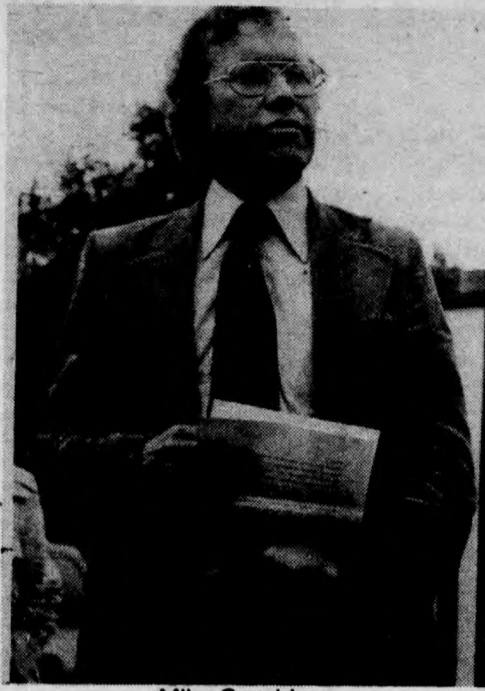


Cassidy and Sweeney speak on picket line



Mike Cassidy

By Laura Brown

Last Thursday's cutbacks forum was relocated outside the university grounds, because guest speakers Ontario NDP leader Michael Cassidy, and Liberal colleges and university critic John Sweeney refused to cross the picket line.

Sweeney and Cassidy addressed the York staff picketers and their supporters on the sidewalk of Steeles Ave. and Ottawa Blvd.

Cassidy walked on the picket line before addressing the strikers with a short support speech.

"I'm here to support the strikers who have been given a crummy offer of 4 per cent in their negotiations... this dispute is a symbol of the cutbacks policy of Bette Stephenson and Bill Davis," Cassidy said.

"I don't think the workers should be seized upon and made the victims of policies made down at Queen's Park," he continued.

To the general agreement of the crowd, Cassidy said the staff should not be made to accept a 5 per cent cut in their standard of living and that if the York University

management would bargain in good faith they would come up with a wage settlement of somewhere between four to 10 per cent.

Cassidy expressed appreciation to the handful of students present at the rally for their participation and understanding of the strike. Cassidy did not see the strike as an obstruction to the studies. He remarked, "the students can carry on."

"Something like 300 part-time faculty were laid off last year, and the quality of education declines as the number of faculty goes down," he said. The result is that young people are not coming to university".

Sweeney's argument focused around what he said was an incorrect claim by some of the picketers, that the university has money for wage increases.

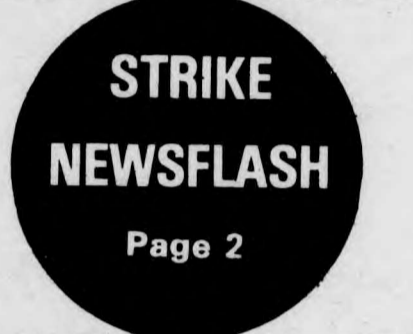
Sweeney spoke of the advisory body set up in 1974 to advise the government on what was needed to maintain, the university system. The committee suggested 6.9 per cent but the government gave 5.8 per cent.

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John Sweeney

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Students shack up in Mac's office

By Gord Graham

As the support staff strike went into its second week, angry students occupied President Maddonald's office, demanding a fair settlement for the YUSA workers.

Earlier on Tuesday, about 700 people had massed in Curtis Lecture Hall I after a chant-filled march across the campus from the Keele Picket line. A large contingent from Glendon prompted French chants such as "nous voulons les services, finissez la greve".

The assembly was addressed by various speakers pledging support for the strike, when President Macdonald, invited to the rally late Friday afternoon, did not appear, about 200 students walked upstairs to the 9th floor and sat on the plush carpet awaiting his return from a meeting of the senate policy committee.

Several hours later, Macdonald appeared, drawn from the Senate chambers where the policy committee has assembled to meet the students. In the hall outside the south elevators, he was presented with a petition carrying 2,500 student signatures that called for the administration to "settle the strike signatures that called for the administration to "settle the strike for the benefit of our education.... in recognition of the just demands of YUSA for decent pay and job security." He was also given about 175 letters from Glendon students expressing their dismay with the situation.

Accepting the petitions, Macdonald said, "I'm very glad to have these, representing quite a considerable portion of the university budget right there."

The students then put questions to Macdonald and his senior policy advisors in the 9th floor senate chambers for several hours. Pressing for an emergency fund for students whose OSAP grants had been held up, and a commitment or compromise by the university negotiators, many students left unsatisfied and returned to the president's offices.

At press-time a round-the-clock sit-in had been proposed, its members vowing to stay until negotiations between YUSA and the administration resumed.

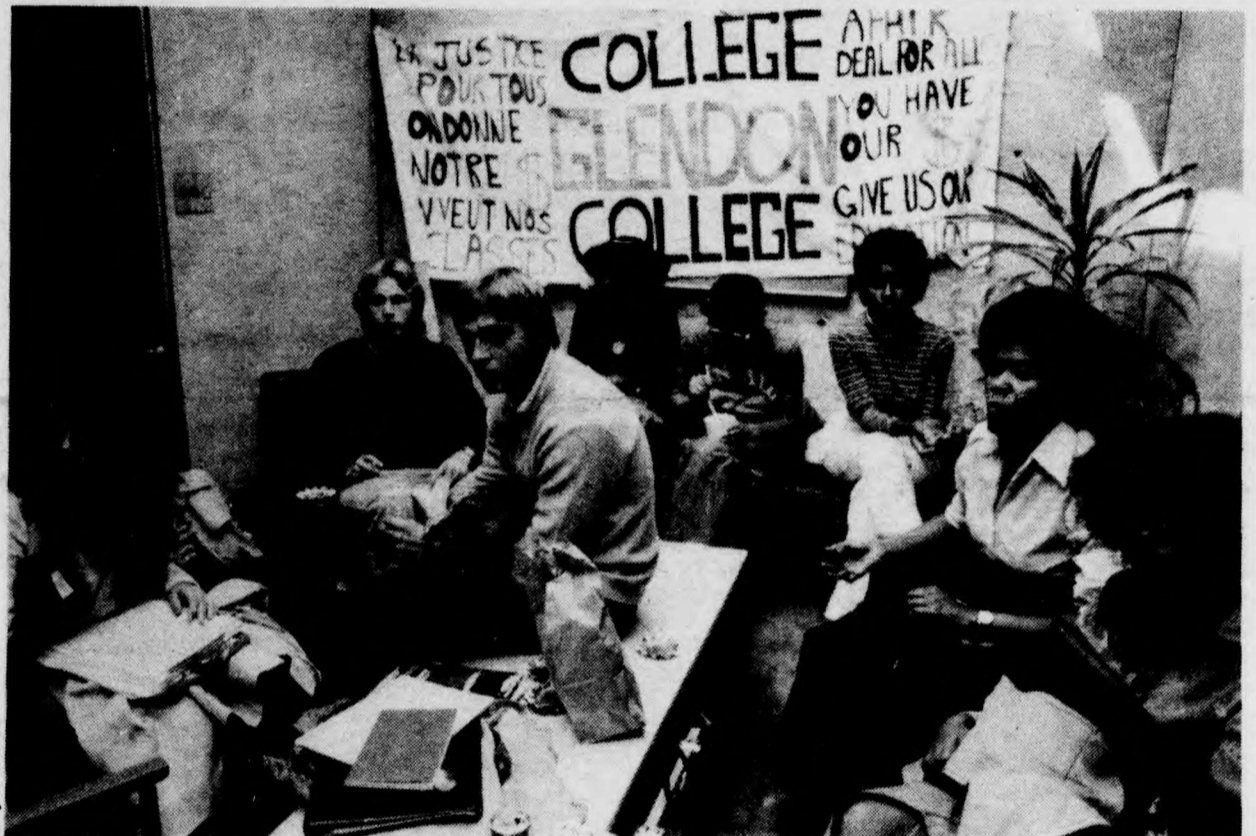
After 20 hours of negotiations last weekend, the staff and the university had settled on everything but the monetary clauses of their contract.

But no one was predicting when negotiations would re-open, after breaking off late Sunday night.

The three areas the union stressed: protection against contracting out their work to part-timers; protection against technological change; and protection against management performing their work, had been refused for discussion by the university before the recent talks.

"Why did it take three years of unionizing and one week of striking to get the university to even talk about these?" asked YUSA negotiating committee member John Lang.

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Glendon college students waiting on Tuesday afternoon for President MacDonald to come to the sit-in.

Council heads oppose strike



David Chodikoff
By Paul Stuart

The heads of ten student councils and general meetings have issued a strongly worded statement, attacking both the York administration and the staff association for their "inability to come to a mutual agreement in a sane and rational manner."

The statement was released to Excalibur just prior to a meeting of the ten reps with York president H. Ian Macdonald and YUSA leaders on Monday afternoon.

Asked about the reception they received from both sides, CYSF president David Chodikoff replied: "We weren't popular at either

place. Our view wasn't shared by either party, which, I think, proves our position is the best one."

The statement is printed in full on page four. The group of council leaders made the move in the face of growing student dissatisfaction with interruptions of services and lectures.

Co-signer David Chodikoff, president of the council of the York Student Federation said that Bethune college council chairman Bob Speller initiated the group statement.

Speller told Excalibur Monday that the "position we've taken is not fence-sitting, it is one of intelligence on the part of those of us here."

"I think tensions are rising on the picket lines and the strike has to be stopped before they rise anymore."

Signer Chris Winter, co-chairperson of the Calumet general meeting, complained about the organization of the strike:

"I think initially students were left out in the cold, the union didn't approach students. The first time many people found out about the strike was when they were waiting in their cars for half an hour on the picket lines."

Asked to comment on the statement, Peter Brickwood, chairperson of the student strike support committee, disagreed strongly with the views of the student reps.

"We feel that it is the administration's intransigence that has caused the breakdown," he said, when contacted at the president's office, Tuesday midnight.

"They have bargained on job security and they are now refusing to bargain on wages. Bargaining, by definition, means to find a compromise. The administration has refused to budge from an offer of a four per cent wage increase."

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Staff fringe benefit proposal was for 0.6%

On the front page of last week's Excalibur, a typographical error resulted in the omission of a crucial decimal point.

The York University Staff Association was in fact, requesting an increase in fringe benefits of just 0.6 per cent, not six per cent. The correct figure

was stated in last week's editorial.

We apologize to the staff association and to all our readers for the mistake.

Excalibur would like to thank Steve Toth, who co-reported last week's front page article, headed, Staff Strike could be a long haul.

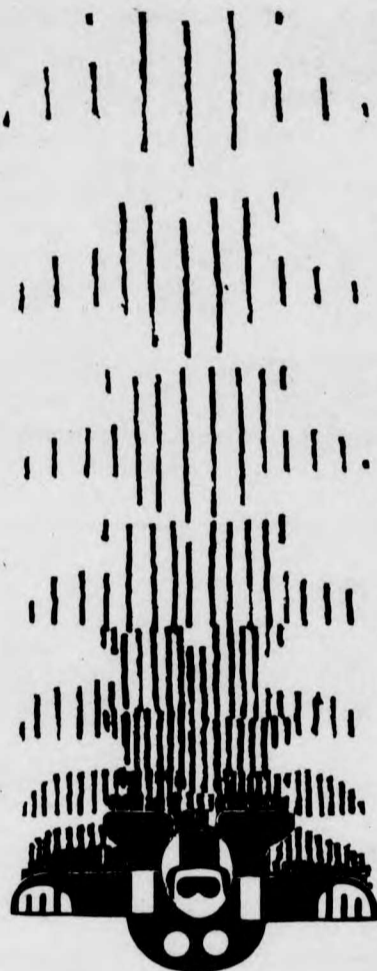


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College in waiting

By Greg Saville

"The college-in-waiting", as Calumet's master Eric Winter says his college is sometimes called, will have to wait longer to find out it can secede from the Council of York Student Federation.

Since a Calumet college general meeting decided seven months ago to withdraw from CYSF, there is still no answer from university vice-president Bill Farr, the appointed arbitrator.

According to the college withdrawal policy in the CYSF constitution, "Constituencies may withdraw...having first agreed in writing with the Council upon the terms of withdrawal, and failing such agreement, having submitted the terms of withdrawal for arbitration and decision by the president of the university or his nominee."

York president H. Ian MacDonald appointed Bill Farr, vice-president of employee and student relations, as arbitrator when negotiations between CYSF and the Calumet Steering Out Committee broke off on March 1 and the issue has been in arbitration ever since.

In a general meeting of Calumet college on September 15, Steering Out Committee member Lynn MacKay restated the committee mandate to get Calumet out of CYSF and concluded, "The sooner we get this over with the better off we'll be". However, MacKay added, there was confusion of the committee as to whether CYSF president David Chodikoff thought Calumet was still in CYSF.

"By verbal communication we are no longer in CYSF," said MacKay referring to a conversation with Chodikoff but, she said, he later changed his mind.

"I wasn't aware of all the facts," said Chodikoff, explaining his turnabout.

Chodikoff has asked for resignations of Calumet's CYSF representatives, Lawson Oates and Chris Winter, who were not attending council meetings. The CYSF position was stated in a resolution passed at the September 20, 1978, meeting; "...it is the position of Council of York Student Federation to have elections for the position of CYSF representatives for Calumet college to be held concurrent with by-elections for the other colleges."

In an open letter to the York community which appeared in Excalibur's March 30, 1978 edition, Calumet's general meeting explained that the college needed the funds which are paid to CYSF in order to "survive as a viable community".

"We are forced to choose between the services offered by the CYSF and those offered by Calumet," the letter said. "...we prefer that the General Meeting of Calumet College allocate funds to the various organizations around campus."

If arbitration goes in their favour, about 1,100 Calumet students collectively stand to gain over \$10,000, minus deductions for social services, OFS and NUS.

Founders college has also seriously considered secession from CYSF. Council president Ian Brennan says his council has decided against secession for the present because CYSF "is going in the right direction at the moment, so we'll give them a chance."

Both non-member colleges, Bethune and Osgoode Hall Law School, are presently exploring the advantages of CYSF membership.

Tories bring Drea to York

By David Saltmarsh

Frank Drea, Ontario Minister of Correctional Services, said his main concern is with the youthful offender, those persons in trouble with the law under 25 years of age.

At a meeting sponsored by the York University Progressive Conservative Association, Drea pointed out that in Ontario, and for that matter anywhere in the world, 75 per cent of all persons serving a sentence are under 25. "I think it is really dreadful when at 17 I get someone who is completely institutionalized", he said, referring to offenders who often began their acquaintance with the training schools.

Drea, who is probably best known for his closing of the Don Jail, and his program of having persons convicted of non-violent crimes perform community services such as shovelling snow and cutting lawns for the elderly, said he wanted to revert to using the jails only for what they were originally intended for - protecting

society from violent criminals. As those who have not committed violent crimes will have to cope with the community when they are released from jail, he said it is more effective to place them in the community, under supervision, than to lock them away from it.

"You and I cannot rehabilitate anyone" Drea said, "but we can at least provide the motivational influences for someone to rehabilitate himself". By placing offenders in community service, they are out working with the best examples in the community, and provides a different outlook than placing them with hardened criminals in jail, he said.

Drea said he wants all youthful offenders, except for those who have committed violent crimes, separate from the jail system living in supervised residences, and learning on the job training in the community instead of in jail. "It's really kind of on the job training for coping with the community they'll have to live in", he said.

NEWSFLASH

The Ontario Ministry of Labour has invited the university and the York University Staff Association to meetings with provincial mediator Jean Read to meetings for the purpose of resuming negotiations on the outstanding issues in the labour dispute.

The administration is "prepared to participate at any time and to attend a meeting scheduled for this Friday."

Excalibur has been unable to reach YUSA for comment on this bulletin, which has been received with only minutes to go to press time, Wednesday at 5 pm.

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5 per cent gap

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"Bargaining went on for three months strenuously," said President MacDonald to the student rally earlier Tuesday, "which means two sides fighting very hard for the positions they believe they have a responsibility to stand for. Now the University feels it has the flexibility it needs and YUSA feels it has the security it needs."

The two sides are still separated by a gap of five per cent on wages—after YUSA lowered their demand to nine per cent while the university stuck to its offer of four per cent. With President MacDonald saying he "recognizes the seriousness of not keeping up with the cost of living", students can only hope that a fair settlement will be reached.

In other developments in the strike, all Atkinson evening classes were "rescheduled" this week, after Dean Margaret Knittl realized that "it looked as though 75 per cent of our classes would not be met this week for a variety of reasons—conscientious objection to crossing picket lines, and because the resources available were so inadequate without the normal access to the library and bookstore. We felt this was academically preferable."

Dean Knittl meets with her department chairman on Thursday to decide whether to possibly extend the "rescheduling" next week.

• The Osgoode Legal and Literary Society are researching

the possibility of launching a representative class action suit against the university. The suit would claim a portion of tuition fees be returned to students for the university failing to provide educational services.

• Despite MacDonald's assurances that "Glendon College is alive and well and living at the corner of Bayview and Lawrence", grim circumstances loomed for students there deprived of their OSAP grants by the strike. The single entrance to the campus was apparently well-blocked, preventing food and linen deliveries, and promising inconvenience to residence students there. An estimated two-thirds of Glendon classes have been cancelled.

• The main campus bookstore opened last Thursday evening from 5 to 9 o'clock employing non-union workers. A picket line protesting the "scab" labour was thrown up by York students supporting the strike, and the bookstore had not re-opened at press time. Manager Rafael Barreto-Rivera said "We perceived the need for people to get books. I suspect most students would want the bookstore opened, but at the moment it would seem foolish, when I think of the potential violence that is involved."

• The campus CUPE local of maintenance and cleaning staff donated \$1,000 to a strike fund for the YUSA workers.

Rally on sidewalk



Cassidy and Sweeney confer at Thursday's rally.

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He at first pointed out that Ontario's support for post-secondary education has been steadily declining since 1970. This province is now number nine or number 10 in support of post-secondary education, in proportion to every other province in Canada," he said.

The whole question of quality in the education system is declining, Sweeney told the crowd. Although he agreed that no institution can run without a good, solid support staff, he said the staff is only one of many areas where quality is declining.

"But that 5.8% increase to universities is only in government grants, and when you take the total source of incomes, the universities in Ontario are in fact only getting an increase of 4.2%," Sweeney said.

Sweeney also mentioned that grants from business corporations have declined from 37 per cent to 26 per cent in the last two years.

"This is where the problem is," Sweeney said, "The whole mood is that maybe the system isn't worth supporting anymore. The government doesn't think it's worth supporting and a large proportion of the public doesn't seem to be very sure."

His final comments were not well received by the crowd. Sweeney told the strikers, "I personally think it would be more productive if all students, faculty and staff got together and worked with the administration... from a deliberate financial point of view,

I'm sure if the administration had the money they'd share it with you."

The minister of colleges and universities, Bette Stephenson, had also agreed to speak at the forum but she refused to attend the roadside gathering. According to Dr. Stephenson's executive assistant, Rick Donaldson, the minister had been prepared to meet the students in any building on campus, but did not think it was appropriate to do so on the sidewalk of Steeles Ave.

Councils (cont'd from 1)

Last Friday, Winters college council president and a signer of the statement, Barb Taylor was asked for a personal assessment of how students were reacting. She replied:

"It is becoming an angry reaction. They're thinking YUSA is entirely to blame when they can't go to class because their profs aren't coming, or when they can't get books.

"They're blaming it on the picketers. To some extent the blame does lie there, but it also lies with the administration and Queen's Park."

Speller said the group of leaders had taken a position of "third-party objectivity" on the strike, because "we realize that the funding base of the university from the provincial government is smaller, and that's not entirely the fault of the administration."

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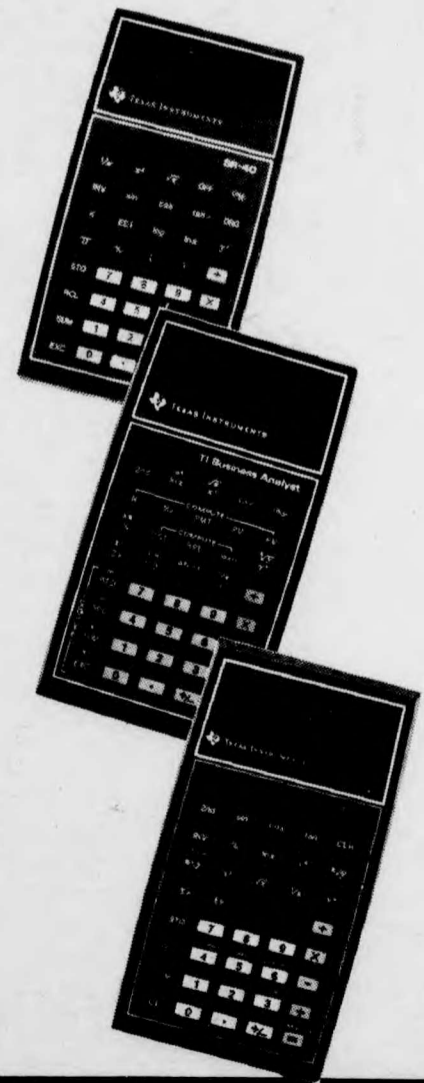
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Scab labor in the bookstore; isn't this bad faith?

Strikes are the ultimate weapon of working people in any industrial democracy. Without the right of workers to say "enough!" and withhold their labor until they can get a better break from management, workers are completely under the thumb of those in charge—whether the bosses are "capitalist," or "communist."

Now strikes always create bad blood on both sides. But, usually, individuals in management and labor can recognize that their opponents are caught in a system and are doing what they feel they have to do.

In such an atmosphere, negotiations can resume and the strike be settled.

But if there is a single factor which can poison atmosphere in a strike, and lead to a climate which is completely unsuitable for serious negotiations, it is the use of scab labor to do the work of striking union members.

In an act of staggering irresponsibility, the York administration opened the bookstore last Thursday night with scab labor.

The reason that the use of scabs is so strongly opposed by union members, is that it permits management to carry on business as usual, and to undermine the democratic right of workers to shut down the shop they work in.

What's more, scabs can sometimes move on to union jobs when their short-lived tenure is finished. Thus they can get the hard-won benefits of unionized workers, without having made the sacrifices which ensured them. Of course, sometimes management can "bust a union" with scabs, by letting the strikers rot on a picket line while scabs do the work. Since scabs are paid less than union wages, they are really hurting themselves by betraying union workers.

But the most galling thing about scab labor at York, is that the money which went to the scabs could have gone towards the hike YUSA members need to keep up with inflation.

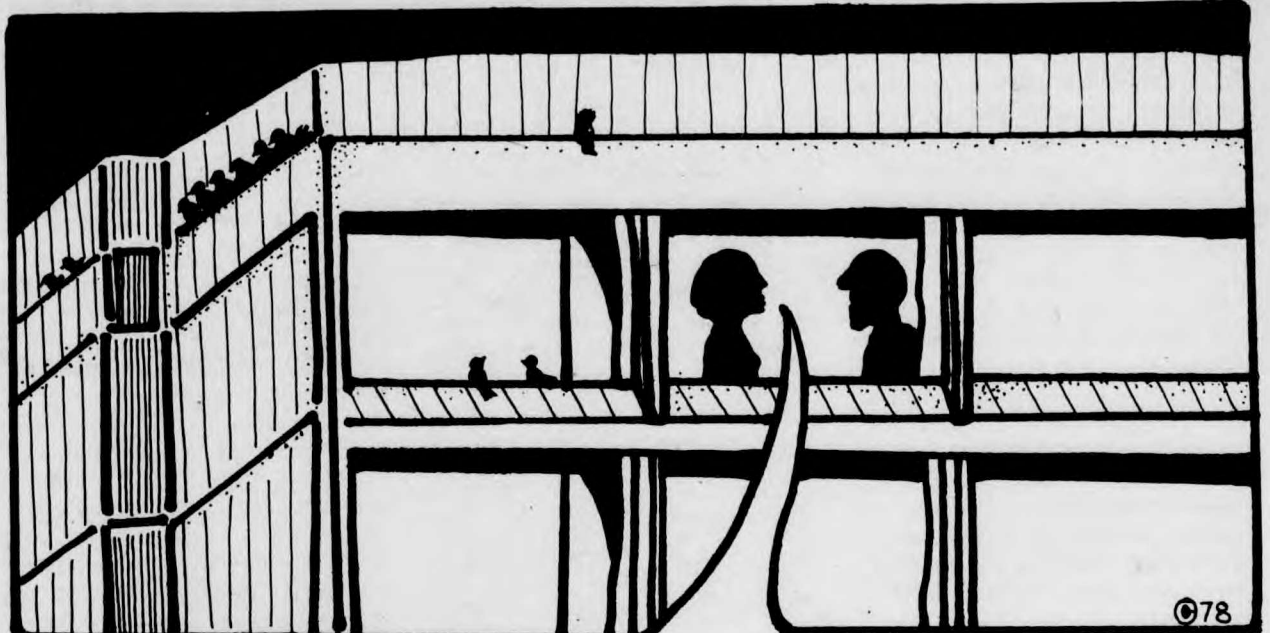
The financial waste was, of course, minor, because the administration stopped using the scabs after just one night. But there is no reason to believe that the administrators responsible were having second thoughts of a moral nature. They quit using scabs because they realized there would be an outcry.

It's just too bad that they couldn't have woken up to this fact before they made tensions worse.

To be sure, individual scabs may have gone wrong through ignorance and are themselves victims of high unemployment.

The real culprits are the administrators.

To students who are impatient with the stands of both sides, and just want this damn thing over with, we ask you to bear this in mind: the use of scab labor amounts to a very bad blow against union members — how can those responsible for it be taken seriously when they claim to be ready to bargain in good faith?



Do you have an appointment with the president? For how many? 214?.... Can I take a message?

Legal facts from CLASP



By Paul Lantz

The Community and Legal Aid Services Programme is a service provided by students at Osgoode. Last year more than 1100 cases were completed by CLASP for its clients. The cases ranged from arranging payment schedules for clients with finance companies, to lengthy and involved matters dealing with industrial accidents.

While CLASP has a small and hard-working, paid staff, most of its services are provided by law students who volunteer to handle individual cases, or who serve as student advisors at clinics operated at Osgoode and off-campus.

In 1977-78, about 250 students at Osgoode participated in CLASP.

Due to limitations imposed by law and facilities, CLASP is limited in the types of cases than can be undertaken. The programme has income guidelines for its clients; the law precludes our appearing in certain courts including County Court and the Supreme Court. Students regularly

appear on behalf of their clients in County Court chambers, Small Claims Court and both the Criminal and Family Divisions of the Provincial Court.

CLASP students act as agents for clients before a number of governmental tribunals dealing with such matters as Unemployment Insurance, Workmen's Compensation, Welfare and Immigration.

Why do students work at CLASP? The reasons are varied: to gain legal experience, for example, or because of personal commitment to providing legal services to people who are not served by traditional means. For whatever reasons, many law students devote a great deal of time to their clients.

The problems that potential clients bring to CLASP can be divided into two general areas: traditional legal problems and problems with income assistance from various levels of government.

Traditional legal problems include landlord and tenant matters,

such as difficulties with repairs in apartment buildings, and evictions. Due to CLASP's close relationships with a number of tenant organizations, it cannot represent landlords against their tenants.

Another broad area of legal work is civil litigation, mainly cases that will be, or could be heard in Small Claims Court. The amount of money, while generally limited to \$1,000, is often quite substantial to the clients involved. Most cases do not get to court; instead CLASP represents the client in negotiations aimed at settlement with the other side.

Family cases often involve attempts by women to gain support from their estranged husbands for children. These cases can become particularly complicated when the husband and wife reside in different provinces or even different countries. The Family Division of CLASP also provides assistance in adoptions and child welfare matters.

The final area of traditional legal services is in criminal matters. The Legal Aid Plan refers many clients to CLASP, when they do not qualify for the assistance of a lawyer under the plan. Typical charges against clients include careless driving, common assault and theft.

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comment

Council leaders want the strike to end now

The following letter represents the collective opinions of the undersigned student and college council leaders. The letter itself is self-explanatory, but we would like to take this opportunity to suggest a way in which the York Student Body can help end the strike in the quickest possible manner. We urge students to write letters and make telephone calls to both sides. It has become apparent to us that the Administration and the Union are attempting to lobby for student support to use as a lever in their negotiations. It is therefore important that students refuse to be used as pawns by either side. We believe that the most effective way to end the strike is to pressure both sides into returning to the bargaining table in good faith.

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that you can sign and take to the CYSF offices. It urges both sides to end their personal differences and return to the negotiating table. These letters are available through all the college councils and the CYSF.

We urge you to express your indignation at the way in which you are being treated. You can help end the strike.

Statement From Student Council

As representatives of the majority of students of York University, we the undersigned must protest in the strongest possible terms the breakdown in negotiations that has led to the current Y.U.S.A. strike. We perceive the strike to be an exercise in futility as far as both the Union and the Administration are concerned, and the subsequent breakdown in student services to be unnecessary and unpardonable.

We protest Y.U.S.A.'s attempts to gain student support for use as a lever at the bargaining table, as well as the Ad-

ministration's obvious lack of sensitivity to its employees and students. Therefore, we must express our unequivocal condemnation of the strike, and the inability of both parties to come to a mutual agreement in a sane and rational manner. As it stands, the strike does nothing to advance what may or may not be the just causes of either of the bargaining parties, and is only hurting the students of the University, as they attempt to get a proper and complete education, something they have already paid their tuition for. The strike, which we believe to be brought about by the Administration as much as the Union, reflects the type of sandbox attitude we had hoped had been left behind in public school — where disputes were settled by primitive shouting matches and ritual fist fights. We therefore demand that both sides display a greater capacity for tolerance and understanding, that they cease their bickering and return to the bargaining table, to work out their differences. This is the type of behaviour we understand to be fitting of the upper

Administration and staff of an institution of higher learning. The complete breakdown of negotiations, and subsequent strike, which are the fault of both parties, is in our opinion, nothing but an embarrassment to York University.

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What about student rights?

Before being critical of the tactics of the YUSA strikers, I would like to qualify anything said in this letter by stating that I am in full support of the YUSA members' demands.

There is however a large group of citizens whose rights as citizens have been violated by the strikers. These people are the residents of the campus, who must cross the picket line to get to and from their homes. Many of us work outside of the university, and have to suffer daily delays and harassment by individuals manning the picket lines.

I wonder what the response of these individuals would be if I set up a picket line in front of the driveways of their homes. To make matters worse, the TTC and postal workers refuse to cross the picket line. It seems that we do not have the same rights as other members of the North York community.

Complaints to police and government offices are to no avail. One striker asked me what it was that I wanted to get home to. During the Monday night rain storm, my wife had to help a lady on crutches reach her apartment in graduate residence (a half-mile walk) because the YUSA drivers encouraged the TTC bus driver not to cross the picket line.

I for one demand that my right to enter and leave my home peacefully—and that my right to receive the same rights as other citizens of North York—be honoured. Am I asking too much?

David Norman

YUSA merits respect

In four hours of picketing at the Keele St. main entrance, I saw four drivers use their vehicles to push YUSA members out of the way. One woman was bumped hard enough to necessitate going to the hospital for a check-up. These incidents occurred within 24 hours of the beginning of the legal strike by staff members who have been offered, in effect, a five per cent cut in their annual salaries' buying power. The fact that people with business or studies at the University can so quickly decide that picketers are their enemies shows just how tenuous a concept the "York community" really is. Most of us you see picketing have never been on strike before and are in no way radicals.

Our average salary is \$9,000 a year. That's one thing to consider when you try using your \$10,000 supercar to push us aside, or yell obscenities when you're been delayed for a few minutes. We have the legal right to inform you of our position and ask you to respect it.

We feel that, as members of this University, we should be treated with respect by its administration and other members. None of us want violence or are barring you from York. But remember that the staff member you almost run over may be the one that you ask for information or a new library card when the strike is over.

Remember also that a former York Administrative Studies Dean

has been appointed by the Council of Ontario Universities to study the pros and cons of reducing university dependence on government funds by drastically increasing tuition fees. If that comes through, do you expect York staff support when you find yourself picketing to keep tuition fees under \$3,000 a year?

A YUSA member
(Name withheld)

Misquoted in the Globe

As a newspaper reporter I do not object seeing my name in print, but I take exception to being misquoted as I was in the *Globe and Mail* (Friday 22).

In the article *York opens campus bookstore despite yells from the picket line*, I was quoted as saying "I'm looking after myself". This is not what I said but the conditions were so chaotic and noisy I can see how she could have misunderstood me.

Laura Brown

Let staff fight own battles

I strongly protest the stand taken in the editorial of September 14th which stated that "YUSA's cause and the students' cause are one and the same." Some of the union's demands regarding job security seem reasonable enough, but let's leave the staff to fight their own battles. To support their demands runs counter to our interests as students. Consider the inevitable results if the administration gives in to the union's demand of a 10 per cent wage increase; the university budget will not absorb the cost, nor will Mr. Davis & Co., and we students will undoubtedly face tuition hikes next year.

This strike is also placing faculty in an awkward position, splitting their loyalties between "colleagues" and students. Those who refuse to cross picket lines cancel classes and the students get cheated again: I am paying \$800.00 tuition for an education that presently I am not getting.

The YUSA members are selfishly naive if they think the strike is not hurting the student body. Apart from the inconveniences of buying and borrowing books elsewhere, waiting in long line-ups to get onto campus etc., now classes are being cancelled and the school year doesn't seem as if it's begun. But it has and we are losing valuable time.

Complete student and faculty support of the staff's actions may, as YUSA claims, end the strike very quickly. But at what cost? And what do the students gain by it, except the reinstatement of services which should be available to us to begin with? Let's face the fact that the student body, made up of innocent people, is being used by the union members to hit out at the administration. I for one, will refuse to support a group of people who are victimizing the students.

D. Wilson

Disagrees with Woolfson's stats

The September 21st article "The strike is worth the trouble" leads one to doubt the quality of jour-

nalism as was represented by Tony Woolfson's selection of figures for corporate taxes.

He chose the years 1962/63 and 1974/75, and the figures of 9.4 and 5.5 per cent respectively, for the per cent of provincial revenue contributed by corporate taxes. By selecting a severe depression year like 1974 when corporate profits were depressed, it is obvious that corporate taxes would be atypically low. From such a specious selection of data, the author of the article tries to conclude that corporations are paying less tax than before.

But two can play the numbers game. Thus, by picking only one period later, 1975/76, one finds that corporation taxes contributed 12.7 per cent of the provincial revenue. By comparing this to the 1962/63 figure of 9.4 per cent, one finds an increase in corporate taxes of 35.1 per cent, over the 12 year period.

Since many of the later opinions in the article were based upon this sophistry, their credibility can only be seriously doubted.

S. Lemieszewski,
Graduate Residence

Open letter to Macdonald

Dear President MacDonald,

We wish to advise you of our concern that the quality of our education at this university is threatened by actual and potential ramifications of the current YUSA strike. Students are encountering obstacles due to the loss of services normally provided by YUSA members:

- library and resource centre use
- cancellation of classes
- registration and student awards
- bookstore closure
- class support work unavailable

We deplore the fact that it became necessary for YUSA members to take strike action. We urge you to enter immediately into meaningful negotiations with YUSA representatives in order to resolve the strike issues in the general interest of the York community.

Students in the York University
Faculty of Education
Gord Lovgren
Katherine Bond
Cathy Mc Ewan
and four others

Calumet is "out" of CYSF

With regard to the "Our Town" column in the September 22nd issue, Calumet College is not waiting for Bill Farr to decide whether or not Calumet is a member of the CYSF community. Several months ago CYSF president David Chodikoff and Vice-President Farr both recognized. Through the obvious nature of the CYSF constitution that Calumet was out, was no longer in any way a constituent member of CYSF.

What we are waiting for Mr. Farr to decide, is the allocation of funds which in the past have gone to CYSF on Calumet's behalf. The major reason this issue remains unresolved is the YUSA strike which has forestalled the conclusion of the negotiations. We realize that the situation is a confusing

one - particularly since Chodikoff has chosen to reverse his position - but we hope that Excalibur will make every effort to understand what is really happening.

Mark Adair



MINE, DAVE.

Calumet member Mark Adair sends this graphic impression of the controversy between Calumet and CYSF president David Chodikoff.

Calumet member puzzled with CYSF

At last week's council meeting, the CYSF passed a resolution which called for a by-election to be held in Calumet College to elect new college reps.

We find this action not only disturbing but extremely puzzling. Calumet notified the CYSF in a letter dated April 11, that as of May 1, 1978 the college would no longer be a constituent member of the central student council. Then, as required by the CYSF constitution (since last year's council preferred that we not leave the fold) the college asked for arbitration to settle "the terms of withdrawal".

The college asked for arbitration, and not permission to leave. This state of affairs was acknowledged by David Chodikoff at the June 17th Summer Conference, when, throughout the day, he publicly referred to Calumet as a non-member. Now in September the situation seems wonderfully altered, leaving us with a number of questions. Has the CYSF President come down with a raging case of the wishy-washies? Or was it politically expedient to placate Calumet in the summer to ensure their presence at the conferences and thus maintain some fiction concerning CYSF leadership in the student community?

Puzzling as David's seeming change of heart may be, it is also disturbing since it can only serve to confuse the arbitration process which is now in its final stages.

Calumet, throughout the events of the last eight months, has striven to maintain a responsible and objective position as a member of the York community. One could only wish that the CYSF would do likewise.

Lynn MacKay, Calumet.

Pinder's facts disputed

When Harvey Pinder writes that "...the most significant effect I had on the BOG was the ending of their secret meetings" (Sept. 14, BOG REPORT) he is not entirely correct. If he means the secrecy was ended because last year's Excalibur readers were better informed as to the BOG's operations, than in the past, then he is correct. However, the facts (as given by the Secretary of the University) are that H. Pinder officially became a BOG member at the June 20, 1977 meeting of the BOG, but the motion ending the BOG's secrecy was passed at the BOG meeting of May 2, 1977.

Herman Schindler

Half-time entertainment needed

We, for the past few years have been blessed with extraordinary athletic teams at York; and this year seems to be seasoned with much potential. Having witnessed the last two York football games, I foresee the College bowl within the university's grasp.

Well then, let's prepare for the contest now. Our championship team has finally arrived but there are very few champions in the audience. It is very frustrating to see no marching bands at halftime when this university has a renowned music and fine arts department. It is very disappointing to see no thigh-strutting cheerleaders or exotic dancers when this institution has been known as a recruitment centre for many beauty contests, burlesque reviews, and downtown discos.

It is nauseating to see boozing spectators so sloshed that they cheer for the officials and yard markers after each scrimmage. This is no way to prepare for any championship game. Nevertheless I believe that this institution has the academic excellence and the bodies, (especially the shaven legs) to support our athletic teams more diligently. I again will do my share, as soon as my bass drum and cymbals are repaired.

Perhaps what is needed to enhance fan support is a credit course in cheerleading and band marching offered by the Physical Education and Music Departments. Certainly the B.A. degree is not complete without these vital character - building courses.

Mike Zickowski

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your student
council

A reminder that the CYSF Typing Service will be opening on October 3rd, 1978. The CYSF Typing Service is located in Room 105D Central Square, which is around the corner of the CYSF office, across from the Excalibur's back entrance.
CYSF has just endorsed NORML.

NORML is an agency which is presently trying to decriminalize marijuana. If you want more information please come into the CYSF offices.

Kerry Johnston has been appointed information liaison to Information York.

Jon Simon has been appointed to

the Harbinger Collective.

All of the activities have been effected by the present YUSA strike. We are hoping for a speedy end to this situation so that students can get back to all of their classes.

On behalf of the Council,
David W. Chodikoff
President, Council of the
York Student Federation.

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York is "very accepting" for handicapped

By Lawrence Knox
York University has the most accessibility and best atmosphere for handicapped and disabled students in Canada. Fact or fiction? General consensus around the Keele-Steeles campus is that it is fact.

"I think the fact that York integrates its handicapped students is fantastic," said Mona Moreau, first year student at York. I think over all York is a people university more than others."

York is the only university in Canada where all colleges and residences are accessible to wheelchairs and disabled students. "Most people find this university very accepting," said Judy Snow, an employee at the centre for special services for handicapped students attending York.

York University has a lot to offer to the physically handicapped student. The university offers a disabled student a chance to get an education without being separated from the regular education system. It also gives them a chance to show that they are capable of coping, working and enjoying life at a university.

York has a population of approximately 40 disabled students. Disabilities ranging from temporary handicaps such as broken legs or arms to permanently

handicapped paraplegia, quadraplegia, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, visual impairments and deafness to walking restrictions due to heart conditions.

Socially, there doesn't appear to be a paranoia or ignorance among students attending York and the disabled. Snow agrees.

"I don't know of any situations where people came to the centre to discuss problems of discrimination or generally not fitting in."

"I think York is very socially inclined," Moreau remarked. "I know a girl that can't see too well that goes here. And, even though she might not see too well, her hearing probably is much better

than mine and she could go farther than myself."

The Centre for Handicapped Students at York is the most unique service of its kind in Canada. But the \$31,000 project, which began in January 1977, may go under if the university does not give the CHS additional money or a grant to extend the program.

Snow, who co-ordinates CHS, says the organization was hoping the 20 month program would receive funds from the university but, "because of educational cutbacks, it may not be possible."

The CHS received a small grant from the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the amount of \$440 a month for 13 months.

Snow says CHS is counting on the community development officer at York to find additional funds. She fears the CHS might have to charge for its work, "through taxes and vocational rehabilitation, not clients," she emphasized.

The CHS offers a number of different services. People can walk into the centre between 9:30 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday, if they have any questions or as Snow put it, "just shoot the breeze."

Last year, CHS set up a program in which they sent people to talk to grade 13 students to tell disabled and handicapped students about the conveniences and relaxed atmosphere at York.

Snow hopes the CHS will be allowed to continue through to April 1977, even though, the deadline for the program ended in August.

"People must realize that there is no other centre like this in Canada," she said. "I don't think we would try to hold a fund raising event to support it. The money should come through the university channel — the government."

For disabled students who are unable to get to and from York University by a regular mode of

transportation, the Toronto Transit Commission and the provincial government sponsor a service called Wheel-Trans. This service runs between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost is 80 cents two TTC tickets each way.

There are also private van services that run after 7:30 p.m. But, the fare is \$6 or \$8 each way, depending on which one is used.

One of the service vans is operated by the Physically Handicapped Independent Advancement Committee Services, or more commonly known as PHACS.

In attempt of lowering their fares and improving service,

PHACS is holding a Dance-A-thon at York's Winters College tonight beginning at 6 pm until midnight tomorrow.

"We hope to raise enough money to take care of operating costs of our vans," said Glenn Kerkes, executive assistant at PHACS."

The list of celebrities who will be in attendance for the 30-hour dance is an impressive one. Some of the personalities include; Dini Petty and Nicky Moore from City-TV, Pete McGarvey, Eddie Luther and Jim Paulson of CKEY radio, Paul Rimstead of the Toronto Sun, members of the Toronto Argonaut football team and four Argo cheerleaders or more commonly known as the Sunshine girls.



Judy Snow, employee at the centre for special services for handicapped students.

been straightened out, and McLaughlin activities will continue as usual...except this Friday, the Mac Pub won't be held due to the Winters' Phiacs dance.

The by-election for social representative is today...voting is in front of the JCR...

The college council wishes to welcome new treasurer, Blair Ruelens...

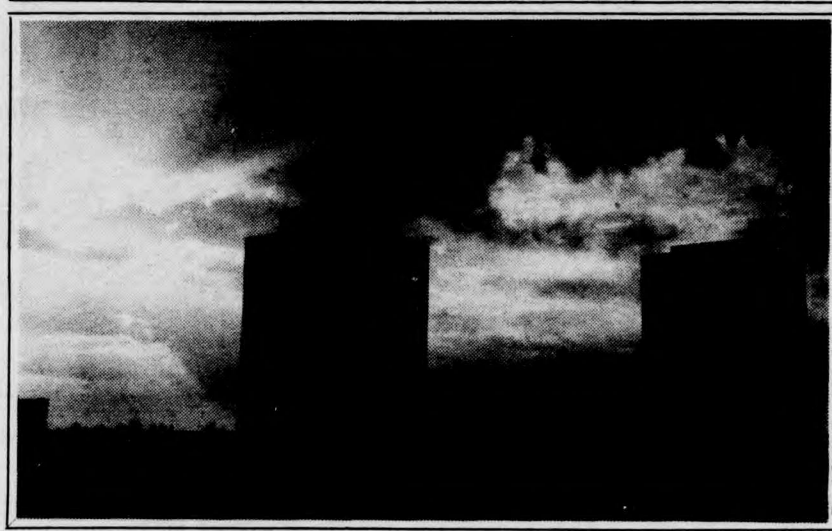
Osgoode
The Osgoode Women's Caucus is sponsoring a conference on September 30 and October 1...feminists will spar with the legal experts on the proposed amendments on rape and prostitution...in support of the YUSA strike, the conference will not be held on campus but has been moved to O.I.S.E.

The John White Society presents...Lynne Gordon, chairperson of the Ontario Status of Women Council, lecturing on *The Female Professional: Breaking Down the Barriers*. Wednesday October 4, 12 to 2 pm at Osgoode's Moot Court. Stong

The newly-renovated back room of the Orange Snail will be opening October 3...

This week *Our Town* was assembled by Laura Brown with the help of Arjen Boorsma (Osgoode), Rick Linley (Stong) and Brenda Paterson (McLaughlin).

MacLaughlin
All administrative tie-ups have



Bethune
Check out the Bethune movies held every Friday and Saturday night. See notice boards for details...and remember Tap N' Keg on Wednesday nights in the Bethune Dining Hall.
Calumet

Once the strike is over, Vice-president Bill Farr will be meeting with the Calumet Steering Out Committee and The Council at the York Student Federation to discuss Calumet's withdrawal from CYSF. At this meeting, all parties concerned will have an opportunity to reiterate their positions, add comments and answer questions. Almost immediately thereafter, Farr will

hand out a decision on Calumet's position.
Founders

There's a trip to Stratford this Saturday to see *Candide*...the bus leaves the Vaner circle at 5:00 pm...the show starts at 8:00 pm...tickets cost \$4.50.

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YORK 78 HOMECOMING

Relics from York's bygone days will be doddering back to the campus once more, as the university hosts the first annual "Homecoming" for the alumni of York.

In between the hours of 10 am and 1 am on October 14 various barbecues, receptions, movies, dances and varsity games will be sponsored by the colleges and the men's and women's athletic councils.

The objectives of the day, according to Steve Dranitsaris, one of the coordinators of the event, is to make the alumni an integral component of the university, to make undergrads aware that there is an alumni and to promote varsity sports both with the students and the alumni.

York Unions An appeal from the faculty

The York University Faculty Association regrets the disruption in teaching and other University services to the students during the legal strike of the York University Staff Association, and sympathizes with their frustration in not being able to carry on normal learning activities. But we appeal to the students to view the strike in a broader perspective, and understand that we are all fighting to maintain the quality of academic life in this University.

All members of the York University Community including the students are faced with two basic problems:

There has been a considerable decline in the provincial government's support for universities (after allowing for inflation).

The resource allocation within the York University of the limited funds made available by the Province.

The students and all the Unions at York had occasion to jointly organize protests against the provincial government cut backs last year and we should carry on government and the Board of the cut-backs policy of the Government and the Board of Governors has not only precipitated this strike but is also creating labour relations problems for the Operating

Engineers, Local 796, and the Graduate Assistants' Association.

Of all the Universities established in Canada in the sixties, York University is unique in the way it has expanded and created a reputation in many fields of learning and scholarship. What is at stake is the integrity of this university and its ability to maintain quality education. We are at the bottom among the Ontario universities in the salary of faculty members and other employees.

Ontario is among the very bottom of provinces in Canada in its support for education. The comparatively low wages are certainly one of the factors affecting the quality of education and other services offered by this university.

The weapon of last resort that a trade union has, to maintain the interests of its members, is a strike. Unfortunately, when a union is forced to the use of this weapon, a lot of people who are not party to the dispute become innocent victims. At any given moment, people not conversant with the entire situation may not realize the dangerous downhill slide resulting from the failure of authority to provide adequate university funding and proper treatment of its employees.

As our statement at the outset

of the strike indicates, we believe the York University Staff Association was forced to resort to this strike in order to achieve improved job security and a wage settlement better than 4%

While this legal strike is going on, the faculty members and librarians can, at best, offer only second rate service. This is one of the reasons why many individual teachers have felt obliged to postpone and or and or reschedule their classes. We assured students that we will do everything possible to see that you receive a full education and a full use of the other support services once normally is restored in the university.

Please bear with us till then. In the meantime, let us jointly express our concern and impress upon the administration and the Board of Governors the imperative need to settle the strike justly, protecting the morale of the support staff whose services are an essential part of the university functioning, and restoring harmony and efficiency in the university operations.

We want the university back to work.

York University Faculty Association

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Margaret Atwood conjures literary magic

By Lydia Pawlenko
Margaret Atwood, often labelled
Canada's resident sorceress-

author, decided she needed a
change of scenery. "I am going to
give this reading and flee," she

told some 400 fans at the Har-
bourfront Tuesday night poetry
reading to the Women's Fund-

Raising Coalition last week.

Ms. Atwood is in the middle of
writing a new novel and is leaving
the country for "the foggy, dismal
atmosphere of Scotland" which
she believes is perfect for writing,

measurably, not just 100 per cent
but 1000 per cent."

She reminded the audience of a
time when prose writers were
forced to leave Canada. One of
Mordecai Richler's earlier books
was published in England, and sold
only three copies in Canada that
Year. She feels however, "the
state of the country is worse since I
wrote *Survival*."

If people came to the reading
expecting a little magic, they
weren't disappointed. Margaret
Atwood read her selections from
Two Headed Poems in a drawn-
out way, leaving the audience
hanging onto such images as a
heart, described as "a lump of
muscles that contracts, purple-
blue, with its skin of suet."

The second half of her readings
consisted of improvisations from
the first draft of her unfinished
novel. Hilarious, sarcastic, but
painfully realistic, it was relieving
to hear the familiar ghoulish At-
wood Gothic being carried on.

The crowd is shaken and
bewildered by her amazing in-
sight. They laugh and squeal with
sinister delight. Her eyes seem to
miss nothing. Afterwards there is a
clutter of curious onlookers staring
with fascination as their Mother
Oracle, looking surprisingly tiny
and fragile, autographs books.

A last glance, for a little while.



because the weather is so bad one
doesn't want to go out.

"The last time I left the country,
two things happened. They im-
posed the War Measures Act, and I
wrote *Surfacing*." She then
prophetically warned with a
chuckle, "You're going to have to
go through a lot before I finish this
next novel."

When briefly interviewed on-
stage by host Greg Gatenby, At-
wood seemed hopeful about the
state of Canadian writing: "The
writers' lot has improved im-

Revitalize with Yoga

By Howard Halpern

Yoga is a comprehensive system
of self-development incorporating
physical, emotional, intellectual,
and spiritual benefits.

Emphasis, initially, is on
exercise and relaxation. Physical
exercise is necessary to enable one
to fully relax. Yogic exercises
involve stretching, and stretching
loosens tension in the muscles.

Yoga aids the improvement of
physical health and can be used in
the prevention and treatment of
diseases. There are many causes
of disease, but most significant is
the accumulation of poisons and
other waste material inside the
body.

Yogic exercises are done slowly,
not violently. In general, although
with certain exceptions, the
postures affect our health in the
following way: As the position is
entered, certain organs and glands
are compressed.

This is not painful—it is a kind of
massage which forces waste
matter out of these vital structures
into blood vessels which carry the
waste to the organs of elimination.
Purification.

When we come out of the
position, the compression ceases,
allowing a fresh supply of arterial
blood—rich in oxygen and
nutrients—to flow into the affected
areas. Revitalization.

In summary yoga upgrades
physical health by assisting in the
elimination of harmful substances
and bringing helpful substances to
the areas where they are needed.

Of course, in order for these
helpful substances to be trans-
ported, they must be present in
the bloodstream, which entails
proper diet and proper breathing.
Both of these topics are dealt with
in class.

Yoga is extremely beneficial in
terms of weight loss or gain. A
major cause of weight problems is
the hyper or hypo-activity of
certain glands. Yoga postures aid
in balancing the glandular
secretions and bringing them into
harmony with one another.

The postures also help us to
develop greater flexibility,
coordination, balance, strength,
and stamina. Breathing exercises
enable the system to draw more

oxygen, hence more energy with
which to accomplish our various
purposes in life.

Furthermore, by enrolling in and
regularly attending a yoga course
one develops greater concern for
the care and maintenance of the
body. This requires discipline. As
we acquire the physical benefits,
our motivation to practice in-
creases, and with it our capacity to
discipline ourselves properly.

A great deal of information is
given in class about our body and
how it functions. This is of much
practical benefit.

In fact, this is the primary
concern of the yoga club: to help
people to utilize constructively, in
their daily lives, knowledge gained
from the practice of physical
exercise, as well as health-related
information discussed in class.

This leads to the practice of
concentration and meditation,
which will be introduced to those
interested, once having demon-
strated sufficient competence on
the physical plane.

Contact the York Yoga club
through CYSF, 667-2515.

Braxton show rescheduled

Anthony Braxton's solo
performance, cancelled on
September 19 in deference to
YUSA pickets, will take place
on October 31 at the Queen
Elizabeth Theatre, Exhibition
Place.

Braxton, a world famous
saxophonist, will be joined by
the Art Ensemble of Chicago.
Tickets to September's show
can be returned for refund at
the point of sale or exchanged
for the October concert. New
prices are \$8.50 adult, \$6.50
student, available at Bass
Outlets and Jazz & Blues
Records.

Also scheduled to appear in
the Burton Auditorium, the
Whilom Stringband has been
postponed to November 2.
Necessary Angel's theatre
performance has been
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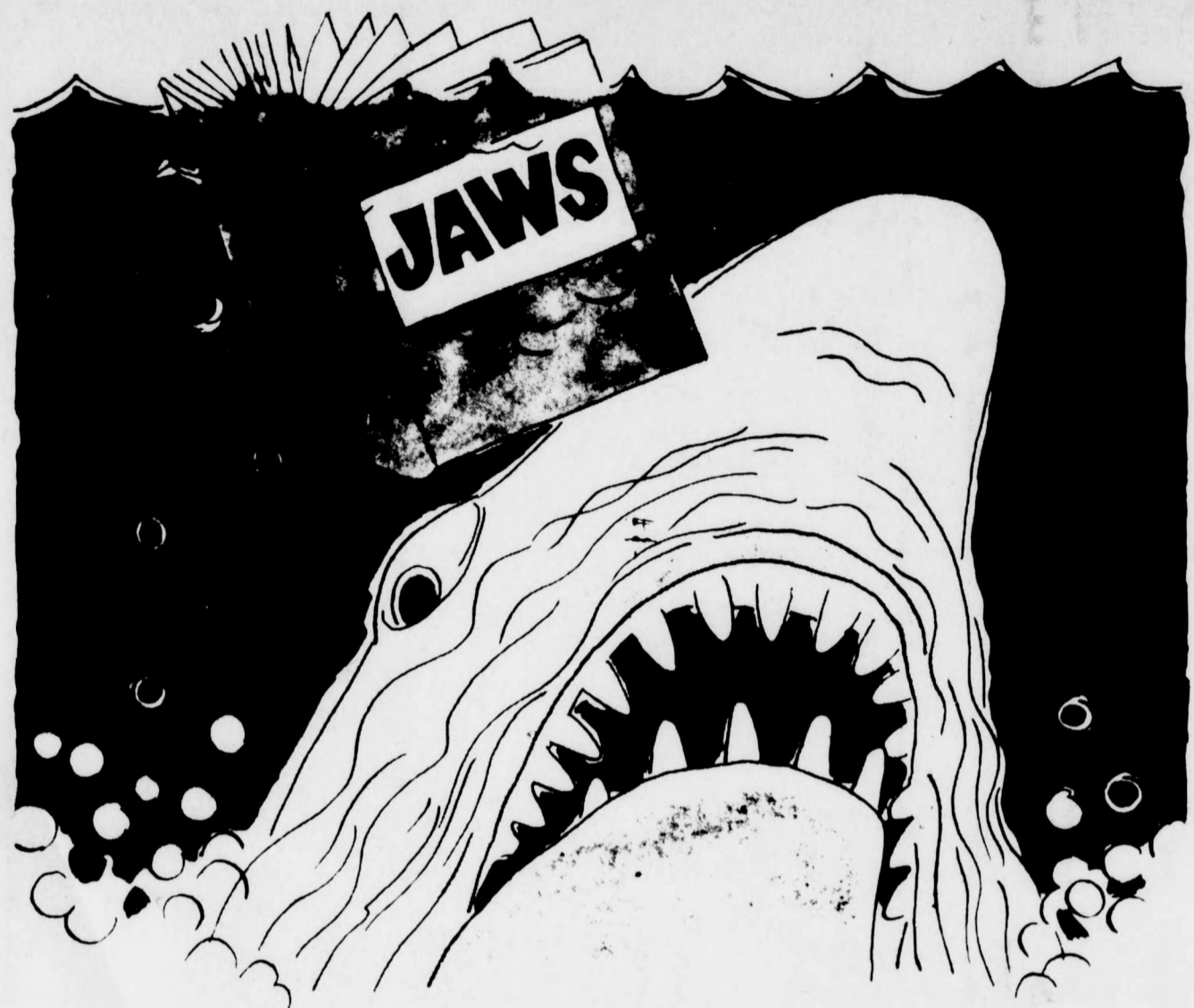
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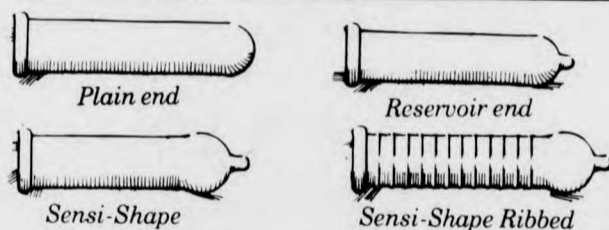
measure upon the way in which it is used and disposed of. Here are a few simple suggestions that you may find helpful.

Packaging

First of all, there's the matter of packaging. Skin prophylactics are now packaged premoistened in sealed aluminum foil pouches to keep them fresh, dependable and ready for use. Latex rubber prophylactics are usually packaged in sealed plasticized paper pouches or aluminum foil.

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Prophylactic Shapes



Storage and Handling

It is equally important that you store and handle them carefully after you buy them, if you expect best results and dependability. For example, don't carry them around in your wallet in your back pocket and sit on them from time to time. This can damage them and make them worthless. Next is the matter of opening the package. It's best to tear the paper or foil along one edge so that the simple act of tearing doesn't cause a pinhole. And of course, one should be particularly careful of sharp fingernails whenever handling the prophylactic.

Putting Them On

The condom, or prophylactic, should be put on before there is any contact between the penis and the vaginal area. This is important, as it is possible for small amounts of semen to escape from the penis even before orgasm.

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As mentioned earlier, you may wish to apply a suitable lubricant either to the vaginal entrance or to the outside surface of the prophylactic, or both, to make entry easier and to lessen any risk of the prophylactic tearing.



Taking Them Off

When sexual relations are completed, withdraw the penis while the erection is still present, holding the rim of the prophylactic until withdrawal is complete, so as to stop any escape of semen from the prophylactic as well as to stop it from slipping off. Remove the prophylactic and, as an added precaution, use soap and water to wash the hands, penis and surrounding area and also the vaginal area to help destroy any traces of sperm or germs.

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University Statement on Strike

Negotiations between the York University Staff Association and the University were resumed last Saturday under the supervision of a senior mediator assigned by the Ministry of Labour. During the weekend sessions as a result of new initiatives taken by the University agreement was reached on all contract clauses covering the "job security" issues which had been identified by YUSA as their major concerns:

- impact of layoffs
- technological change
- supervisors' performance of 'bargaining unit work'
- contracting out

YUSA had already accepted, the previous weekend, a University proposal concerning 'work of a personal nature'.

The University has, therefore, met YUSA's concerns in those areas which YUSA has said are of greatest concern to it.

YUSA has continued to insist, however, that nearly all of its other demands also be met. On the major issue of salary increments, YUSA reduced its demand from 10% to 9% or \$900. As a result of this attitude, the mediator was forced to adjourn negotiations.

In view of YUSA's change of position as to its main priorities, the University finds it necessary to publish this statement in response to a steady stream of publicity supporting YUSA and ignoring the financial realities facing the University. That publicity has included many seriously distorted claims which deserve correction if the York community is to have an accurate perspective on this labour dispute.

• It has been reported that York received a 5.8% increase in operating funds this year. That is not correct. The Ontario universities as a whole did receive an increase of 5.8% in grants. York's increase in total income

from fees and grants is only 4.2%, because of decreases in tuition fee income and special grants.

• 1977-78 salary increments were for only part of the 1977-78 budget year. A large part of York's new income for 1978-79 had to be allocated to pick up the full year cost of salary increments already agreed to in 1977-78. Inflation created large cost increases in non-salary areas such as heating fuel and books.

• Enrolment at York is not up this year. A forecast was made that total enrolment would decline by about 3%. So far, this estimate appears to be accurate.

• The oft-repeated claims that "the University has the money" are simply not true, and the many, many members of the York community who participated in the extended budgeting process last year or have read York's recently published and audited financial statement know that to be the case. Full data with accompanying texts have been published in a variety of campus publications during the past months. It is difficult to understand how anyone who participated in last year's march on Queen's Park to protest severe financial cutbacks can believe that "there are pots of gold hidden around the University". Base budget cuts of \$3.8 million had to be made in order to provide salary increments of 4% plus corresponding adjustments to existing fringe benefits. To offer more would mean more program cuts, more positions lost, fewer services. Each 1% increment for all of York's employee groups costs \$515,000 in the 1978-79 budget year alone; additional full-year costs would have to be met in 1979-80. Cuts in programs and services necessary to produce even an additional 1% would be extremely

damaging, even if possible at this time of year.

• The provincial government has not only reduced current financial support to universities, but has also made it clear that we should not expect improvement. The province has also made it clear that it will not underwrite University deficits.

• Funding for such facilities as the Tennis Complex and the Track and Field Project now under construction are provided by external sources. York provides only the land and a share of maintenance costs (which we recover through rentals).

It is important that the York community understand that the University budgeted 4% salary increments in order to maintain programs, services and jobs. Further salary increments cannot be entertained without further serious and continuing cuts.

York University regrets the serious inconveniences caused to all members of the community by this disruption of services. We are attempting to continue as many services as possible and while it would be inaccurate to suggest we are operating at normal levels most faculties report over 90 per cent of their classes are being taught by faculty and attended by students.

We will attempt to resolve this strike as soon as possible and ensure our students that everything within our power will be done to see that any class time lost will be made up before the end of the academic year. But it is the opinion of the Board of Governors and the University Senior Policy Committee (which includes all Deans of Faculties) that to meet all YUSA demands, considering the ramifications for the University, would not be in the best interest of any member of our community.

'Rediscovered' Excalibur brandishes uneven blade

By Peter Brickwood

(Excalibur by Sanders Anne Laubenthal. 236 pages, \$1.95 paperback. Ballantine Books.)

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an image of the '30's than of today.

Later we are treated to a backwoods slob making improper advances towards a maiden in distress. She is saved by Anthony, the Lancelot figure.

The story switches back and forth between modern reality and Arthurian fantasy. Ms. Laubenthal apparently knows the legends and

portrays them well.


With the entrance of Pen-drasons, Tarot seances, Queens of Orkney and such the tale definitely improves. It even becomes rather interesting at

times when dealing with alternative realities and witches that can teleport.

For Arthurians, it will be another fascinating variation on a theme. Who would have thought

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NOTICE OF CYSF BY-ELECTIONS, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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A by-election for Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF), an election for representatives to the Board of Governors, and for student senators will be held on Wednesday, **October 25th, 1978**. An advanced poll will be held on Tuesday, October 24th, 1978 in Central Square.

Nomination period for all positions opens: Thursday September 28th, 1978 at 9:00 am.
closes: Friday October 13th, 1978 at 5:00 pm.

Nomination forms for all positions will be available from the office of the Chief Returning Officer which is located in the CYSF offices Room 105 Central Square.

Campaign period for all positions opens: Friday, October 13, 1978 at 5:01 pm.
Closes: Monday, October 23, 1978 at 12:00 mid-night.

All candidates are expected to familiarize themselves with the CYSF RESOLUTION GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS, copies of which are available for inspection at the office of the Chief Returning Officer.

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sports and recreation

Yeomen defence mauls Gryphons

By John Boudreau

A strong defensive display, coupled with an offence that managed to put enough points on the scoreboard led the Yeomen to a 13-8 football victory over the Gryphons Saturday at Gryphon Stadium in Guelph.

Played in perfect football conditions, the game was not in the bag for the Yeomen until linebacker Elviro Marsella pounced on a Gryphon fumble deep in York territory with 32 seconds remaining in the game.

The play depicted the fierce hitting of York's defence who held the Gryphons to 190 yards offence. York's offence on the other hand racked up 350 yards, split evenly between the rushing and passing attack, but the Yeomen ran into difficulties once inside the Guelph 30 yard line.

The Yeomen fell behind quickly when Gryphon running back Ron Lively victimized the punt coverage team and scampered 55 yards for a major with just 2 minutes gone in the first quarter. The convert was good and York trailed 7-0.

However, it seemed to be just a matter of time before York would hit the scoresheet. After several punt exchanges York QB Mike Foster hit wide receiver Les Huggins for a 70 yard pass and run play which brought the Yeomen

down inside the Guelph 20 yard line. Guelph toughened up and York settled for a 16 yard field goal from Craig Clydesdale.

The rest of the half was hard hitting defensive ball with York being continually hampered by a sputtering offence, while Guelph fared no better in contracting many stupid penalties.

A 20 yard pass from Foster to Huggins left the Yeomen in excellent field condition. Late in the second quarter, the offence faltered again, bringing Clydesdale out for his third attempt of the game. He had missed a 41 yarder earlier in the second quarter but made no mistake on this 14 yarder with 20 seconds left in the half. York entered the locker room trailing 7-6 at the half.

York displayed much more confidence in the second half and behind the strong running of Larry Sturino and Keith Vassallo wore down the Gryphon defence until Foster hit Rick Dilena for a major with 5 minutes gone in the third quarter. Clydesdale kicked the convert and York was in front to stay.

Guelph managed a single with 10:20 left in the game on a wide field goal attempt but the York defence blunted the Gryphon attack all afternoon. Guelph QB Dale Cowan managed to complete only 3 passes in 13 attempts while having two picked off; one by Ron



Running back Larry Sturino churns out some tough yardage in 13-8 victory over Guelph.

McIntyre and another by Brian Bird.

Mike Foster was successful on 9 of 14 for 177 yards with Les Huggins grabbing 5 of those for 109 yards. Huggins was also the Yeomen's leading rusher, with 4 carries for 65 yards while Keith Vassallo had 10 carries for 54 yards and Larry Sturino toted the ball 18 times for 53 yards.

Guelph travels here Saturday for a game slated for 2 p.m.

Soccer split

By Greg Saville

The Yeomen soccer team is definitely improving, according to coach Eric Willis after losing one game and winning another this past weekend in Kingston.

After the Queen's loss on Saturday Willis said it was a hard fought match but Queen's aggressive play gave them the win. "It showed our team that every team in the league must be taken seriously," said Willis.

The Yeomen, last year's Canadian soccer champs, won their first match of the 1978-79 season by beating Royal Military College 3-0 on Sunday. Mike Burke came through with a hat trick for the Yeomen and John Debenedictis registered the shutout with strong defensive support from Tony Baldassare and Bruno Maggiacomo.

Willis says this year's Yeomen are experiencing "mental lethargy" and in order to expect a successful team they will have to "go through a stage of adjustment."

In comparing last year's national champions to this year's team Willis said, "It's not the same as last year, a new mix has to evolve."

Willis is confident, however, that the Yeomen will be in the playoffs.



Bodies lunge and glide at last Saturday's game.

A rugby rowdies' roundup

By Karen Sharpe

York's varsity rugby team was trounced on home turf by the Western Mustangs to the tune of 13-0 last Saturday.

The rough and tumble contest resulted in a series of injuries for both sides.

It wasn't until the latter half of the game that Western began to pull away when a high-tackling penalty attributed to Yeoman Paul Douros put York a man down.

Bruce Olmstead and John Spanton stood out on the York team as playing an effective and hard-hitting game of rucker.

Following the varsity game York's second team was also trampled by the Mustang second stringers 14-0. This Saturday at

1:30 p.m. the Yeomen will be playing the Guelph Gryphons here at York.

York was the site of more than just varsity rugby last weekend, as the Yeomen rugby club rubbed noses with the Balmy Beach rugby club.

A reunion-like atmosphere prevailed, as some members of the York Club (as opposed to the varsity team) travelled from out of town to attend the proceedings. A wine and cheese party was held on Friday night and Saturday afternoon was devoted to the varsity and club games.

An apres-game reception and dinner dance was followed the next day by an old-timers' games on Sunday afternoon.

Cross country team fares well

Four members of the cross country team ventured to London on Sunday to participate in the Eleventh Annual Springbank International Road Races. The competition always attracts top international competitors and this year's was no different.

In the women's 4.5 mile (6.9 kilometre) race defending champion and course record holder Brenda Webb from the University of Tennessee defeated second place Nancy Rooks from York by thirty-eight seconds 22:59.1 to 23:37.2. Another American, Laura Craven of the

Scioto Track Club, finished third.

Sharon Clayton and Brenda Reid both improved on their times of last year to place 25th in 26:03.2 and 42nd in 27:03.3 respectively.

The strong showing by the three York girls in the field of 251 runners carried the York team to a third place finish, the top Canadian team. Michigan State University won the team title with three runners in the top ten, and the Iowa based Kettering Striders placed second.

The men's 4.5 mile race was won by John Treacy of Ireland in a

close finish over Tony Staynings of Great Britain. The top Canadian in the race was a transplanted Scot, Paul Bannon who placed fifth.

York was represented by only one competitor, Farooq Shabbar, who placed 109th in the 308 man field with a time of 23:32.

In the men's twelve mile race, Ric Rojas of Colorado defeated Jerome Drayton of the Toronto Olympic Club.

Track Notes: A reminder that this Saturday York will be hosting the 12th annual York University Invitational Cross Country Meet.

Soccer star goes pro

By Marc Epprecht

This year one of York's top athlete's will not be competing for us. Twenty-two year old Paul D'Agostino, a fourth year Phys-Ed student who played on last year's national champion soccer team, is ineligible. The reason is that he played last season one the Memphis Rogues, a team in the professional North American Soccer League, and thus cannot return to play on a varsity team.

Paul's step up came last March when he took his agent's advice and trundled down to Memphis for a two week tryout. The owners of the expansion club, being suitably impressed, hired him to begin work immediately.

probably be a longer training camp before.

There is, however, a great deal of uncertainty about next year. The Rogues, while not about to fold, are changing management and no one, not even the coaches, know if they'll be asked to return. This state of confusion does not exactly worry Paul as his main interest still lies with finishing his B.A. here at York. "As far as I'm concerned," he says, "it was a kind of bonus, a lucrative summer job that I was very fortunate to land." He does not plan to build his career around soccer unless it can offer him a very secure, long-term contract. Only in that case would he consider it, but for now he wants to put in the two more years necessary to attain the security of his degree. He admits though, that his chosen field of interest, teaching, is not exactly booming with opportunity these days, so he may well have to fall back on soccer.

During the school year Paul lives downtown with his parents. In the summer he shared an apartment in Memphis with another player, where, he hopes, he'll return again this year. While he enjoyed it very much down there, he does have some regrets. "I'm sorry I won't be able to play for York anymore because I had lot of fun last year. Our team spirit was just great, and then, to top it off with the national championship as we did, well, it was one of my most enjoyable years."

Lately Paul has been unable to make many practices since he's still catching up on one course from last spring, but he does intend to start getting in shape again. He'll be concentrating primarily on regaining his cardio-vascular condition through many miles of running. The York squad, whose competition season is about to get under way, are now more interested in working on game strategy as dedicated by coach Eric Willis.

From what little Paul has seen of the team this year, he feels that, despite the loss of some of its most experienced players, it looks good. There's a lot of potential among its newcomers, though they'll be hard pressed to defend their national title. With alumni like Paul D'Agostino out to spur them on however, they certainly won't be lacking for inspiration.



Yeoman turned Rogue D'Agostino.

In a season that stretched from April to the beginning of August, he helped, from his position as sweeper or rover, the team to finish second last in its division, only two points short of a playoff spot. Not bad for his, and its first year.

Of course this meant missing the last three weeks of school. He had to arrange privately with his professors to return to write his exams at a time that accorded with his busy schedule. It included up to two workouts daily and two games a week. Much of his time was spent on arduous road trips across the U.S.A., on one of which he even managed to get up to Toronto in a game against our own former league champions, the Metros-Croatia club. This year he expects an even earlier start to the season as there will