) later one of the women, Mary Henry, a beautifully vacant blonde, drags herself ashore.

You might say *Carnival of Souls* is like *Beetlejuice* without the

humour. But that would only be giving you the roughest sketch of what is a truly weird film. *Souls* is a genre pic; a psycho-horror in the same vein as *The Shining*. It's a film that works on the viewer subliminally — the screen almost flutters and winks, the high contrast black and white almost sends us into a trance.

Mary's goal, once back to life, is to continue life as usual (she wants to get a job as a church organist). This need to continue on as if nothing had ever happened gives *Souls* a wonderful tension, a real hook. We can't quite get a hold of what exactly makes this existential heroine tick.

Neither can she. In and out of bizarre, alienating hallucinations

services of a creepy psychiatrist. He tells her to "get social," become more involved in life. This isn't a likely option, because Mary is dead.

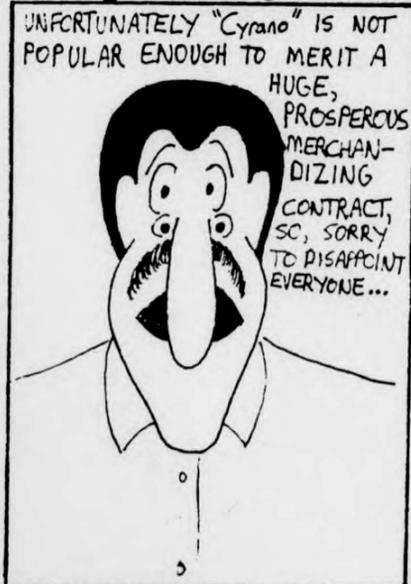
Souls is weird. It's not a laugh-a-minute cult flick a la Russ Meyer (although it did play to pretty

rowdy crowds at last year's Midnight Madness screening). One sophisticated punter called this film "Topper directed by Ingmar Bergman" — I'd call it an extended episode of the *Twilight Zone* scripted by Albert Camus. Limited release.

Film buffs take note

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Cyrano



By: F.W. Cameron.

dirty pictures and neon breasts at zacks



E.F. Elder

An example of Sonia Mejia's work currently on display at the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery

by Nancy Bevan

Dirty pictures and neon breasts spiral into conflict with God and Mr. Potato Head. These opposing forces constitute the focus of Sonia Mejia's mixed media exhibit currently held at the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery in Stong College from

January 18 to February 2.

Crowds of Spanish-speaking supporters, and serenades by two Andean folk musicians, created a decidedly Latin-American ambience for opening night.

Mejia, a second-year fine arts student and wife of the Ecuadorian Consul in Toronto, says her two years in Canada have encour-

aged her to explore a variety of media including oils, glass, poetry, ink, pastels and even good old homegrown Canadian dirt from her backyard (hence the dirty pictures — you were thinking pornography weren't you? Tsk, tsk.)

Well, you were almost right. According to Mejia, "The artists unfastens his clothes, becomes

uncorporal and remains between the silence and the words . . . comprehension without knowing . . ." The artist uses the images of female bodies in several works to investigate the relationship between women and the earth, and the role of both as nurturers of humanity.

"Kingdoms of Jade," a glass-enclosed sculpture of sand broken mirrors and thumbprint photos, "I: the Graceful One," a brilliant torso with the previously mentioned neon breasts outlined in sand, and "The Perfume," a pastel with more naked breasts are all works which explore these ideas.

Natural materials are used in pieces like "Time and Love," rendered in oils with a stone and a piece of wood. Tinges of orange and brown explode into light from a nucleus of sod in the way that both time and love build up and overflow, only to reinitiate the same process.

A clump of neon-green grass clings stubbornly to a roller-coaster highway in the painting "The Rain's Song." In this work, Mejia makes a poignant comment on the perseverance of nature in spite of our attempts to pave her over in the name of industry and progress.

"The Howl and the Silence" finds an oval-shaped rock posed on six layers of glass — Mr. Potato Head for adults!

As I attempted to determine whether he was howling or being silent from my perspective, I nearly bumped into an inconspicuous treasure. "The Four Seasons" is actually a book made out of glass. Each page contains a painted line of poetry in Spanish and English which can be seen

from the outside of the book in a cyclical format to represent the movement of the seasons.

In art, as in life, we constantly strive to attain perfection, but reality opposes us, making perfection impossible. The rapid pace and confusion of the modern age may impel us to seek Divine Assistance. These philosophies are united in the watercolour "Invisible Spring," which epitomizes the principal concepts of the collection.

In tones of blue on white, a girl sits in a wintry park. Although they are hidden by snow, elements of life still surround her.

The scope of Mejia's talent in such a range of media is impressive. Mejia has looked to philosopher Hugh Kenner to articulate for her the essence of this collection: "To grasp a piece of something is to grasp all that." In each work, Sonia shares with us a part of her soul, then leaves it to us to reach out and take hold of it.



Artist Sonia Mejia.

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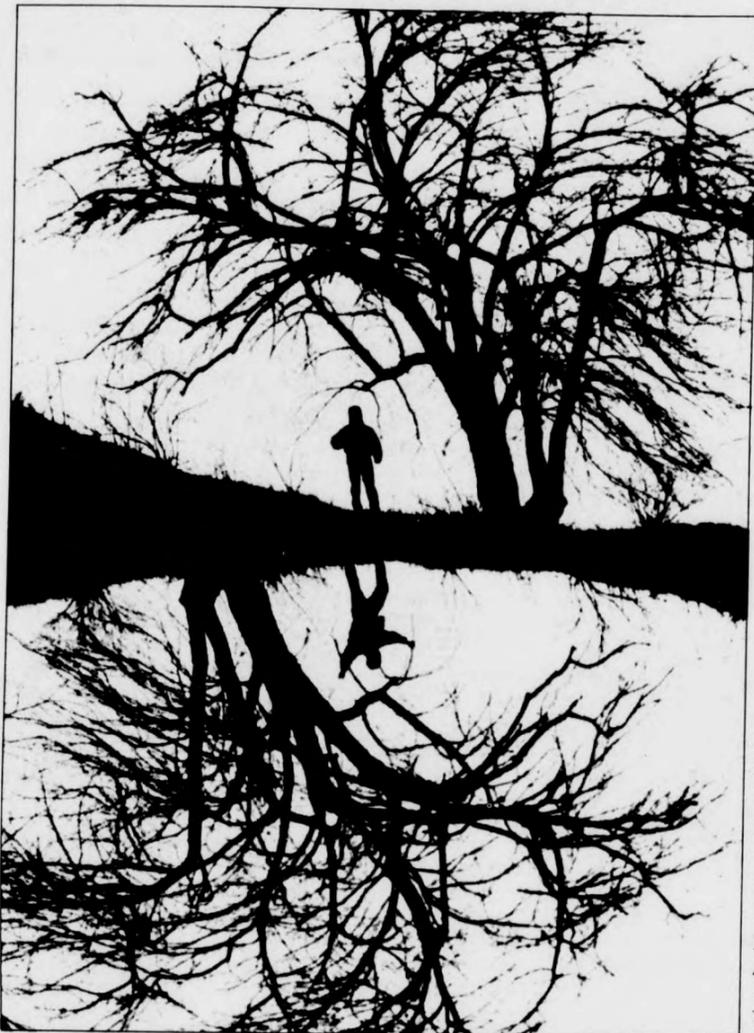
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by Mark Moss

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Existere is the recipient of a prestigious Ontario Arts Council Grant. Although not an enormous sum, the \$780 compensates for the fact that there is not enough

money in the Vanier College Council's budget to put out the magazine.

According to co-editor Dave Lomax, "The Ontario Arts Council gave us the exact amount we applied for." Lomax went on to say that this is a very rare bequest. "Ontario Arts Council grants are not given out to a lot of magazines." The fact that a grant was given reflects highly on the quality of the publication and the calibre of the editors and writers.

"Nothing is going to change," Lomax said, "not in the format or distribution. We won't become glossy. We are a student magazine and we intend to stay that way." Out of a press run of 550 copies, 50 or 60 are given away, and a number are sold in bookstores in Toronto.

The current *Existere* contains the same diverse array of poetry that has become a common feature of previous issues. Wonderful

short stories and careful photographs as well as the "uncommon" editorial are also included.

As a group, the works remain far above average but, as usual, certain pieces stand out. Brian Burkes' "The Day Hemingway Died" is one evocative and powerful example but mention should be made of Richard Olson's "The Emissary," Christopher Wood's

"Amphitheatre" and Kerry Lamond's "dream child." The three photographs are, as well, extremely suggestive and potent.

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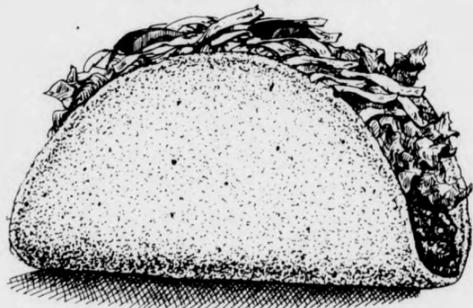
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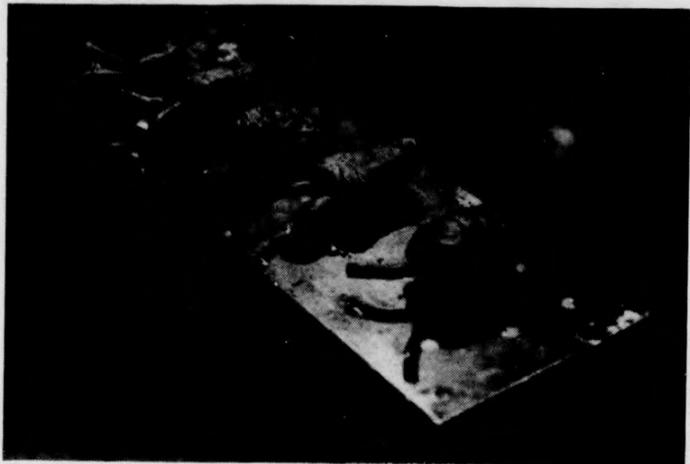
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provocative identity



Yvonne Vera-Jose

Images of the human body displayed at the AGYU.

by Julie Rosenzweig

The human body as it is represented in images and language is the theme for *Diagnosis*, the exhibit running until February 18 at the Art Gallery of York University (AGYU). The exhibit displays 15 works by four artists: Marc De Guerre, Mark Lewis, Kiki Smith and Jana Sterbac who have provided photographs in large gold or black frames, sculptures polished and sleek, and verse long and powerful.

The works all address issues of identity. At first glance, one might find this exhibit highly provocative

and disturbing because of the nature of the subject matter. Catherine Crowston, curator for the AGYU, says the exhibit is "disturbing enough so that we will in turn question ourselves."

Sterbac's black and white photograph entitled "Generic Man" illustrates how people have been commodified due to a lack of individuality, (the back of a man is shown with a bar code on his neck, implying a price).

Lewis, who was schooled in London, England, and studied with Victor Burgin, displays his art in a very interesting and unusual way. Under each piece is a machine that emits a cheap per-

fume. Lewis says, "This antiseptic smell should create a disturbance playing with the visible." His art displays a series of colliding images of pornography, movies and advertising.

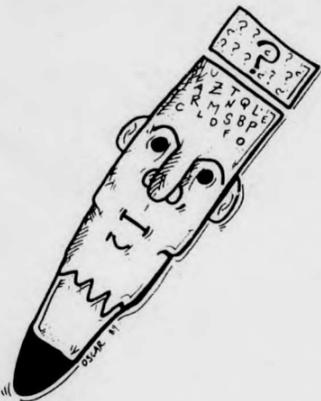
De Guerre and Smith capture the essence of human suffering and disease in their work — from Smith's sleek apothecary-like jars with text such as "blood" and "tears," to the medical language in De Guerre's verse.

Although this was not an aesthetically pleasing exhibit, because it evoked disturbing feelings, the overall impression of the show is that the artists all work well together under the one theme about the human body.



Yvonne Vera-Jose

the writer's block



Ira Nayman is a York student with vast experience as a writer. Ira has written numerous newspaper columns as well as dabbling with CBC television and radio.

by Ira Nayman

Trying to define an overall aesthetic in one's body of work is a lot like raking leaves with an electric chainsaw; it can be done, but it doesn't leave you with much dignity. I always get the feeling artists do what they like, then develop grandiose theories of how they make their creative choices after the fact. (I know that will be true in my case, but I'll try to keep the grandiosity to a minimum.)

Given that people's tastes and values change over time, how I make creative decisions now may not reflect my writing priorities in the past or the future. Years from now, I will likely reject a lot of what I'm currently working on.

Still, I'm going to try to articulate some guiding principles I write with because, well, writers are expected to do stuff like that. A few years ago, I developed an

idea that could pretty well sum up my aspirations as an artist: I want to make fun of everything. As it happens, everything had a bit of a head start; still, a writer's grasp should exceed his reach, or what's an editor for?

My first consideration when working on a scene is how to make it funny. But, every scene must also either move the plot forward, reveal something about the characters or develop the theme. Ideally, I would like to combine as many of these elements in as many scenes as I can. Practically, if I can get three of the four in one or two scenes each script, I'm happy. This tends to make my writing fast (scripts start in the middle of an action, scenes do not go on longer than their premise can sustain them, etc.) and full, and there's always a lot going on.

Thus, my writing tends to go off in all directions at once (how's that for Canadian content!). My works do have coherent plots; although they may sometimes verge on anarchy, I do not believe they plunge headlong into it.

I hope they don't.

This style reflects the comedy I grew up with, and still admire: the Marx brothers, Monty Python's Flying Circus and Woody Allen, among others. Some day, I hope to be good enough to join this select group. But, my writing is also a product of the MTV-crazed '80s; everything has to be faster these days, and comedy is no exception.

Because of what I write, I pretty much have to assume that my audience will be interested and involved with what I write. While this may seem an obvious consideration, it goes against the prevailing television ethos.

Paul Chato, for instance, head of Sitcoms and Talent and the CBC, told me that he wanted scripts in which every scene was "complete" in itself. Each scene, therefore, had to repeat enough of the previously revealed plot to be its own miniature story. As far as I'm concerned, repeating plot points only slows things down and takes time away from new developments (or, for that matter, more humour).

Television programming has developed this way because network executives assume people will be switching back and forth between stations. I believe that if you give people something worth watching, they'll stay with it (I know I do).

But, then, I assume my audience will be intelligent and interested in the world around them (also uncommon in the television industry). In the past couple of years, I have written about: the link between environmental degradation and capitalist greed; the classical myth of romantic love and the modern uses to which it is put; native Canadian political empowerment; the so-called Superwoman Syndrome; and the Iran-contra affair (some subjects are easier to satirize than others). I'm proud of the fact that nothing I've written could be considered "high concept" (executive-speak for low-brow).

On the other hand, I spent my first term at York preparing to become an accountant.

Developing comedy alongside plot, theme and character, assuming the audience is intelligent, concerned and paying attention; these are some of the principles by which I work. Now, where did I leave that electric chainsaw?

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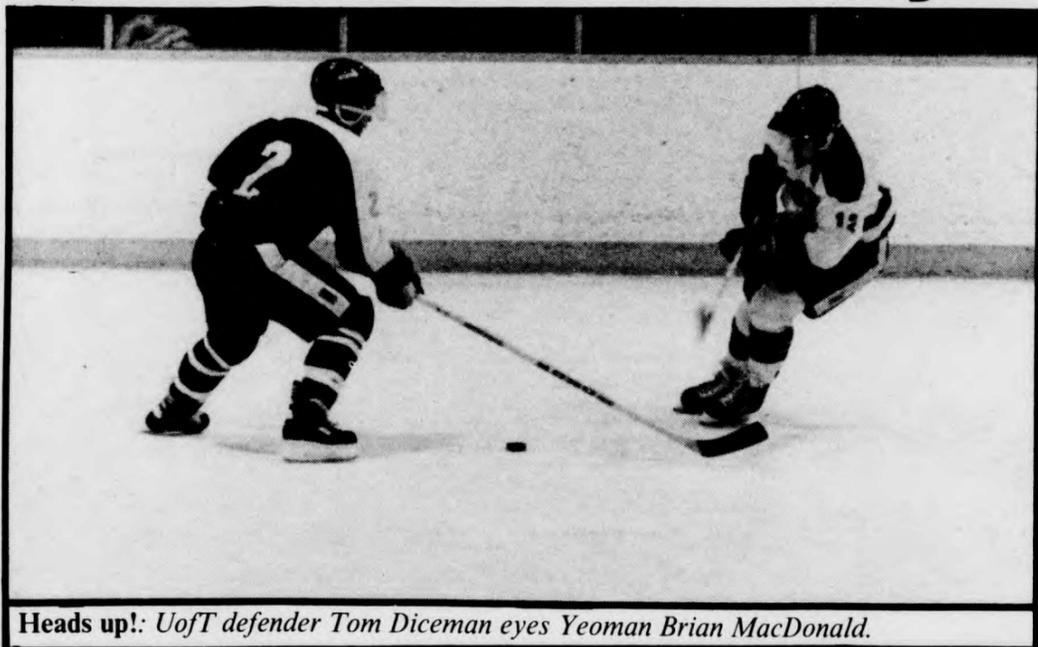
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Sports

Black and blue: Hockey Yeomen beat UofT



Heads up!: UofT defender Tom Diceman eyes Yeoman Brian MacDonald.

Jason Schwartz

by Paul Murphy

The University of Toronto Varsity Blues paid a visit to the Ice Palace last Thursday, sporting their blue road jerseys. The visitors left

wearing black and blue after a 7-4 thrashing by the hockey Yeomen in a hard fought physical battle.

The Blues opened the scoring early, only 58 seconds into the game on a mad scramble in front of York goalie Ted Mielczarek. York tied the game midway through the first period on a goal by Pat Howie with assists going

to linemates Neven Kardum and Brian MacDonald. This was only one of four goals on the night for the persistent trio.

With only 1:44 remaining in the period, Howie scored his second goal. Taking a pass from Kardum, Howie cut across the slot and fired a hard wrist shot to the bottom corner.

UofT tied the score at 4:44 of the second period while the teams were playing four aside. With both teams a man short for roughing, UofT's Steve Boyd beat Mielczarek on a quick shot from the hash marks.

York responded quickly with a goal by Kardum from Howie and Guy Girouard at 7:25. UofT answered with its own tally at 14:09, tying the game at three.

In past games there has been no love lost between the teams, and Thursday night proved to be no exception. In an attempt to control the post-whistle confrontations the referee started to hand out coincidental minors for delay of game. York took full advantage of the situation, and with less than two minutes left in the period Todd Dungey put York ahead 4-3. Stealing the puck from the Blues defenceman, Dungey raced in alone from the blueline and beat Toronto goalie Paul Henriques on a good move to his backhand.

The end of the period saw Henriques, who had faced a constant verbal barrage from about a dozen York fans, explode in frustration and smash his stick up against the glass.

The third period began with York striking quickly at the 2:56 mark. Kardum notched his se-

cond of the night on a wrap-around from behind the net.

By midway through the third York had pretty well secured a victory. On a delayed slashing penalty call the York goalie left the net for an extra attacker and York forward, Greg Roberts, blasted a slapshot in off the goalpost to put York ahead 6-3.

UofT attempted to come back and pulled its goalie while York was shorthanded, giving them a two-man advantage. This move enabled the Blues to narrow the gap to 6-4, however York sealed the victory when Ian Ferguson scored into the empty net with only 13 seconds remaining.

After the game UofT head coach Paul Titanic was, to say the least, upset with the work of referee Al Dawe. "Al is simply not capable of officiating at this level." In fact, though, York was the more penalized team, having one more penalty than the visiting Blues.

York head coach Graham Wise was happy with the play of his special teams. "We had an excellent power play and penalty killing tonight."

The victory leaves York in first place in the OUAA East with a record of 11 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie. York's next home game is against UQTR February 3 at 7:30.

Yeowomen field hockey crush UofT

by Sherri Lingus

It's a step in the right direction.

The York indoor field hockey team beat the University of Toronto 6-2 to win the York Invitational indoor tournament this past weekend.

Both teams were unbeaten and had perfect 3-0 records as they headed into the final game of the division A round robin.

The stage was set for what has become a fierce rivalry between these two teams. Early in the first half, York capitalized on a pen-

alty corner when Tammy Holt took a pass from Sharon Creelman and beat the UofT goalkeeper Tina Farrar. Midway through the first half, York increased its lead by two, both goals coming from Creelman. UofT got on the board just before the half when a defensive mixup by York allowed Vicki Smith of UofT to slide the ball under Yeowoman goalkeeper Michelle Capperauld.

The Yeowomen controlled the tempo of the second half with

some solid defence and opportunistic scoring. With goals from Creelman, who scored two, and Levy, the game was out of reach. For the Blues it was a case of lost opportunities. Twice they failed to convert penalty strokes at crucial moments in the game.

Lori Ito made it 6-2 with just under five minutes remaining, but that was all the UofT defence could muster.

One of the keys to York's success was midfielder Sandra Levy. Her strong play throughout the

match allowed York to control the pace of the game. Midway through the first half, UofT was forced to readjust its game plan to try to control Levy's play.

York coach, Marina van der Merwe was very pleased with the play of her York team and especially Levy. "Sandra's presence forced UofT to lose their focus ... as well she demonstrated tremendous agility and fitness."

Van der Merwe also praised the play of Joel Brough and Holt. "They played with courage and

demonstrated some superb technical work. I felt their timing was good and that at times their play was quite exceptional."

When asked about York's performance in the final game, van der Merwe was pleased with the quality of play so early into the indoor season. Van der Merwe was also impressed with both goalkeepers in the final match. "Michelle and Tina (Farrar, of York's second squad) demonstrated sound technique and good decision making ... they were able to instill confidence in their teammates."

The second half of the tournament consisted of two pools with three university teams in each. Van der Merwe elected to split her squad into two teams to give some of the younger players added experience.

In the second division, York II finished fifth overall. This squad was made up of six first year players as well as veterans Amy Ware and Karen Hewlett. Unfortunately, York II finished out of the playoffs after losing its first two matches to Waterloo and Queen's by scores of 2-1 and 3-2 respectively. Goalscorers for York II were Hewlett with two and Lesley Gage, who scored one against Queen's.

The final match of the day saw the York II team come into its own with a 4-0 victory over Trent. The goal scorers for York were Gage with two, Hewlett, and Jennifer Walters. This division was won by Guelph in an overtime against the University of Waterloo.

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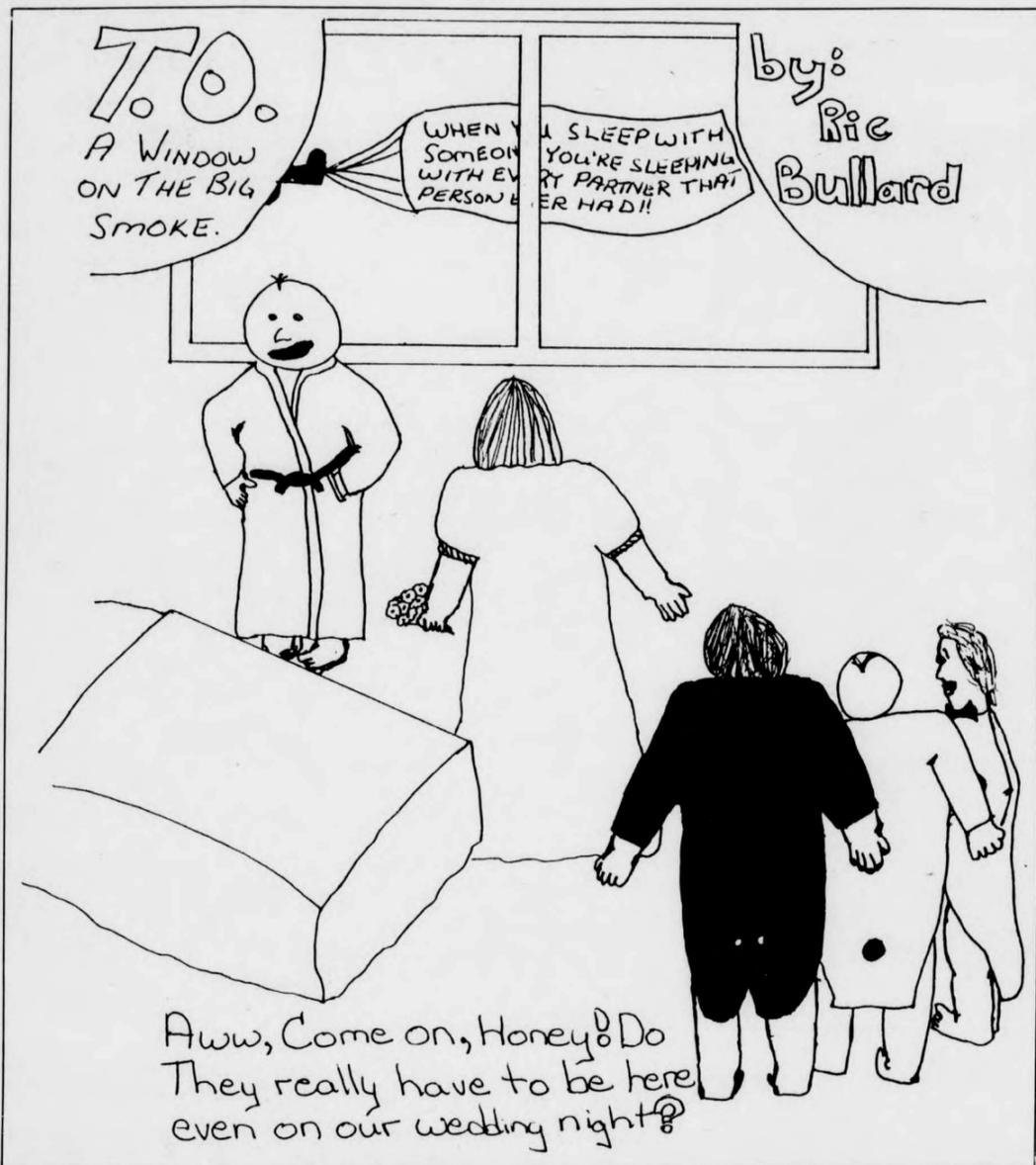
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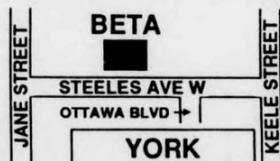
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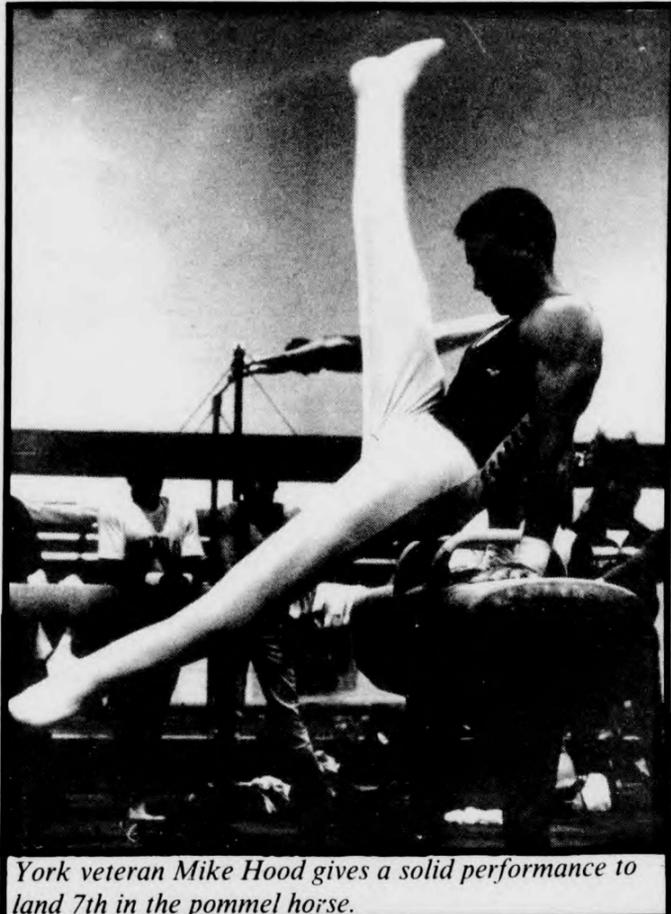
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Yeomen gymnasts show championship form



York veteran Mike Hood gives a solid performance to land 7th in the pommel horse.

Katarina Gulej

by Katarina Gulej

The Yeomen gymnasts demonstrated their superiority with an easy victory in the first gymnastics ranking meet of the year.

York assistant coach Masaaki Naosaki was in good spirits after the competition last Saturday at the Gymnastics Academy in Newmarket. "The gymnasts did well, and better than I expected, except on pommel horse," said Naosaki.

The five gymnasts competing for York won the team competition with a total score of 153.75, with UofT placing a distant second at 124.05. The Yeomen achieved this success despite the absence of J.P. Kramer, Richard Smith and Scott McDonald. Kramer and Smith were not competing because of back injuries.

Head coach Tom Zivic said, "The team held up to my expectations and I am looking forward to even better performances in February." Zivic was impressed with the exceptional performances demonstrated by his son George and Mike Hood.

The younger Zivic was competing in his first university meet and gave an international calibre performance. Zivic placed second all-

around, first on the rings, vault, parallel bars and high bar, fourth on the floor, and fifth on the pommel horse. "I was happy with my performance except for pommel horse" he said afterwards. The competition proved to be a good meet to try new moves and Zivic did so with some difficult tricks on the floor exercises and parallel bars.

Also valuable for York was Mike Hood, who placed third all-around, second on the vault and parallel bars, third on the high bar and floor, fourth on the rings and seventh on the pommel horse. In previous years, Hood has made some big mistakes in meets, however this year, he proved to be more clean and consistent.

Team captain Jeff Sweeney, provided the team with some good leadership. Sweeney placed eighth in the all-round competition with a third place finish on the pommel horse and fourth on the floor. "The competition went really well and everybody competed to how they were training," he said. "Some problems existed but we scored well."

Other members of the York team include: Collin Hood, freshman Trevor Jones, who placed tenth all-around and Olave Cordeiro who did not compete.

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Newmarket goldmine for women gymnasts

by Katarina Gulej

The Yeowomen captured the gold last Saturday with a total team score of 136.15, a full 4.57 points ahead of second place Western, at the first provincial ranking meet of the year in Newmarket.

York head coach Natasa Bajin was pleased with the women's results but was not sure of their victory until the last few minutes of the competition. "I think we won," she said late in the day. "The competition is like a practice meet and shows us what we have to work on."

The Yeowomen still managed to succeed despite the absence of their second strongest team

member: first year student Beky Chambers was injured on the floor exercises during warm-ups and was forced to withdrawal from the competition.

York's 10-member team consists of three other freshmen: Susan Huff, Giovanna Lett and Tracy Moreland. Bajin admits, "Huff and Lett have good potential but didn't compete to their ability." Lett was uncertain she would be competing in the competition and Huff is returning back to gymnastics after a five year absence.

Exceptional performances were turned in by York veterans Risa Litwin and Leane Grant who placed first and second all-around. Litwin gracefully captured not only the all-round title

but placed first on all four events. For this outgoing gymnast, gold medals are nothing new, however, she is looking forward to the rest of the season to provide more competition since other national calibre gymnasts will be competing. "I hope I can do it again next meet," she said after the competition. Litwin also wished for Beky Chambers quick recovery "so we'll have a real strong team." Competing in her training gym at the Newmarket Gymnastics Academy proved to be both exciting and challenging with young aspiring gymnasts, who Litwin coaches, cheering her on.

Dedicated gymnast Leane Grant demonstrated her expertise by placing second in the all-round

competition, and second on bars and beam. Grant was disappointed with her performance on floor when she fell on her full twisting lay-out, but showed her determination and experience when she performed well on the next three events. "I persevered and didn't fall on any other events," Grant said.

Special mention goes to Cari Borenstein, Carolyn Graham, Allyson Gropp who placed sixth all-around, and Linda Stewart, seventh all-around, for their consistent strong performance. The team continues to train hard for their second qualifying meet February 3 and for the provincial championships February 17.

Veterans lead the way for wrestling Yeomen

by Riccardo Sala

It's become a familiar story by now, the wrestling Yeomen landing in the top 10 at meets, but failing by small margins to produce results reminiscent of last year's CIAU championship team.

This weekend's Guelph Open was no exception, with the York squad coming in third out of the university teams.

"This was a very hard meet, almost like the Simon Fraser meet we had late last year," coach Kimin Kim said later. "There were a lot of national champions, but I'm very pleased with the team's performance," Kim added.

Present were perennial powerhouses Simon Fraser and Concordia along with their associated clubs, as well as the up and coming University of Manitoba team (which ended up with the university title at the meet) and several American squads.

The top Yeomen were Courtney Lewis and Roy Suh Wah Sing, who took third and fourth

respectively. Roy fought in the 56 kg class. Lewis has hopped from weight-class to weight-class this season, but for his bronze at Guelph, fought in the 68kg class.

Scott Prokosh, a Yeoman who consistently places highly, landed sixth in his 74kg class. Meanwhile, the 65kg class saw the return of Yeoman Mike Campatelli after a lengthy layoff due to back problems. "Just the fact that he wrestled was good," Kim said, "since we didn't think he would be able to wrestle again."

In the 52kg class, Johnny Cho wrestled well but didn't place. In the 82kg class Roger Levesque won half his bouts but was kept from placing. Similarly, tough draws for Ari Taub in the heavy-weight class and Jimmy Lee in 57kg left them out of the medal placings.

The Yeomen are wrestling well, Kim says, but to expect for a repeat of last year's provincial and national championships is unrealistic.

Kim received CIAU rankings

Friday. The University of Manitoba is placed first, followed by

McMaster then Concordia, with York in fifth spot.

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January 15-21

Tuesday, January 16
 HOCKEY (Women): York defeated by U of T 7-0

Tuesday, January 18
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Friday, January 19
 FIGURE SKATING (Women): York Invitational

Team Standings
 1. Western 5. YORK
 2. Waterloo 6. Guelph
 3. Queen's 7. Laurier
 4. Toronto 8. Brock
 York individual results —
 Christine Bischof — bronze — open ladies; Chalette Walcott — bronze — senior solo dance; Karin von Seefried — bronze — intermediate solo dance.

Saturday, January 20
 HOCKEY (Women): York defeated by Queen's 5-0

GYMNASTIC (Men/Women): RANKING MEET

Men's Team Standings
 1. York (153.75)
 2. U of T
 3. McMaster
 Women's Team Standings
 1. York (136.15)
 2. McMaster
 3. Queen's

York men's individual results — George Zivic — 2nd — (52.95); Mike Hood — 3rd — (50.75).
 York women's individual results — Risa Litwin — 1st — (33.47); Leane Grant — 2nd — (33.47); Allyson Gropp — 6th — (33.05); Litwin won a total of 6 gold medals.

TRACK AND FIELD (Men/Women): YORK INVITATIONAL
 Men's 60m Hurdles — Andrew Stark — 1st; Women's 60m Hurdles — Leslie Tashlin — 1st; Karyn Humber — 3rd;
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 Women's 1000m — Lara Leitch — 1st; Men's 600m — Darren Gardner — 1st; Women's 1500 — Nicole Sinn — 1st; Men's 300m — Colin Inglis — 1st; Vognar Castilho — 2nd, Kevin Benner — 3rd; Women's 300m

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BASKETBALL (Men): York defeated by Laurentian 78-61.

BASKETBALL (Women): York defeated by Laurentian 61-38.

INDOOR FIELD HOCKEY (Women): YORK INVITATIONAL

Tournament Standings
 1. York
 2. U of T
 3. Nomads
 4. Oookpiks
 5. Mariners

In round robin play, York defeated Mariners 9-3; defeated Nomads 7-6; defeated Oookpiks 5-2; and defeated U of T 6-2; Top goal scorer for York was Sharon Creelman with 13 goals. York's second team finished 5th in the 2nd divisions.

WRESTLING (Men): GUELPH OPEN
 York finished 8th out of 20 teams. Courtney Lewis — 3rd; Roy Sue Wah Sing — 4th; Scott Prokosh 6th.

INDOOR SOCCER (Women): MCMASTER INVITATIONAL

Tournament Standings
 1. York
 2. National Training Squad
 3. McMaster Alumnae
 4. Waterloo

In tournament play, York drew with Brock 0-0; drew with Guelph 0-0; defeated McMaster Alumnae 2-0; defeated NTS 2-1 (final, penalty shots) Tournament MVP — Samantha Hellens.

= FINAL NOTE = York's France Gareau finished 5th in 100m (11.95), in the Commonwealth Practice Track Meet on Saturday, January 20 in Auckland, New Zealand.

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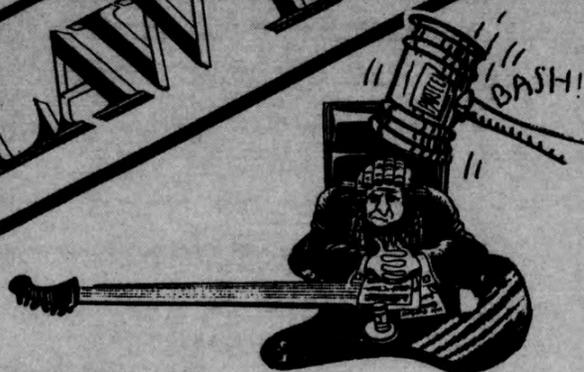
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