



GENTLEMEN, START YOUR PEDALS: Participants at the Miele Club amateur race, held on York campus last weekend, begin their arduous journey around York and environs.

\$1-million fund proposal defeated

By SUSAN SPERLING

The City Council of Metropolitan Toronto last month defeated a proposal that would have allocated \$1 million a year to Metro university students.

Despite the support of several prominent Council members, including Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton, the proposal was voted down 29-9 at a May 27 Council meeting.

The proposal to establish a Metro Universities Fund was first referred to Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn in August, 1985 by the presidents of York, the University of Toronto, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, the Ontario College of Art, and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. At that point consideration of the Fund proposal was deferred until after the election of the new Metro Council in November of last year.

On March 25, George Connell, president of U of T and chief initiator of the project, made a presentation before the Metropolitan Executive Committee, outlining the proposal, which was based in part on the findings of the 1984 Bovey Commission (which was appointed by the previous provincial government to examine post-secondary education in the province). Connell stated that the Commission "was struck by evidence—particularly outside Metropolitan Toronto—of a wide measure of public and community support for the work of the universities." The City of London, Ontario, which was offered as an example to the Council, gives \$80,000 annually to "City Scholarships" at the University of Western Ontario.

Connell, speaking for all five institutions, asked that \$1 million be given in Metro's name for scholarships and bursaries.

On May 12, Connell wrote to all members of Metro Council, asking that a decision be made regarding the establishment of the Metro Universities Fund, because, he wrote, "I believe strongly that Metropolitan Toronto is better served by its institutions of higher learning than any jurisdiction in North America." Connell went on to cite the benefits of having post-secondary institutions in Metro, including greater social and cultural services, increased accessibility to education and job creation. (York University is the largest single employer in North

York, providing the city with over 5,000 jobs.)

On May 26, Gerard Blink, president of the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF), wrote a letter on behalf of York students to the 10 North York representatives of Metro Council, asking for their support of the Fund at the upcoming Council meeting. However, little support materialized from the North York councillors.

North York Controller Robert Yuill was one of the most vocal opponents of the proposal. Yuill said that university funding is a provincial responsibility, and that the municipal government has no budget for it. Besides, Yuill said, "I worked my way through college (and) my son and daughter worked their ways through York University; it can be done. Anybody who wants to can earn more than enough to go to university without getting handouts from the government," Yuill added.

Blink said that this was a common sentiment among Council members. Blink remarked that Metro Councillors believe "students should be living at home, working all summer and taking at least one part-time job to support themselves."

"University's an expensive little habit, and Council's attitude is be-

hind the times," Blink continued. "They don't understand about family conflicts preventing some students from living at home."

Mayor Eggleton was one of the few proponents of the fund. Other supporters included Mayor Bruce Sinclair of Etobicoke, Mayor Alan Tonks of York, and Metro Council members June Rowlands, Ron Cantor and Joanne Campbell, who proposed the motion.

Even though Council defeated the motion, there is still a feeling of hope prevailing. Blink said that student councils are still lobbying, and he thinks the proposal will go through in the future.

Ron Collett, from the Department of Private Funding at U of T, told *Excalibur* that a motion was passed 20-19 in favour of Metro instituting an honours list of students (which may or may not involve bursaries).

Tim Harris, director of York's External Relations department, said that he will pursue the matter of the honour list, and find out if there is money involved. But while he feels that the honour list is a good idea, he added, "We were stunned by the results of the proposal. We'll have to use different methods of approach in the future."

Break-ins continue

By ZENA McBRIDE

York University recently fell victim to yet another campus break-in, the 56th this year.

The break-in occurred between 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, and the morning of Saturday, June 14, when thieves broke into the Farquharson Life Sciences building, stealing an estimated \$4,800 in cash and goods, and causing over \$500 damage.

The culprits, according to Eric Pond, an investigator with York Security and Safety Services, allegedly entered the locked building through a door near the greenhouses, first smashing a fist-size hole in the wire-reinforced glass, and then unlocking the door from the inside. They followed an L-shaped course, beginning at the supplies office in room 128.

Apparently finding nothing of

value there ("Luckily," said Pond, "as there are some dangerous chemicals stored there"), they proceeded to room 136, where JJ's Typing Service (formerly located in Central Square) had just set up office that same Friday. An IBM typewriter valued at \$1,045 was lifted, along with \$500 in cash. In addition, the cash register and a filing cabinet were damaged.

From JJ's, the thieves went to room 124, the home of Innovation York, where they seized a brand new Tandy 1000 computer and printer, which had been installed just three weeks prior to the incident. They escaped unseen with their booty, probably through an exit adjacent to Innovation York, according to Pond.

Various factors indicate that the break-in was a professional job. The

14-year-old math whiz youngest graduate ever in university's history

By LORNE MANLY

Last Friday, June 20, thousands of people crammed into the Tennis Centre at York to witness the Spring Convocation. As robed and tassled graduates lined up to receive diplomas, one figure in particular stood out from the crowd—14 year old Jason Levy.

Levy, who received his specialized honours degree in math, is the youngest graduate in York's 25 years; he may even be the youngest university grad in Canada's history.

Levy, the eldest of seven children (three brothers and three sisters), entered York University at the age of 10, jumping directly from grade four at the Associated Hebrew Day School to a much larger and more impersonal environment. "At first, I was really shy," Levy recalled. "I was pretty scared (as) it's a very big place. Before coming to York I was in grade four where I just had the one classroom and would just sit there the whole time. Here (at York) you've got to run from one place to the next—and you have 10 minutes to do it with no time for lunch," he said.

But it only took Levy till the end of the first week of school to become used to the routine of the University, and he had no problem getting along with his classmates in his four years at York. "Everybody was really nice to me," Levy said. "It was really great. At first, when they just see me, they get surprised. But after a while they treat me like a regular student." However, Levy's age did prevent him from partaking in certain university student activities, such as visiting a pub after class. "That is something I can't do," Levy said laughing.

Levy is glad he came to York as "it's a very people-oriented school which is very nice for me because at some other places it's very competitive, and as a 10 year old I don't think I could have managed that."

One problem that arose from Levy's rapid ascension up the academic ladder was that his English skills lagged far behind his math ability. Whereas Levy was prepared for university math through his advanced studying and help from York professor Morton Abramson (who was leading a special math group for gifted students at Associated), he had only the equivalent of a grade five English capability. As a result, according to Levy, "I was accepted as a special student because I couldn't write essays." Accommodations were made so that Levy did not have to take a social science course first year and he received special tutoring in English to bridge the gap. He has now reached a university level of English.

burglars gained access to each room in the same relatively tidy manner used in the initial entry. According to Mel House of JJ's Typing Service, "an amateur wouldn't do it that way." While the equipment in JJ's was visible from outside the office, the opposite was true for Innovation York. The computer couldn't be seen from the door," secretary Carolyn Hood said, "so whoever stole it had to have known it was there." Pond agreed: "They knew exactly what they were after, namely electronic equipment, and that is what they took."

The robbery was very neatly con-

ducted; any damage done to the premises was negligible when compared with the value of the items stolen. Furthermore, due to the nature of the stolen equipment (heavy, bulky machinery), some form of motorized escape would have to be pre-arranged. Pond did not rule out the possible existence of a theft ring working around the campus as there have been a number of such thefts around campus of late.

While no arrests have been made in connection with the incident, there are several suspects and Pond remains hopeful that the culprits will soon be apprehended.

Levy's interests include more than just mathematics. He has taken courses in French, Hebrew, physics, chemistry, and philosophy in his four years at York and finds philosophy especially interesting. David Hume, the 18th century British thinker, is the philosopher that has the greatest appeal for Levy. "He's a very deep thinker," Levy said. "The way he went through his theories—step by step, fully explaining how he got from one to the next, not leaving out any details—is very interesting."

Levy counts skiing, swimming, photography, and magic among his hobbies. He also enjoys summer camp where he finds himself in a situation no one has probably ever faced: Levy is further ahead in school than his counsellors. "As a matter of fact," Levy said, "most of the counsellors I had last year at camp are first year students here. It's really neat that a couple are in Vanier College with me, so I see them occasionally."

Stories about the 14 year old "whiz kid" have appeared in the *Globe & Mail*, the *Toronto Star*, and *Maclean's* while his achievement has even been noted on NBC's *Today* show. However, Levy appears to be taking all the publicity in stride and is, in fact, surprised about his sudden popularity.

"I realize that it (the publicity) is not very important," Levy remarked. "It doesn't mean anything. I was surprised I was getting that much attention. At first nobody knew about me and then, all of a sudden, everybody's calling up," he added.

The most common question Levy has been asked the past month is what does a 14 year old university graduate do next? In Levy's case it means obtaining his master's degree in mathematics at the University of Toronto. After that he may complete his PhD in math but is "not really sure." After all, he is only 14.



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The attention of the community is drawn to the attached financial statements for the period May 1, 1984-April 30, 1985, for the Stong College Student Government:

From the Report of Sims & Saeed Accountant for the Stong College Student Government, on the Government Itself:

In common with many student organizations, the Student Government derives part of its income from the offering of services to the College's student body. These receipts are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of revenue from these sources was limited to a comparison of recorded receipts with bank deposits.

From the Report of Sims & Saeed on the Orange Snail:

During the year the operations experienced a significant cash shortage in the amount of \$10,551. This is considered an unusual shortage and not in the normal course of operations of the Orange Snail Pub and Coffee Shop.

Review by Internal Audit:

Per normal practice, the financial statements submitted by the Stong College Student Government were reviewed by Internal Audit. In a report to the Provost dated March 10, 1985, Internal Audit pointed out the long delay in the submission of the statements and the fact that they had not been forwarded in a regular manner. Internal Audit also noted the qualification contained in the statement (and which is presented above). In more general commentary, Internal Audit concluded that the 1984-1985 Executive of the SCSG had not carried out its financial duties effectively and that there had been serious deficiencies in the operation of the Orange Snail.

HISTORICAL NOTE

In accordance with legislation passed by the Board of Governors, the fourteen funded student governments at York University are required to provide annually audited financial statements on the whole of their previous year's operation. The Stong College Student Government failed to do so for the 1983-84 fiscal year. This situation prompted the following report from Internal Audit in November, 1984:

"All of the deficiencies noted by the accountant are serious and indicate that there has been no attempt made to establish the fundamental financial controls required . . ."

" . . . The financial systems at the College are clearly inadequate, and require significant improvement . . . [There should be] an undertaking from the College that all deficiencies . . . will be remedied within a very short period of time. Payment of further grants should be made contingent on this."

In the fall of 1984, meetings were held with the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the SCSG, and correspondence was exchanged. The then Chairman of the Executive stated in writing that remedial action was being taken.

The preparation of the SCSG financial statements for the fiscal year 1984-85 revealed that fundamental deficiencies remained in the operations of the SCSG. These deficiencies helped to account for a major cash shortage. As well, they prompted the need for qualifications in the annual financial reports.

As a result of the continuation of serious deficiencies and the attendant questions concerning responsibility and accountability, I have withheld a significant part of the grant due to the SCSG for 1985-86, pending the implementation of remedial action and disclosure to the community. Both the 1985-86 and the 1986-87 Executives of the SCSG have made a commitment to improve financial operations so that the student government can meet the Board's requirements governing financial reporting. Steps that have been taken include: new management practices at the Orange Snail Coffee Shop and Pub, a more active role by the Management Board of the Snail, greater definition of employee responsibility, tight controls over cash receipts, regular reconciliation of inventories. The SCSG has confirmed in writing its awareness of the requirements on financial activity and reporting. It has engaged a bookkeeper, established bookkeeping procedures and a ledger system. It has assured me that checks, verifications and reconciliations are in place. Security over cash and the timely depositing of cash receipts have also been confirmed in writing in correspondence between me and the SCSG. I have been impressed by the responsiveness shown by the Chairpersons of the Executive of the SCSG since November, 1985.

The financial statements presented here will provide the reader with some idea of the scope of financial activity of a student government. Students in particular are reminded that a higher level of responsibility and accountability can be encouraged by greater interest and involvement on the part of constituents in their student governments.

Queries concerning this announcement, or to any aspect of the financial reporting of student governments, can be made to the Provost (-5275) or to the Assistant Director of Student Affairs (-5141).

T.A. Meininger
Provost

	April 30	
	1985	1984 (Unaudited)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 26,936	\$ 18,057
Accounts receivable	34,479	18,817
Inventory	3,475	3,060
	<u>64,890</u>	<u>39,934</u>
Fixed assets, at cost:		
Photocopier	12,346	12,346
Less: Accumulated depreciation	6,024	4,444
	<u>6,322</u>	<u>7,902</u>
	<u>\$ 71,212</u>	<u>\$ 47,836</u>
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,550	\$ 3,849
Due to the Orange Snail	16,560	15,314
	<u>21,110</u>	<u>19,163</u>
Accumulated surplus	50,102	28,673
	<u>\$ 71,212</u>	<u>\$ 47,836</u>

	Year ended April 30	
	1985	1984 (Unaudited)
Revenues:		
University grants	\$ 68,685	\$ 47,983
Interest	787	76
Photocopier	12,178	13,888
Miscellaneous	-	70
	<u>81,650</u>	<u>62,017</u>
Expenses:		
Athletics	8,301	7,271
Theatre	1,859	4,586
Darkroom	1,147	281
Donations	2,380	5,351
Executive	17,940	14,772
Flyer	4,014	4,490
Honouraria (note 2)	-	2,580
Professional fees	1,000	780
Programmes	9,254	12,353
Student liaison	6,660	8,328
Zack's	3,012	930
Depreciation	1,580	1,975
Miscellaneous	3,094	1,156
	<u>60,221</u>	<u>64,933</u>
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	21,429	(2,916)
Accumulated surplus:		
At the beginning of the year	28,673	31,589
At the end of the year	<u>\$ 50,102</u>	<u>\$ 28,673</u>

	April 30	
	1985	1984 (Unaudited)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 23,050	\$ 34,579
Term deposit	34,238	31,250
Accounts receivable	16,560	15,314
Stong College Student Government	508	193
Other	8,630	6,712
Inventory	82,986	88,048
Fixed assets, at cost:		
Furniture and equipment	12,057	6,845
Leasehold improvements	7,696	-
	<u>19,753</u>	<u>6,845</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation/amortization	5,046	1,370
	<u>14,707</u>	<u>5,475</u>
	<u>\$ 97,693</u>	<u>\$ 93,523</u>
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 11,021	\$ 8,810
Accumulated surplus	86,672	84,713
	<u>\$ 97,693</u>	<u>\$ 93,523</u>

	Year ended April 30	
	1985	1984 (Unaudited)
Revenues		
	\$224,231	\$158,115
Expenses:		
Cost of sales (note 2)	127,945	72,381
Wages and employee benefits	62,209	38,215
University overhead	7,736	4,778
Supplies and miscellaneous	4,343	3,782
Entertainment	359	898
Advertising	75	650
Renovations and maintenance	3,534	639
Depreciation	3,476	1,370
Professional fees	1,500	1,410
Insurance	697	576
Donations	350	1,100
Cash short (note 3)	10,551	-
Bank charges	2,442	526
	<u>225,237</u>	<u>126,125</u>
Net income (loss) from operations	(1,006)	31,990
Other income	2,965	1,465
Net income for the year	1,959	33,455
Accumulated surplus:		
At the beginning of the year	84,713	51,258
At the end of the year	<u>\$ 86,672</u>	<u>\$ 84,713</u>

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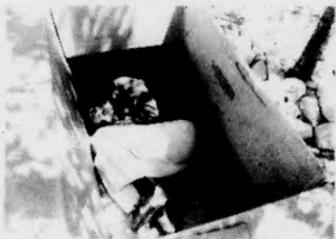
By LISA OLSEN

"Do you support the doctor's strike against the ban of extra billing and (b) how do you feel about bonbons?"



Anthony Itas, MBA I

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Katherine Yonge, Biology Grad

"No, because I've had to really pay for the services before, and I don't think people should have to pay for being ill. (b) I like bonbons."



Rob Scodellaro, Visiting Student

"I agree with the reasons for the strike, but not with the tactics they're using. (b) I think they must be gay."



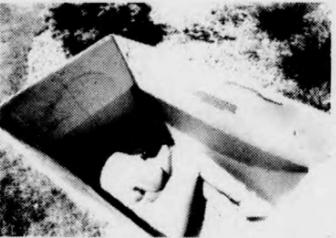
Wayne Banner, Arts I

"Yes, because I'm unsympathetic towards governments. (b) Bonbons are delectable."



Paul Brook, Matrix/Chemistry II

"One the one hand, I feel that they should be able to set their own wage; after all, they are businessmen, but not at the cost of public health. (b) I think the capital should still be at Berlin."



Janet Smylie, Lab Assistant to Dr. Glickman

"No, I think they should think of a different solution. They could figure out within themselves which doctors are worthy of more pay. (b) I like them, I eat them all the time."

Campus break-ins plague York

By ZENA McBRIDE

The map of York University in Eric Pond's office is dotted with coloured thumbtacks.

"Each of those tacks marks where a break-in has occurred on campus this year," the Security and Safety Services investigator said. The recent robbery at the Farquharson Life Sciences Building is not just an isolated occurrence, but another in a recent series of break-ins at York. According to Pond, "The total number of break-ins was 37 in 1985 and there have already been 56 break-ins this year since January."

Pond divides these break-ins into two types. The first, and by far the most frequent, are petty thefts, where damage done during the break-in outweighs the value of the goods stolen. These jobs are sloppily conducted by what Pond cites as "local teens in the 14-18 year age bracket," who are just looking to take whatever they can find (calculators, petty cash, and in the case of pub break-ins, liquor).

The second type, of which the Farquharson incident is an example, involves theft of valuable items. These are well-planned and neatly carried out with little unnecessary damage to the premises, according to Pond. "These thieves know what they want and where to find it," says Pond.

Pond remarked that the Ross Building, the Administrative Studies Building, and Central Square are the main targets for theft, probably because they are easily accessible and contain a large quantity of valuable goods. In addition, the break-ins occur mostly on the weekends, when fewer people are around.

Even so, Pond is at a loss to explain why the number of thefts has climbed so drastically of late, and did not accept the allegation that there is little security on the weekend as a reason. "Weekends are treated like any normal day," Pond said. "There are a total of six security people on duty at all times: one su-

pervisor, one desk supervisor, and four patrol people. York is just an easy target," he concluded.

According to Pond, many of the buildings remain open around the clock, and it is easy for prospective thieves to pose as students, thereby avoiding suspicion. As well, many offices are accessible through the ceiling crawl space. "If the thief replaces the ceiling tiles when he leaves," Pond said, "there is no way of knowing for sure how he got in."

More significantly, Pond feels that "many people at York have not viewed security as important in the past." This is quickly changing, however. "With insurance deductibles going up from approximately \$1000 to \$5000 (on electronic equipment)," Pond remarked, "more people are becoming security conscious."

York Security and Safety Services

has commenced a crime prevention programme to increase public awareness campus-wide, warning people not to leave valuables in their offices, and to lock all doors. Pond also advises that computers and typewriters be literally "nailed down" to desks by means of various devices commercially available for that purpose.

But while security bulletins advising of safety procedures are being distributed among some 50-70 York personnel, given the total population of York, still more has to be done. "Everyone must be made aware of the problem," Pond said. While there are some suspects in the most recent incident (the break-in at Farquharson), none of the break-ins to date have been solved.

Therefore, in Pond's opinion, the best solution to campus crime lies in educating York's occupants in crime prevention tactics.

Italian president among honoured at convocation

By DAVID BUNDAS

While over 4,000 students were granted degrees last week (June 14-21) at convocation, York also conferred nine honorary doctoral degrees.

The prestigious list of recipients for the honorary degrees included: the Honourable Jean Chretien (former politician, lawyer), Marshall Cohen (President, Olympia and York), Paul J. Crutzen (atmospheric chemist from West Germany), Margaret Fulton (President, Mount Saint Vincent University), Madeline Hardy (Director, London Board of Education), Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie (social historian from France), Janet McPhee (educator), Clara Thomas (Professor Emeritus, York University), and the Honourable Madame Justice Bertha Wilson (Judge, Supreme Court of Canada).

In a separate ceremony on June 12, the President of the Republic of Italy, Francesco Cossiga, was bestowed with the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa. His nomination came from the local Italian community and comes as an effort to build bridges between York and the community. In the words of York President Harry Arthurs, "This ceremony is also an expression of the recognition we wish to extend to our students, to their parents, and to the Italo-Canadian community, whose hopes and dreams we all share."

Cossiga, the Italian President since 1985, was a brilliant student and later a leading professor of the Faculty of Law at the University of Sassari. He became a Cabinet Minister in 1974 and served twice as Prime Minister of coalition governments before he became Head of State.

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Editorial

It's time for universities to back up their demands

York University has once again been refused funding. That in itself is not news, but this time the refusal came from, of all places, the City Council of Metropolitan Toronto.

York President Harry Arthurs, along with the presidents of the University of Toronto, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, the Ontario College of Art, submitted a proposal to the council, requesting for \$1 million toward student scholarships and bursaries.

The proposal was rejected in an overwhelming 29-9 vote by Council members. North York Controller Bob Yuill epitomized the Council's way of thinking, saying students can get by "without handouts" and "there's more than enough dough out there."

Yuill and most of the Council apparently have the archaic notion that all students are able to live at home. In today's society with its attendant family problems, not every student is in a position to stay with Mom and Dad. Toronto's inflated cost of living makes it very difficult for a student to live on his or her own and go to university full-time, even with government assistance.

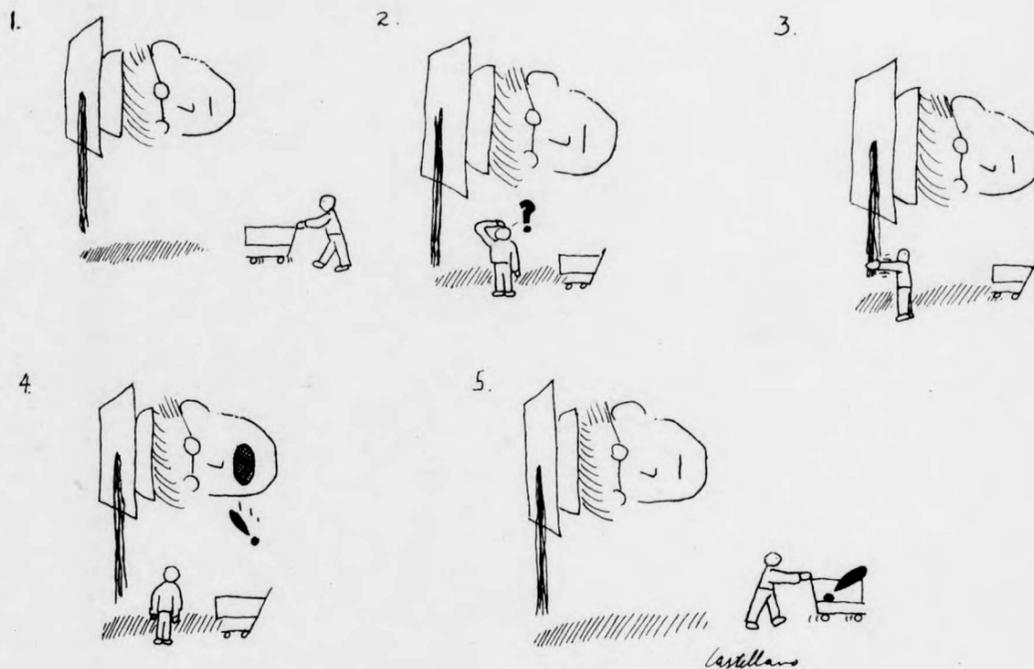
If Yuill's attitude is indeed typical of that of his fellow Council members, it is no wonder the fund proposal was stillborn. But they are not wholly to blame for the plan's stunning rejection; the proposal itself is flawed.

The Metro Universities Fund Proposal lacks hard data and concrete arguments, and reads like a juvenile essay on the importance of universities to Toronto society. Instead of five institutions of higher learning stressing the necessity of greater student funding, they come across like kids begging their parents for candy. Their justification: since their siblings received sweets, they should too.

The fact that Kingston, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and London provide money to their hometown students is not going to convince Metro councillors, who are bombarded with monetary requests daily, to do the same. Besides, according to Council of York Student Federation President Gerard Blink, the \$1 million figure "was merely arbitrary," not worked out by any formula of need.

According to the proposal, the money would be distributed for scholarships and bursaries. Academic excellence and monetary need, however, are two entirely different matters. The proposal doesn't specify who would be eligible for bursaries, or, for that matter, which students are most in need of funding.

How is Metro Council supposed to seriously consider a monetary proposal devoid of financial justification? Blink said that the proposal was intended to be merely "an icebreaker." Regardless of the results, the ice has been broken. Metro knows that the universities want—and feel they deserve—the money. Now it's time for the Metro Universities Fund Committee to show Council, in concrete terms, just how badly students need the money.



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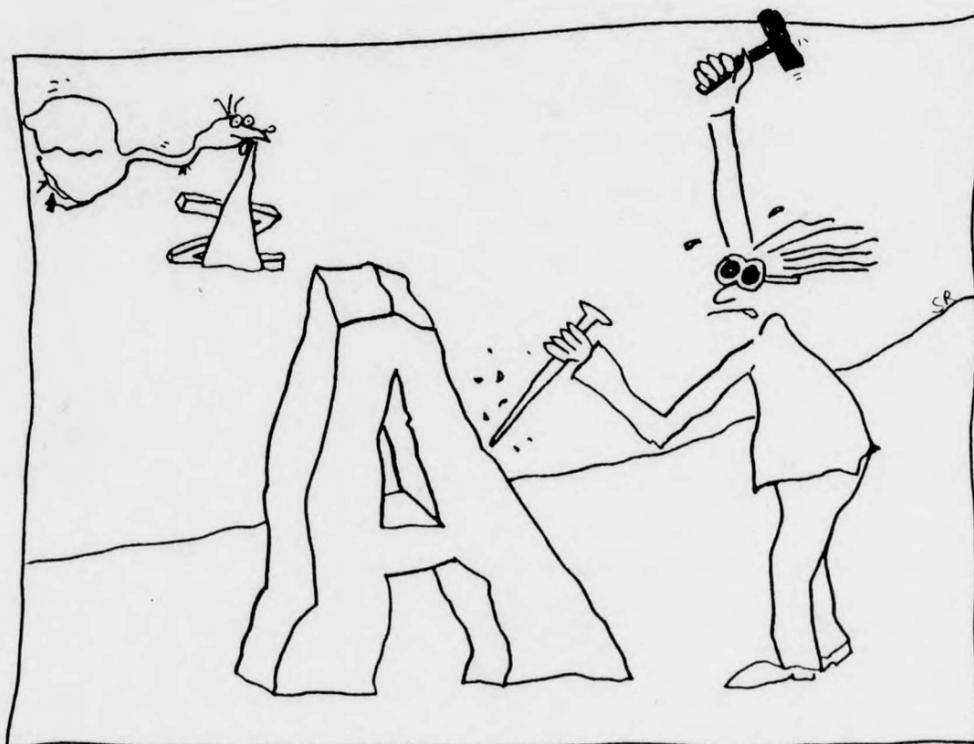
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Metro's 'new poor' grope for solutions: hostels, food banks struggle to keep up

In our last issue, Excalibur's Paul Armstrong investigated the housing crisis in Metro Toronto. This month's feature focuses on unemployment and new social services offered to alleviate the impoverishment many in Metro face.

Unemployment

There are over 100,000 unemployed individuals in Toronto, according to the Housing and Hostels Coalition. And while the unemployment rate in Toronto is the lowest of all major Canadian cities, the sheer numbers of the unemployed here represent a serious problem. Although the national unemployment rate has dropped just below 10 percent for the first time in four years, the kinds of jobs that are being created perpetuate many of the economic problems faced by the working poor.

A recent article in *Maclean's* magazine states that between 1981 and 1985, 291,000 jobs in the manufacturing and resources industries have been lost, mainly through automation. However, while there have been many new jobs created at the same

time the bulk of these have been in the low-paid service industry where many positions start at the minimum wage. The result of this trend, says *Maclean's*, is a shrinking middle class and a burgeoning "underclass" of young, uneducated, unskilled workers who lack the money and the opportunity to train for better-paying positions and the professions. And with a federal government dedicated to erasing a burdensome deficit, the outlook is not good for those unskilled and unemployed workers seeking a role in the Canadian economy.

The Brian Mulroney Government's recent toughening of the rules governing the unemployment insurance scheme has contributed to this worsening situation. Under new guidelines introduced this year, pension income along with vacation and severance pay are now considered employment earnings. This means that these sources of income must be exhausted by a claimant before any unemployment insurance payments are made. The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) which administers unemployment insurance payments, has also recently become more vigilant in its tactics to catch so-called "cheaters"; people who are deemed not to be entitled to UI benefits.

These latest developments at the CEIC, together with high unemployment rates, have resulted in a belt-tightening for many Canadians who are either unemployed or working at low-paying jobs. This, say the administrators of the food banks, is one of the primary causes of home-



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Roberta Di Maio

lessness and hunger. More and more of the homeless are unemployed and have been pushed out onto the streets by the lack of affordable housing. With 85 percent of all vacant units in Metro renting at or above average levels, it is clear, says Margaret Moores, spokesperson for the Housing Not Hostels Coalition, "there aren't a lot of choices for the homeless."

So, in 1986 a problem which three years ago was called a "permanent emergency" by the Social Planning Council has, by all reports, worsened. It is a crisis which, only a short time ago, was thought to be self-inflicted by the indolent and the alcohol abuser.

Today that perception is changing. The 1983 report by the Council concludes that there has been "a shift in the population of hostel users (increased use by young people under 25, employable men, families, single elderly women, women with children and ex-psychiatric patients)." The 1985 report reiterates that claim and adds that the numbers have swelled in the interim.

And as the statistics show, there is no housing problem for those who can afford rents at or above the market rate. The private home and condominium builders are presently experiencing a boom. Yet for those unable to afford a home or pay market rents, the situation is very different.

tively invisible in middle class Canada. They are, says Hilbourn, the "working poor, people who up until a year or two ago could drive a car." They are, in Hilbourn's words, "expendable people, driven out by automation, unemployment." Many time they are single parents, under 25 with one to four children. And the numbers are increasing.

She has been told of children ripping open and eating packages of spaghetti as they wait in the lines, and of babies being fed only sugar water for a whole week before a welfare cheque arrives.

Many social service agencies echo these comments and paint a picture of despair that begins with poverty, lack of skills, and opportunities, leading to unemployment, family violence, homelessness and hunger. But once again the actual numbers elude the social service agencies. Getting statistics is difficult because many people waiting in food lines are either too proud or too humiliated to fill out the questionnaires asking about their source of income, social assistance an education level.

But regardless of precise statistics, the harsh reality of hunger and homelessness remains a growing concern. "People ask, are there really people who are starving?" Marian Smith of Foodshare said. "Yes, there are people hungry." Indeed, Smith has received reports of mothers fainting in food lines because they give the only food they have left to their children. She has been told of children ripping open and eating packages of spaghetti as they wait in the lines, and of babies being fed only sugar water for a whole week before a welfare cheque arrives. In 1976 the problem of hunger in Metro was not an issue. In 1986 Smith says the need is "chronic."

According to Smith, this new class of poor and working poor are experiencing real hunger because of the lack of housing. Approximately 84 percent of welfare recipients and the working poor in Ontario are paying market rents. This new class of unemployed youth, single parents, welfare recipients and minimum wage earners bears the brunt of Metro's housing crisis. The old stereotypes of users of hostels and "soup kitchens" as alcoholics and derelicts is simply no longer true. This is the most difficult pill for our society to swallow, according to those agencies who are trying to meet the basic requirements of life for the needy.



The New Poor

Stop 103 on Bloor Street West is a food bank that also offers counseling on employment and housing. In February 1985, 800 people were serviced while in February 1986 the number grew to 2,230 people. The Woodgreen Red Door on Queen Street East is a family hostel offering food, clothing, and shelter for families. Rather than directly providing meals or groceries, vouchers of \$15 to \$35 are given out to needy families for emergencies. The hostel is now receiving 30 to 45 requests a day but is only about to honour up to 24. Because of this, needy single people must be turned away.

According to John Hilbourn of the Woodgreen Red Door, these families represent a new class, a "new poor," which remains rela-



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York grad films polished but show hard-core conservatism

By PAULETTE PEIROL

Of the seven York graduate films screened at The Science Centre this month, only one, John Detwiler and Renee Duncan's *Pleroma* could be called stylistically experimental. Yet this year's Senior Film Production course itself was "an experiment," according to Ken Dancyger, Chairman of the Film and Video Department. This "experiment" produced technically brilliant films, but graphically illustrated that freedom doesn't necessarily inspire liberalism.

The 1985-86 film production course was offered as a Senior Honours Thesis Project which made its format looser than regular production courses, thereby giving the student filmmakers more independence, Dancyger said. In previous years, third year production students would submit scripts and proposals every spring to faculty members, who would then choose three to four of them to be produced the following term. The faculty also set up crews for each film.

This year's graduating class, however, was allowed free reign on production, to the extent that, according to course director Evan Cameron "any project approvable (using available equipment) and fundable would be allowed to proceed." The screenplay criteria that Cameron followed was: are there any insurmountable flaws that a professional couldn't overcome?

Apparently not. While Cameron offered advice to the students, they were not compelled to take it, (and often, he said, didn't). "This course

teaches them to solve problem-oriented projects," he added.

Dancyger described York's film students as "ambitious and industry-oriented," which boils down to the hard-core conservatism apparently necessary in the Canadian film industry. "We're in the '80s, a very pragmatic time," Dancyger noted, "and you can't fight centrifugal force."

This "force" was in full effect at The Ontario Science Centre Screening Friday June 14. Most of the capacity audience stayed for the entire four hour programme and reception. The films, all dramatic, ranged from nine to 85 minutes in length and proved to be stylistically and contextually diversified. They were: Peter Geiger's *The Book*, Luc Chalifour's *The Inkwell II*, Mark Forler's *Passion and Gasoline*, Steven Roscoe's *Thanatos*, Susie Marucci's *Dead Fish No Tales*, John Detwiler and Renee Duncan's *Pleroma*, and Stuart Clarfield and Peter Gentile's *Welcome to the Parade*.

The Film and Video department gave each film a starting budget of \$500, and students raised the difference independently. Approximately \$80,000 was spent on these films, and one, *Welcome to the Parade*, cost "between \$18,000-20,000," said Cameron.

Dancyger describes this year's bumper crop of films as "polished and technically sophisticated...much more elaborate (than last year)." As a whole, the films stand out in their cinematography, editing, and sound editing finesse. Their greatest weakness, in most cases, lies in faulty, shallow script-writing. The scripts offered lots of instant laughs, but

lacked, with the exception of *The Book* and *Passion and Gasoline*, (both written by their directors), essential psychological insight. (*Thanatos*, written by Dave Rheame, Bernie Gauthier, and Stephen Roscoe, featuring a killer haunted and killed by the ghost of his victim, is perhaps psychologically true, but too clichéd to be considered uniquely insightful.)

Comparing Forler's *Passion and Gasoline* with Clarfield's *Welcome to the Parade* illustrates both the pros and cons of students producing "industry-oriented" films. *Passion and Gasoline*, which won a second place award in the CBC Telefest contest in April, is a tightly scripted 20-minute comic-drama. The dialogue and voice-over narration is sidesplitting in its comical undertones, while the acting of William Beddoe (Karl) and Jackie Samuda (Sophia) portrayed convincing sexual tension between these fully drawn characters.

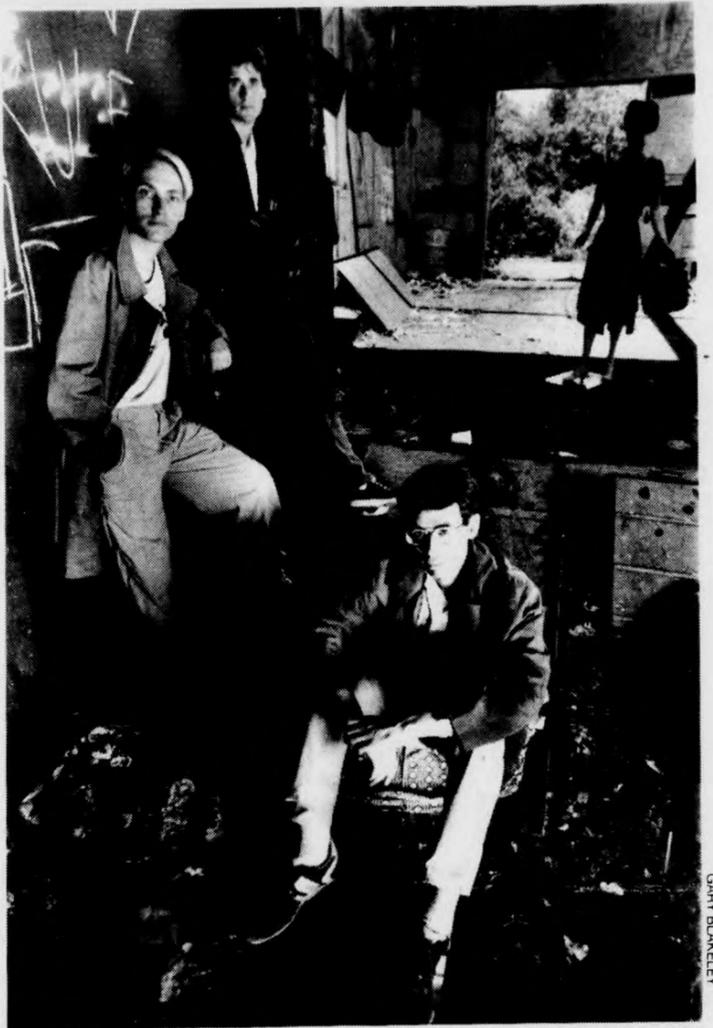
The plot of *Passion and Gasoline* is simple: a pyromaniac (Karl) falls in love with an exotic woman (Sophia), thereby entering a perilous (and indeed fatal) love triangle. It's got pathos, love, action, death, and comedy (all the prerequisite ingredients of an industry blockbuster).

Paul Sarossy's camera rarely pauses unnecessarily; two scenes in particular are memorable, one in a huge, softly lit courtyard where Karl waltzes with his mannequin, and the final freeze frame shot of Karl in flames. Full credit to editor Peter Winninger.

Mark Forler kept both the cast and crew small, (total of nine) which enabled him to form a close-knit unified group to work with. The result is a cohesive film able to withstand the sharpest scrutiny.

Welcome to the Parade, on the other hand, runs for 85 long minutes, which could have easily been condensed to 40. The plot involves 30 characters, of which only one, Kim, (Jane Sowerby) is adequately developed.

A moralistic drama about drugs, spoiled 22 year old "kids", and insecure parents, one wonders where Stuart Clarfield got such "street-knowledge"—certainly not first-



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TELEFEST AWARD WINNER: The crew of *Passion and Gasoline* with femme fatale Sophia. Standing: Paul Sarossy (left) and Mark Forler. Seated: Peter Winninger.

hand. Since when do university students who happen to smoke (gasp) marijuana and are caught in the act, get kicked out of their parent's house and immediately find themselves living adjacent to hookers and dangerously involved in a cocaine ring?

And since when do student films require in their crews "Grips" (strong men who push and lift heavy equipment, which is usually done by student producers themselves) and "Craft Services" (food supplied by mom or sis or auntie). This, of

course, is trivial criticism, but in fact, it is only a small example of the pre-tension reeking from the *Parade*.

Why did Clarfield and Gentile attempt such a production? Well, last year we did a 12 minute film, and a 15 minute film," Clarfield said. "That's a total of 27 minutes of film time. So we decided we could go even longer. It's a very good little movie," Cameron stated, "and when they go out (into the industry), they'll have their feet on the ground." Firmly entrenched, one might add.



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Heavy metal

York's campus is ideal for outdoor art exhibits, according to Art Gallery of York University director Elizabeth McLuhan. Pictured here is a series of sculptures by Canadian artist Jeffrey Rubinoff, guest-curated by David Burnett. In late August, the AGYU will present another outdoor exhibit—sculptor Louis Stokes' "Not Really Trees." Stokes works solely with organic materials.



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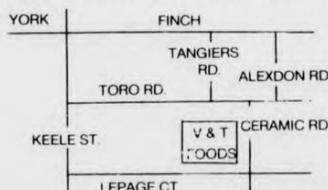
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Hockey Symposium: Big-name coaches delight organizers

By LORNE MANLY

The presence of some of the top minds in hockey today attracted 245 coaches from all over North America to York University's Elite Hockey Coaching Symposium earlier this month. The seminar, held June 13 through 15, was the most successful in its four-year history, according to both the organizers and the participants.

Jean Perron, the coach of the Stanley Cup Champion Montreal Canadiens, Philadelphia Flyer coach Mike Keenan, and New York

Ranger coach Ted Sator, were three of the major reasons behind the critical success of the seminar. The coaches attending the symposium were treated to both theoretical and on-ice demonstrations of the latest coaching techniques in ice hockey throughout the weekend, and also heard presentations on hockey injuries, team management, nutrition, and the psychology of coaching.

It was this mix of the theoretical and the practical that made this year's seminar the best ever, according to York hockey coach, Dave

Chambers, who was the coordinator of the symposium. Last year there was only one day that included on-ice demonstrations as "the rink wasn't available," Chambers said. "But since people want the on-ice drills," efforts were made to secure ice time for both Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Paquette, the coach of a junior team in Switzerland, felt this year's edition was the best he had attended. "This is my third year here," Paquette said, "and it (the seminar) has been progressively better every year. The guest speakers were very interesting, each one an expert in their field," Paquette added.

"The symposium was excellent," agreed Steve King, a student in the coaching program at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. "In particular, there were three people that impressed me the most. Thomas Tutko, the sports psychologist (from San Jose State), Sherry Bassin (the general manager of the Ontario Hockey League's Oshawa Generals), and Jean Perron," King said.

Perron also impressed Paquette, who was the coach at the University of Ottawa before leaving for Switzerland. "Perron was one of the best speakers," Paquette said. "His style, his knowledge of the game, and the way he presents his material were all excellent."

Graham Wise, the administrator for the series of York seminars taking place this summer, was very pleased with both the turnout and the guest speakers. 245 coaches attended this year, as compared to 156 last year. "All the provinces in Canada were represented," Wise said, "and there were coaches from Colorado, New York, Connecticut, California and even two from Switzerland. Pete Mahovolich, from the Adirondack Red Wings, was here as was Mike Murphy, who is the assistant coach of the Los Angeles Kings," Wise added.

"The speakers were excellent," Wise continued. "Tutko was exceptional and Keenan and the Philadelphia Flyer coaching staff (E.J. McGuire, Paul Holmgren, and Bill Barber) were very professional. All the speakers carried themselves professionally (as) the seminars were well prepared, researched, and presented... and from all reports everyone was happy with it (the symposium)."

Cyclists wheel around campus

By NICK LAPICCIARELLA

On Sunday, June 22, York University was host to top level amateur cycling that drew riders from many parts of Ontario.

Presented by the Miele Club in conjunction with corporate sponsors Carlsberg Light and Greenpark Homes, the race marked the first time that York University has been host to a competition of this kind. According to race organizer Tony Polsenelli, "the main problem is that it is difficult to obtain permission from various civic and local community officials in staging such a race."

As well, the difficulties in obtaining insurance and adequate security (to make sure traffic is detoured safely) have placed roadblocks in the way of running more races.

But cycling enthusiasts believe the sport's time has arrived. With the introduction of annual international race held at Queen's Park and the

visits of racing stars such as Francesco Moser, cycling is attracting more and more participants.

"This is just the beginning," remarked John Calliman, one of the race's participants. "It's something good to get into, you are not only exercising your body in races such as these, you are exercising your mind as well."

Polsenelli also pointed to the mental aspects of the sports. "Cycling is a very good discipline for athletes," Polsenelli said, "and it teaches them to be self-sufficient because once you're on the track there's not much anyone else can do to make you win or lose."

Canada, however, will not become a world power overnight. "To develop truly international stars," Calliman said, "you also need the support of corporate sponsors and the general public must come out and get behind the racers." Last weekend's race was a step in the right direction.



BREAKIN' AWAY: Two members of the Canadian Olympic cycling team prepare for Sunday's top-level amateur cycling race at York University, which was presented by the Miele Club in conjunction with Carlsberg Light and Greenpark Homes.

JOSEPH COLLINS

Play Ball! Summer League breathes life into campus

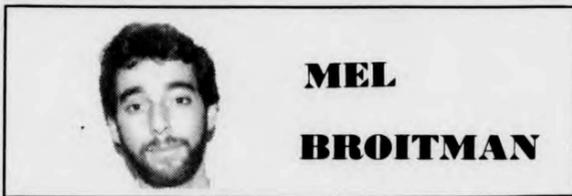
Despite the sharp dropoff in activity at York University during the summer months, the largest single recreational sport takes place on campus from May to early September. The York University Softball Club, once an organization with just four teams, has blossomed into a 30-club league with a three-tiered divisional format, involving over 750 people.

The Softball Club now functions as an organized league as its tremendous growth has forced changes to be made in its structure. However, its history, built on a tradition of a club-type atmosphere, still prevails today.

Presently the league is made up of three divisions with 10 teams each, ranked in order of calibre. Division One is the highest level of competition and includes the best teams. Division Two is semi-competitive while Division Three is set up for mainly recreational non-competitive play. The season is 270 games long with each team playing an 18-game schedule. Post-season play includes 18 teams competing in a series of three game playoffs which eventually determine Division Champions in mid-September. Each year the best and worst clubs are demoted and promoted from tier to tier in order to ensure a competitive balance.

Steve Dranitsaris, Assistant Director of Development, and one of the founders of the Club, took over as league convenor from 1979 to 1985, and during that time he watched the club expand from eight competing teams to 30. "One of the things we have to recognize is this is a very popular activity," Dranitsaris said. "We had to turn away seven teams that wanted to play this year, which is really unfortunate, because we wanted to let everyone who wanted to play, participate. But our facilities simply do not accommodate it."

Even the league's administration, once run by Alumni Affairs, has had to adjust. "The league basically got too big for people to do it voluntarily," Dranitsaris remarked. "When Joseph Levy took over Recreation York, I met with



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him and David Demonte (Leisure Services Officer for Recreation York), and they agreed to take over the Summer Softball program as a recreational activity of York University," said Dranitsaris.

Yet the unique flavour of the league's non-profit, democratic approach will not alter under the wing of Recreation York, according to Demonte, who is also the new league convenor. "There are no inherent fees to pay for Recreation York," Demonte said. "We are the main central area as a service. We feel it is a viable program and the time we donate to it makes it our program... If we could do this in intramurals it would be a joy to work with. Unfortunately we just don't have the same mentality."

The attitude of the participants is the key to the league's flourishing success. Generally, the athletes are mature and have become accustomed to enjoying a league that is their own. Unlike student intramurals where most individuals appear and disappear over short intervals, the Summer Softball League has built continuity through a strong following of dedicated individuals.

The league touches all bases in the campus community. Teams and players come from the administration, faculty, alumni, students and relatives. Mal Ransom, Secretary of the University, has his team, The Young and the Restless. Atkinson has a team made up of professors led by Letty Anderson,

the master of Atkinson College. Even pubs like the Cock & Bull and The Open End are traditional league members. In fact, without Summer Softball it is likely that a few pubs would have to close down in the relatively quiet summer months. But the ever familiar combination of beer and baseball have kept many a drinking establishment in business.

The league suffers from the same malady that inflicts all York University athletics—limited facilities. The league needs another field and improvements on the already existing one. Unfortunately the University does not regard Summer Softball as a high priority. According to David Demonte, "The Administration has said no to a new backstop on the 'Pioneer' field. They would like to have all softball outside of the ring road. They feel the Vanier field backstop is an eyesore and a couple of years ago we were told that the Vanier field would be a parking lot and we were to seek another place. Fortunately that never came about," Demonte added.

Perhaps the University should take a closer look at the Summer Softball program. As York continues to grow it certainly needs the support of its developing and maturing Alumni. The relationship between the University and its active Alumni is very prominent in the Summer Softball Club. As David Demonte says, "Anybody who has wanted to come back to the University and participate in a social event has played Summer Softball. If you want to be active as an Alumni, that is where you start." Softball Club members are also notably involved in University fundraising activities like the Phone-a-thon.

Although the growth of Summer Softball parallels the maturation of York as a whole, the league's well-being is not wholly dependent upon the University. In Demonte's opinion, "It's probably the one institution on campus that doesn't need any help to survive. If we pulled out our support, they would do it themselves."



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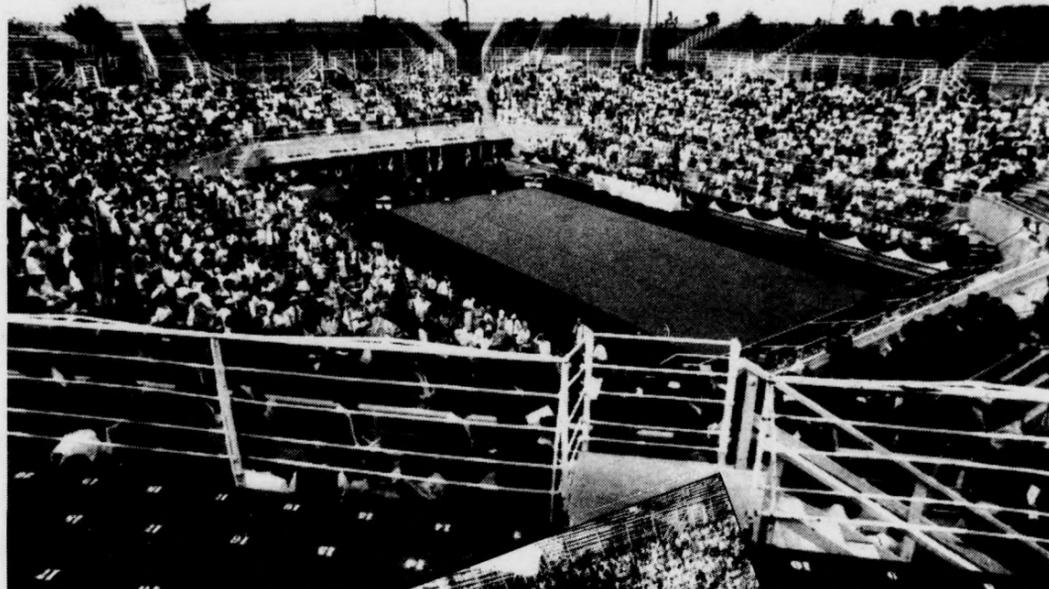
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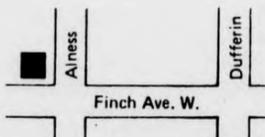
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