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Rae kills grants, hikes tuition and breaks promises

by Eric Atkins

Bob Rae is not the education premier he said he would be. This fact was confirmed last week when the Ontario government dealt the university system a cruel blow by raising tuition by \$132, eliminating student grants and backing out on a promise to increase payments to universities in the future.

Treasurer Floyd Laughren said the cutbacks are an attempt to reduce the provincial deficit in the face of declining revenue.

Nikki Gershbain, president of the York Federation of Students, expressed disgust at the announcement and predicted reduced student services at York.

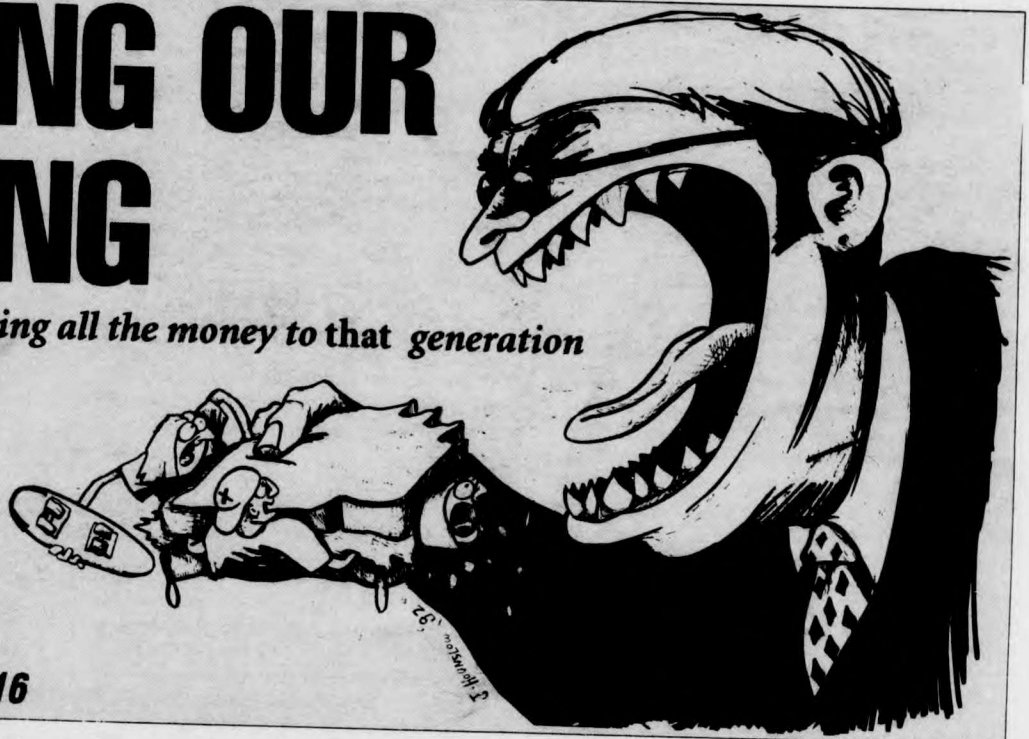
"Say goodbye to women's and race issues. The university is probably going to ... slash and burn services and programs."

"I worry about the prospects for potential university students in the Metro area," York president Susan Mann said in a release last week, adding that York will suffer badly, "given its history of underfunding by the provincial government."

Colleges and Universities Minister Richard Allen announced a tuition increase of 7 per cent. According to one report, Allen said the fee increase will not amount to "a hill of beans" for students.

EATING OUR YOUNG

Somebody's giving all the money to that generation



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Many student leaders feel betrayed by the New Democratic Party. "The government was elected on a campaign to freeze [tuition] fees," Gershbain said.

Ken Craft, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students said

Allen should resign. "I wouldn't be heartbroken if he left. This government seems hell-bent on dismantling the post-secondary education system in Ontario."

The OFS is staging a demonstration at government buildings at Bay Street and Wellesley Avenue on Thursday Dec. 3 to protest the tuition increases.

Allen announced the province would cut grants from its aid program, but make more money available for loans. The government is making \$800 million available for students next year - up \$130 million from this year.

Students who qualify for more than \$5,570 in loans will receive anything extra as a grant. Student leaders say that will not be much of a break, because last year, students received an average of only \$4,861 in grants and loans combined.

According to Gershbain, the virtual elimination of grants makes Ontario the only jurisdiction in North America that does not provide grants to students.

— with files from Canadian University Press

Students set up Somalia support group

by Gurbir Jolly

Urgent concern over Somalia's famine, civil strife and distorted media images have led York students to initiate a Somali Support Committee.

York's African and Arab student associations combined efforts with the Federation of Students and the Centre for Race and Ethnic Relations to form this committee, which will

raise funds for the Red Cross and increase awareness of the "politics of hunger," said Delroy Luke, the committee's chair.

"It's the legacy of colonialism," he said, referring to the international apathy and internal violence which have seriously hampered relief efforts in Somalia.

Luke further charged popular media for "blaming clan rivalry [in Somalia] for starva-

tion," and portraying Somalia's civil violence as a case of how "niggers" can't control themselves."

Immigration Minister Bernard Valcourt did little to dispel suspicions of apathy and racism when he suggested Somali refugees were "nomadic people that... just don't want to leave" Somalia.

Dimbel A-Hashi, a Somali York student, feels popular

media has done little to explore the deeper issues which surround the crisis in Somalia.

"These people didn't just wake up one day and starve, their political infrastructure didn't just one day collapse," A-Hashi said.

He believes few are aware of the affects of American and Soviet militarization of the Horn of Africa, or of the thousands of dollars being sent each month by Somalis in Ontario to the troubled region.

Most people are not even aware "it's two separate states we're talking about: Somali Land and Somalia," A-Hashi said.

The committee had planned on having a media panel discussion to deal with these issues, but media representatives they contacted would not respond to invitations.

"They just gave us the run-around," said Gamel Abdel-Shehid, a member of the committee.

The committee will still be holding a discussion on Thursday, December 3, concerning the media's coverage of Somalia.

On December 10, the committee will be hosting a benefit concert at the El Mocambo where all funds raised will be used by the Red Cross to bring medicine and food to Somalia.

The committee will also schedule events for January and February, to coincide with African history month.

Questions concerning events and contributions may be directed to Delroy Luke at 736-5293, or Teferi Adem, York's Race and Ethnic Relations officer at 736-5682.

Community group will search for racism in York security

by Danny Abraham

A province-wide coalition of Black community groups will lead an investigation of York's security department to find evidence of racism.

An independent committee will look into the department's behavior and ethnic or cultural representation, said Enid Lee, chair of the Black Secretariat of Ontario.

The committee would fulfill a final demand from last year's protest against racism in the security department.

Over nine months ago, two security guards demanded identification from three Black students without probable cause or provocation.

This protest forced university officials to agree to demands made

by angry students — who identified themselves as "Jane or John Doe" and then occupied the York president's office in February.

Lee said the proposal was delayed because the secretariat wanted an expert board with qualified members who could construct a "systemic approach" in the investigation.

Don MaGee, manager of the security department, said he had no knowledge about the secretariat's plans. "It has been almost a year, we all figured they had forgotten about it."

He also expressed regret that the two security guards had demanded the students' identification.

According to him, the guards were "two bad

seeds" out of the lot, but he feels his force is "a top notch, good team."

MaGee's team has met one of the initial demands of the protest. A two-day workshop on race relations was held last summer within the security department.

The workshop focused on diplomacy and understanding, said MaGee, adding it has had a very positive effect. He also feels that student federation vice-president Heather Dryden will now have good things to say about the security office.

Dryden was surprised at MaGee's satisfaction over the two-day workshop, saying that one workshop a year is not enough.

A two-day workshop,

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Not much holiday cheer

Volunteer Shireen Jones with total donations for a five-day food drive last month. Jones' group wants to start a campus food bank.

• photo by Wayne Todd

This is the last clubs page for the term. Submissions for the January 8th issue are due no later than Friday, December 18th.

The Clubs Page

is a service provided by the YFS

Please send all submissions to :
Jim Hounslow, Communications,
York Federation of Students,
#336 Student Centre.

York Amnesty International

presents Mann Overboard with guests Bru-Ha-Ha live at the Absinthe Pub in commemoration of International Human Rights Day. December 10th (last pub night before Christmas). All proceeds go to Amnesty International Canadian Section.

Peer Support Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

First meeting on Monday, November 30th at 11:00am in the Womens Centre. If you are unavailable for the general meeting then leave a message for Terri at 736-2100 ext. 33484. Please note: this is a peer support group not counselling.

York Malaysian Singaporean Student Association

Does our scholarship have your name on it? It may, if you are a current, full-time, visa student from M'sia or S'por, have been a YMMSA member for one year or more and are currently one, have completed four courses with an average of B+ or better, and are not on a current M'sian/S'pore scholarship. Drop by our club room at 421 Student Centre for an application.

York Women's Studies Students Association

All majors are encouraged to come out to our meetings Thursdays at 5:30pm in the Womens Centre (328 Student Centre). For further information feel free to contact Fiona MacCool (coordinator) by leaving a message with the Women's Centre (ext. 33484).

Tutors

The Student Peer Support Centre is starting up a Tutorial Referral Registry. List your services, hours, and prices. We have access to students who may require your services. We can also screen the number of referrals. Use our unique service for only \$10 for the whole year. Call 736-5494.

YUPA (York University Portuguese Association)

Member yet? If not, drop by our office in 124A Winters College or contact us at 736-5584 and see what were all about!

Ed's Secret Society

Are you an ED student? Then you should know about us! We are an information and social club for cocurrent and consecutive students. We are planning for common time in the student centre as well as seminars, given by fellow ED students, on lesson planning. So if you feel left out, do something about it! Come see us or leave a message at Room 329, Student Centre. Silence does not equal chnage!

United Indian Students (UIS)

Hindi Classes Daily (Mon-Fri). Check UIS Office door for times and location.
Punjabi Classes every Wednesday: 5:30-6:30pm in the Student Centre.
Urdu Classes every Wednesday: 3:30-4:30pm in the Student Centre.
Gujarti Classes start in January.

Japanese International Student Association

If you're interested in sushi, we're interested in you! You are invited to join us on December 2nd at 6:30pm in the Vanier Senior Room. We'll be seeing what will surely be the best movie yet. Members free, non-members \$3.00. Food, pop and sub-titles included. New members welcome! Please don't feel hesitation to call Chris at 727-2502.

Cerridwen—Hecate

Yule and the Goddess. Come and join us to learn about the pagan origins of Christmas and how the Goddess fits in. December 2nd at 5pm in 315C Student Centre.

The Coven of the Mists

Yule. If you are interested in attending a Yule ritual and feast, respond positively to 441 Student Centre or to the club box in YFS. If enough response is received, ritual and feast will be on December 23rd from 6:00pm-12:00am on York Campus.

Jewish Student Federation

December 2nd-3rd—Bake sale and Chanukah Auction in the Bear Pit.
December 23rd-26th—in Montréal.
Mincha Minyan is continuing every week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2:30pm and Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the JSF. All welcome!

For more information on any of these activities drop by the JSF in 442 Student Centre or call 736-5178.

York University NDP

Forum on *Strategies to Deal with Violence against Women*. Speakers include Josie Marchese from Media Watch, Kathleen Gallivan and Elsie Nisonen from Metrac, Jack Layton for the White Ribbon Campaign and Libby Zeleke, co-ordinator of the Ryerson Women's Centre. To be held Thursday, December 3rd at 5:00pm in Room 409 in the Student Centre. Everyone welcome.

Wanted: New Members!

Anyone you recognize? D'Artagnan, Athos, Porthos & Aramis, Cyrano de Bergerac, Scaramouche, Zorro, Robin Hood, Joan of Arc, Peter Pan, Indigo Montoya, Captain Jean-Luc Picard. Join the ranks. Learn how to fence. **York Fencing Club**. Classes in the Upper gym, Tait-McKenzie Building. Mondays and Wednesdays 7:30 to 10:30pm. Call 771-0646 for more info.

York University Bankers' Association (YUBA)

Is looking for members who are interested in the dynamic and ever-changing financial industry. If you are interested or currently involved in the financial industry and the many careers it offers, YUBA is the club for you. For further info. call Gary at 542-0777 or Ranjit at 399-1377.

York Debating Club

If you want to improve your communication skills, meet a lot of people and debate everything from Star Trek to Abortion, come join. Membership is free. Our meetings are held on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:30pm in North 142 Ross. Be there!

Student Peer Support Centre

is a student run, non-professional, drop in centre where students may talk to a peer counsellor in a confidential and non-threatening environment. Volunteers can offer support, information and referrals in many areas. Students may drop by at any time to speak to a volunteer or phone 736-5494. At all times confidentiality is assured. Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:30am to 5:30pm. Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 7:30pm, and Fridays from 9:30am to 5:30pm.

B.L.G.A.Y.

(Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay Alliance at York) meets Mondays at 5:30pm in 311C Student Centre. Questions? Call Nicole or Ben at 736-2100 (ext. 20494) or come by our office—#447 Student Centre.

- **Bisexual and Gay Men** meet every second Monday (starting November 2nd) in Room 311C Student Centre at 5:30pm. Queries? Call B.L.G.A.Y. ask for Ben at 736-2100 (ext. 20494).
- **Lesbian and Bisexual Women** meet every second Monday in the Women's Centre. Questions? Call Nicole at B.L.G.A.Y. at 736-2100 (ext. 20494).

The Federation of Urban Studies

What the Fuss? Anything and everything you wanted to know about Urban Studies but were afraid to ask. Everyone is welcome to an incredibly interesting, interactive, informal and intellectual gathering at 304 Calumet on Wednesday, December 2nd at 12:30pm. For more information contact Billy at 665-0407.

Linguistics Student Association

Keep your December 4th evening open. It's a Friday night and it's the Students and Faculty Christmas dinner and dance. Details for this event will be in next weeks clubs page.

Women's Varsity Waterpolo

Needs You! You don't have to have any experience just an interest in playing. We'll have a team if there is enough interest (for next year possibly). This year there are practice times available to just get some playing time in (or to learn): Tuesdays 4:30-6:00 at York Mills S.S. Pool, Saturdays (depending on availability) 4:00-6:00 at York U, and Sundays at 5:00-6:00 at York U (scrimmage).

S.E.D.S. York

presents *Art Show*. We are now accepting submissions of art work on space related themes for a spring exhibition. All paintings, sculpture, drawings, photographs, animation, etc. will be considered and encouraged. For more information contact: Alison Evans at 663-3989.

Guyanese Social Club

This is an open invitation to all members of York University to celebrate our 1st annual Christmas dinner and dance. This spectacular extravaganza will be in the Underground on Friday, December 18th. Tickets are \$12. The buffet style dinner includes a variety of cultural foods. Dinner will be served from 7:00-9:00pm followed by the dance from 9:00pm-2:00am. For tickets call: Sonia 792-3508, Dianne 479-1386, Raj 763-5625, Kevin 321-6584. Or drop us a note at #336 Student Centre.

YUBS

York University Biological Society is located in 410 Student Centre. We have a test pool of most 1st, 2nd and 3rd year courses. Our office hours are M & T 10:30-11:30am, W 2-3pm, R 9:30-10:30am, F 3-4pm. Stop by anytime. Good luck with exams. 736-2100 ext. 30808.

Economics and Business Society

First year students: Are you trying to decide what courses to take? What program to choose? Want to talk to students in upper years who are in Economics and Business? Speakers! Videos! Seminars! Weekly meetings every Wednesday from 3:00-4:00pm in 1063 Vari Hall or drop by room 1071 Vari Hall anytime. "We don't just fool around with ECONOMICS... we mean BUSINESS."

York Varsity Christian Fellowship

International Friendship Group
Sunday, December 6th—Christmas Celebration. Reception at 5:30pm, followed by dinner at 6:30pm and a time for praise and Worship. Tickets are \$15 and available at the IVCF office (312 Student Centre) 'til November 30th. All are welcomed! December 23rd-27th—International Christmas. Go by chartered bus or car Ontario's beautiful north country. Enjoy a traditional Cana-

dian Christmas. Cross-country skiing, ice skating, tobogganing, crafts, sitting by the fire dreaming. Brochures available in York VCF office, 312 Student Centre or in the International Student Office, 105 Central Square.

Mondays 5-6pm—Help with English. Bethune College, rooms 326 and 327.

Wednesdays 7:30-9:00—explore the message of the Bible. 10 Passy Gardens, apt. 103. For further info. about any of these events, please call Julia 481-2763.

Mass Communication Student Federation

Did you always want to get involved but didn't know how? Now is the time to jump right in and become a member of the MCSF. Come and find out about our social events, career day, movies, and guest lectures. Interested? Everyone is welcome to attend our executive meetings. For more information contact Elaine at 792-8093.

York Navigators

Every Thursday 7:00pm: *Mastery of the Bible*. Check room #310 Student Centre for location. Everyone welcome!

African Students' Association

Holiday Dance—featuring the live music of "Afro Nubians" from Hospitality Afrique. Friday, December 11th from 7:30pm till 1:00am at Calumet College Common Room and Pub. Tickets: \$10.00/advance, \$12/door; available at 318 Student Centre or 3rd Floor Lumbers Building. For more information phone Philip Lucima at 739-6862.

Association for Bahá'í Studies

will be hosting an informal talk on the topic "The Soul and Life After Death". Thursday, December 3rd at 7:15pm in Room 307, Student Centre. An open discussion will be held afterwards. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. 663-3727.

Clubs Coalition Meeting

Minutes

October 28, 1992

1. Call to Order at 7:44 p.m.
2. Acceptance of minutes
The minutes of June 19, August 19, and September 30 were accepted with unanimous consent.
3. Business arising from minutes - see above
4. Guest - none
5. Report from Chair
Club's Handbook was finished and distributed at the meeting. We are waiting for Ellissa to finish the club's pamphlet. We hope that it will be available for clubs at the next meeting.
Clubs who are recognized have mailboxes in YFS.
If you need help or have any problems you can get a hold of Judith any time at YFS or 441 Student Centre.
6. Report from V.P. Finance - YFS
Cheques were distributed. Any clubs who still hasn't picked up cheques you can do so at the YFS office. Financing review is usually once a week so submit any forms or information to Chris at the YFS office.
The CLUB'S PAGE has to be submitted to Jim Hounslow at YFS on the Thursday (at 5p.m.) one week before the date of their next issue - NO EXCEPTIONS. Questions were raised regarding the format of submission. There is no specific format, just make sure that it is neat and orderly. Please include: Your name, club and phone number at the bottom of the page in case there are any problems.
If you have any questions about clubs or financing just stop him in the hall or go to YFS.
7. Complaints
 - a) Guyanese Social Club - There are clubs that have office space and are hardly using it. Such groups include the Muslim Students' Federation (rm 332) and the York Chinese Christian Fellowship (rm 416).
The chair of the clubs coalition replied to this comment by saying that certain clubs have been asked to leave the Student Centre since they have office space elsewhere on campus. If they have access to office space there, it is not fair for them to also occupy the student centre. Clubs that have office space on campus and the Student Centre will be asked to leave so that all clubs may have space on campus. Also, unrecognized clubs may be asked to leave their offices. Any clubs who wish to share their office are asked to contact Judith.

What is the criteria for clubs to get office space?

1. attendance to club's coalition meetings,
2. number of events and activities (the use of space in the Student Centre or on campus will be checked),
3. If the club already has an office, keeping the office open.
4. Accessibility to other space on campus may be considered.

b) Chair of Club's Coalition - there are 12 clubs who do not have recognition, yet have office space in the Student Centre. Therefore it was proposed that we give clubs 1 1/2 weeks to submit applications to Student Affairs or YFS. Seconded by Law & Society Student's Association. The motion was passed by unanimous consent. Judith will write up letter and distribute them October 29, 1992. THE DATE FOR CLUBS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS, WHO DO NOT HAVE RECOGNITION AND HAVE OFFICE SPACE IS NOVEMBER 6, 1992. There is a waiting list in S.C.C. for clubs who do not have an office.

c) York University Biology Society - A dub has been harassing them, saying that they don't belong. No names were given. Action will be brought against any individual who continues this harassment or engages in any type of harassment. Judith will be in contact with club(s) found harassing any other club.

d) Law & Society Student's Association - Cleaning of offices. Crystal Cleaners have been hired.

e) Students for the Exploration and Development of Space - Re: poster guidelines. There have been stickers posted around campus which can not be removed from walls or windows. This is against fire regulations so please refrain from using any such posters or stickers.

f) Le Cercle Francais - Smoking in offices or halls is not permitted by law, please use designated areas or go outside if you need to smoke. This matter will be brought up at the next meeting with S.C.C. Please consider others health!

g) YFS - Please do not ask YFS staff to take information over the phone regarding submissions for the club's page. A complaint was logged against a club who engaged in this activity.

h) YFS - Clubs who get their posters up first have the right to be seen. Please refrain from plastering your posters over others which events have not passed. If the date has passed please take the poster down and then put your poster in its place.

i) Individual Complaints can be taken to the Club's Review Committee. If you have any problems with other clubs do not confront them, please see Judith.

8. Request for the support of the Club's Coalition in various endeavors.

JSF had requested time to speak at this meeting although there were no representatives present. Passed over to next meeting. If you wish to have something brought up at the Club's Coalition meeting please submit any information at least 2-3 weeks in advance.

9. New Business

a) Young Liberals - The office of Student Affairs use to recognize clubs for two years, although now clubs are only recognized for one year. RECOGNITION OF CLUBS FOR 92/93 WILL EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 30, 1993.

b) York Sikh Student's Association - Anyone who supports a Sikh History Course, please contact the York Sikh Student's Association at 435 of the Student Centre.

10. Next Meetings

November 25, 1992 at 7:30p.m.
December - there will be no meeting
January 20, 1993 at 7:30p.m.
February 24, 1993 at 7:30p.m.
March 31, 1993 at 7:30p.m.

It was mentioned that the club's coalition meetings are held quiet late so it was proposed to have meetings earlier. 1:00p.m. on Wednesdays was agreed by the club's coalition staff. The motion was not passed at this meeting, but will be brought up at the next meeting.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35p.m. Continued unofficially until 10:00pm.

york briefs

Senate vote on space university postponed

by Pat Micelli

The fate of the proposed York-affiliated International Space University is still up in the air.

York senate ran out of time before they could decide whether to support a proposal giving officials the go-ahead to negotiate a conditional link with the Massachusetts-based school.

The decision is postponed until their Dec. 10 meeting.

Let space school come, Vanier students say

By Jenni Buckland

Vanier students voted to support the International Space University coming to campus.

The college's stand — determined through a referendum last month — goes against York Federation of Students' "No" vote in the spring on the space university issue.

Results showed 80 per cent of Vanier students support the school choosing York as its permanent campus, but the number of votes was not released.

Vanier president Ian Bell said he decided to have the vote because the Council wasn't prepared to speak for Vanier students without one.

Norman Bethune College council also voted to support the space university in October.

Jeff Zoeller, the federation's internal vice-president, defended their early decision on the ISU, saying it was well-researched and debated by student representatives.

"We do what's in the best interest of students," Zoeller said. "Of course we aren't going to get the whole student population agreeing on any issue."

Michele Chai, the federation's external vice-president said, "if more students express more discomfort about the No stand, it will have to be discussed."

Glendon faculty baffled by space information

by Jordan H. Green

Glendon's faculty council can't make up its mind about the proposed International Space University.

The group passed a motion last month, charging York's administration for not following standard decision-making procedures on a bid for the Massachusetts-based school.

"The point of the motion is a demand for information," said Martin Fichman, chair of the council's policy and planning committee.

According to Fichman, the York community does not have enough information to make a decision to either accept or refuse the space university, and Glendon's council wants more information to be made available.

The council fears the space university would be independent of York's regulations, and is seeking exemption from Canadian laws such as income tax, property-rights, and policies on hiring non-Canadian faculty.

The motion also voices the group's concern that the project will be an "agent for intensifying defence contracts and the militarization of space," since several space university board members are private military contractors in the United States, Europe, and Japan.

"The institution itself will be a financial drain," David Cooke, chair of the English Department of Glendon, said in an interview.

The provincial and federal government are promising \$22 million for the school's first year of operations, plus an annual \$3.5 million in operating funds from the province. The motion says such spending has not been justified, since a "potentially private corporation" would be publicly funded.

Teaching assistants union accepts contract

by Excalibur Staff

York's teaching assistants and part-time faculty accepted a new contract last Thursday, six weeks after coming close to a strike.

Members will get an average raise of 1.5 per cent with the one-year agreement. Teaching assistants will also get a refund equal to York's 11 per cent rise in their tuition, along with a promise that the university won't scrap 'post-residency' periods.

Post-residency is an extension of many graduate programs when tuition is reduced. Chief union negotiator Margaret Watson said the university signed a binding note which guarantees it won't drop post-residency before the contract expires in August.

Watson said this feature was added in November, after Canadian Union of Educational Workers members voted 57 per cent in favor of a strike in a similar package. But a 60 per cent majority is required by the union.

Italian youth urged to cooperate

by Pina D'Agostino

The sky's the limit for Italian-Canadians but "we must first learn to work in a cooperative way as a community because we don't work well together," Raffealla DiCecco told a York audience last week.

DiCecco, regional director for Ontario's Ministry of Education was among the academics and politicians who spoke at a conference last Wednesday on problems facing the future of the Italian-Canadian community.

Lou Fortini, a fourth year philosophy and political theory major said the conference was only a partial success and a starting point to addressing problems in more detail.

"I'm very optimistic for the future five, 10 or 15 years from now, but down the immediate road, it looks bleak," said Fortini.

DiCecco urged Italians to become better informed and more interested in their community.

"Italians need to excel in non-traditional areas and it's really difficult for Italian families to support this," said DiCecco.

DiCecco cited that the greatest proportion of Italian-Canadians (about 11 per cent) are employed in clerical jobs and most of these workers are women. The second greatest source of employment is the service industry, followed by assembly work and menial labour. Professional areas were last on the list.

Only about 8 per cent of Italian-Canadians have university degrees, DiCecco said.

York associate professor of Sociology Livy Visano, who was also on the panel, said Italians have a tendency to hide their aspirations to get to the top.

Liberal MP Rosario Marchese said they are underrepresented

in positions of responsibility and they need as a community to get into senior government positions.

"I don't believe we are doing this," Marchese said. "Therefore we are not helping to change the culture of our ministries, agencies and institutions. Therefore, we are not being effective at all."

Rose Sottile, president of the York Italian Association, agreed.

"We must mobilize as students and increase the number in the upper echelons to then fulfill our needs and act as children's mentors to show us that that ceiling is not so unattainable," she said.

But Visano added, "I don't celebrate having positions of power unless these people return their interest and encouragement to the community."

Visano reasoned that once people are elected as leaders of political parties they forget about the people and are only loyal and interested in their party lines.

But Joe Dematteis, York graduate and ex-president of the association said he received "no shockers" from the conference.

"It was more for promoting their [politicians] self-image rather than addressing the concerns of the Youth of the Italian background," said Dematteis.

"There is no continuity, we need to organize ourselves and be integral in our society, proposed Dematteis.

Joe Bresci, vice president of the association, also blamed the lack of community involvement. He said it was "pathetic" to see out of a substantial proportion of about 13,000 York students of Italian origin only about 300 are association members.

Sottile said together, Italians at York can break down any systemic barriers or stereotypes "Together we can show the Italian community by reaching greater heights," Sottile said.

ISU opponents target pro-military speech

by Pat Micelli

Opponents of the International Space University are using words from one of the school's high-ranking supporters to stop it from coming to York.

In a speech, George MacFarlane, who played a large role in drafting the bid to bring the space university to York, promoted military use of space technology.

"As an ex-military officer with first-hand experience in the [United States Air Force] space program, I can dream of Canada becoming a major military space power," MacFarlane told a consulting group in May. "We all know, however, that neither the will nor the funding exist to make that dream come true."

MacFarlane is the director of the Institute for Space and Terrestrial Science, a government-funded research centre affiliated with York.

"It confirms all of our worst suspicions," David Noble, a critic of the space university bid, said last week. Opponents have argued that the semi-private institution will become a magnet for military research funds.

But MacFarlane said in a recent interview that those were his personal views and they had nothing to do with the space university.

"I'm not on the ISU board, I've got no management position in ISU — I don't plan to have any management position in ISU, because I'll be retired before that operation starts up," said MacFarlane.

MacFarlane said his personal comments and ideas should be differentiated from official duties and responsibilities. "I know the policy of ISTS. I know what I can do and what I can't do."

York research policy, which ISTS must follow, prohibits any classified research

— such as designing an anti-missile interceptor — from being done, according to MacFarlane.

But he does advocate ISTS doing research that would "assist in national defense" by "adding to the knowledge base."

"Why not?" MacFarlane said. "Scientists have always played a role in national defence."

"My position, as an ex-military officer, is that this

country and the United States should be prepared to defend itself against, you might call them, rogue attacks."

In the speech MacFarlane urged the Canadian Forces to train "without delay, a cadre of people" who would get information from remote-sensing imagery, and said ISTS "would be pleased to develop a series of short courses" to that end.

An "interesting" use of that technology, MacFarlane went on to say, is improving the

images in flight simulators to make bombing runs more accurate.

MacFarlane said the remote-sensing research done at the institute is related to environmental studies.

But opponents have recently released an open letter to Susan Mann calling for York's immediate withdrawal from ISTS. The letter also demands that the Ontario government and York investigate the institute's research history.



Fans get Souljah no-show without apology

After waiting three hours, about 1,200 people were disappointed because Sister Souljah never showed, and even the promoters don't know what happened.

"This is a lot of crap," said promoter Brother Noel. "She is being disrespectful to the community."

According to Noel, the promoters are hoping that "Souljah will give an open apology to the Black community."

The rap activist who was scheduled to speak at York two Sunday nights ago was faced with numerous bomb and death threats. She moved to another hotel and refused phone contacts with anyone, said

Noel.

"Immigration was breathing down her neck as well as the Heritage Front," said Noel. "She did not feel safe."

The white supremacist group had earlier written to Immigration Minister Bernard Valcourt asking that Souljah be expelled from Canada.

As part of the \$10,000 contract, Souljah was also expected to sign autographs for those who were not able to attend the show, and do interviews with CBC and the Toronto Star, said Noel.

The promoters are asking for their money back plus compensation.

— Jennifer Lim

Women still earn less than men

WINNEPEG — Female teaching staff still earn less than male teaching staff at Canadian colleges and universities, a Statistics Canada study has found.

The study compared the pay of full-time instructors at 19 different Canadian schools. On average, women earned \$9,000 less than men.



At some schools, women earned as much as \$17,000 less than men.

Only Edmonton's Concordia College paid female instructors a higher average salary. Women earned an average of \$50,669 as opposed to \$48,711, the salary men earned.

The report cautioned many factors can influence

the salary figures, including "the age and qualification profiles of the teaching staff and the number of years in the ranks."

Prison education program cut

BURNABY — Students enrolled in Simon Fraser University's prison education program at Mountain Penitentiary in Agassiz, B.C. are upset the program will be cancelled next spring.

The students first learned of the plan to review the future of the 12-year-old program in October from Corrections Canada officials. They say cancellation of the program will be devastating.

"If (Corrections Canada) cut this out, I've got nothing" said a student who did not want to be named. Other prison programs are "useless," he said.

Another said his university studies allow him to take control of his rehabilitation.

The prison had a contract with the university to provide university courses to 50 prisoners. The contract won't be renewed in the spring. Instead, courses will be offered that will help prisoners leave the prison.

"All programs have been reviewed, and that includes university programs," said assistant prison warden Dave McLaren.

"What we're trying to do is match the criminological needs of offenders with the appropriate resources."

The SFU program allows students to pursue certificates, bachelor's or master's degrees.

U of Windsor scores from drug bust

WINDSOR — Flower pots that were used to grow marijuana are being used in biology research projects at the University of Windsor.

The city's police services board voted at the beginning of November to donate equipment seized from marijuana growers to the university instead of selling it at an auction.

The board decided to donate the equipment to the university because it was worried the equipment would fall back into the hands of marijuana growers. Often at auctions, dealers buy the equipment and are in operation within a few weeks.

The university picked up high-tech lighting equipment, a large quantity of fertilizer and flower pots, pumps, and timers used for automatic watering.

The equipment is being used throughout the university's biology department, and two professors have plans for the equipment already.

Clubs want Zundel charged again

by John Montesano

York club representatives agreed Ernst Zundel should be convicted for distributing hate literature.

Representatives supported a petition from a member of the Jewish Students Federation, which wants Zundel charged because of material he published claiming the Holocaust never happened.

Zundel was convicted under the false news section of the criminal code, which was later ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

The club is supporting a Canadian Jewish Congress campaign to have Ontario Attorney General Howard Hampton recharge Zundel under another section of the code.

"How far can freedom of speech go?" Jonathon Zion asked club representatives during his presentation at last week's clubs coalition meeting.

Almost all of the clubs voted to support the petition.

The York Federation of Students executive is also supporting the club coalition action against Zundel.

Four clubs at the meeting voted against the motion. They called it hypocritical, accusing the JSF of being uncooperative with initiatives by other York clubs in the past.

"All clubs want to support the petition because it's against racism and bigotry but there are problems because of who it's coming from," said Pakistani Student Federation member Tariq Shakir, whose club

opposed the motion along with the Muslim, Arab and Iranian student groups.

"In the past, there has been some instances between the JSF and other groups where there hasn't been mutual support," he told club representatives after the JSF presentation.

Shakir said the JSF did not support a petition against Salman Rushdie's novel, *The Satanic Verses* a few years ago. The club joined world-wide criticism denouncing Rushdie's book as anti-Muslim.

"This is not a club versus club topic," said Nick Ametrano from the Italian association, who moved the motion after the JSF presentation at

the coalition meeting.

After the vote, Iain Calder of the York University Greens told the coalition he hoped the JSF would recognize its responsibility to work with other groups and against racism on campus to quell division between clubs.

"It seems apparent the JSF should also make a commitment to this community against racism," he said.

After the meeting, Zion said the JSF had supported the Pakistani students' petition through the Inter-Faith council. He plans to talk to the clubs that opposed the motion in hopes of gaining their support.



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If you do not have one of the above pieces of photo identification, the Registrar's Office will produce a photo I.D. card for you, called the YorkCard. You'll have to present identification in order to obtain the card. The card costs \$10, and can feature your birthdate if you so wish. Please allow a few days for your card to be produced before your first exam.

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College teacher told views on AIDS wrong

by Debbie Hum
Canadian University Press

MONTREAL — A sociology teacher at Montreal's Dawson College has come under fire for using course materials which teach students that heterosexuals are unlikely to get AIDS.

In Marc Grenier's class, students are taught if they're intravenous drug users, blood transfusion recipients or gay, they are at a high risk of contracting HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS.

But that contradicts assertions by AIDS educators and activists that the virus is contracted through high-risk behaviour and not because one is a member of a particular group.

Grenier's choice of course materials has angered some Dawson students.

One-third of Grenier's course, sociology of sexuality, deals with AIDS.

One of Grenier's sources is a series of articles from the Hamilton Spectator which state Canadians have been misled about AIDS by government, community groups and by the media.

The articles - published in August, 1991 - used statistics to show the "true scope" of AIDS and said no

data exists showing AIDS has spread out of so-called "high-risk groups." It suggested AIDS will not spread to the majority of Canadians.

Grenier also teaches theories put forward by a Toronto epidemiologist, Eric Mintz. Mintz says the average Canadian has about as much chance of contracting AIDS as dying in a commercial air crash - about three in a million.

"Comparing stats on (airplane) accidents to stats on AIDS is like comparing apples to oranges," said Sasha Goudriaan, a student in Grenier's class.

Grenier said criticisms have made him angry, and said he has the right to teach his course as he sees fit.

"I have a right of academic freedom and no...political activist group or member of a political activist group is going to come in this college and tell me what to teach in my course," he said.

Grenier added he is not the only teacher at Dawson using "hard-core statistics" in a course. He said he also refers to quarterly reports on AIDS from the Laboratory for Disease Control in Ottawa.

"I'm not giving a political agenda.

I'm giving students straight statistics," said Grenier. "I don't have the answers to all the questions about AIDS. Some of the best doctors in the world are still trying to figure out those questions."

Many AIDS groups say it is still impossible to know the extent of the effect of AIDS in Canada.

AIDS numbers give us only one piece of the puzzle and should not be used as if they give us the complete picture, according to AHEAD, a Tor-

onto AIDS advocacy group.

On average it takes 10 years or more from infection to an AIDS diagnosis, so current AIDS statistics only describe where the virus was several years ago, an AHEAD study found.

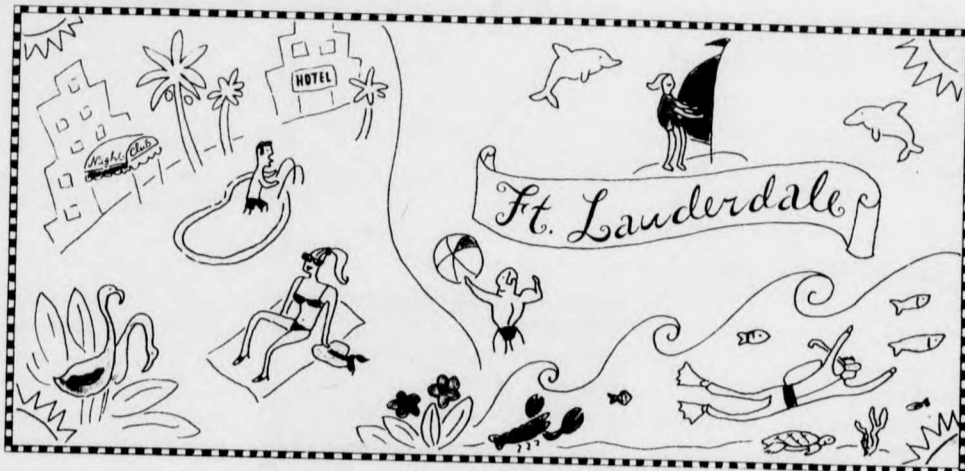
Organizations said they're concerned Grenier's statistics will give students a false sense of immunity to the virus.

"This generation is just getting into sex. They don't want to think

something really exciting can lead to a disease," said Robin Hand, a second-year social science student. "Boys don't want to use condoms and believing AIDS is not a heterosexual disease is an excuse not to use one."

Dr. Robert Remis, head of the AIDS surveillance group at the Centre for AIDS Studies at the Montreal General Hospital, said AIDS among heterosexuals is a serious threat in the United States and that there is no reason why it won't spread in Canada.

There are already documented cases of heterosexual transmission of HIV in Canada, he added.



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In-depth study promised

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once a month, would be better, but unfortunately York would not even consider this because of the cost, she said.

Dryden, in charge of equality and social affairs, argues that the "Jane and John Doe" incident is only the tip of the iceberg of racism in this institution.

An in-depth study of who is hired for the department and hiring procedure will be included in the investigation. All security officers' personal and employment histories will be taken under very careful

scrutiny, Lee said.

Dryden feels that there is an insufficient representation of minority races within the security department.

"Why isn't there any African females in the whole force? Why is there only two African males?" she asked.

Dryden also said she feels York's security officers are too unapproachable, due to their uniform and behavior.

"Their stance is too intimidating," said Dryden. "The security department should not strive to be like police officers, especially with their previous dealings with the African community."

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makes a perfect ice-breaker when out "chasing tail."

He is sometimes a physically and mentally abusive person, who sees a feminist alliance as a means of moral redemption.

While I'm heartened to learn that many women aren't buying these boy-boys, I'm saddened to see political figures winning their hearts by taking advantage of the Université de Montréal tragedy. In bad taste, these power-mongers make "heroes" of dead women for quick political gain.

Not that feminists themselves are without blame. Waging war in the abrasive manner they do is bound to incite irrationality in return, though I will agree such measures are necessary to attract initial attention.

Now that the modern world is sensitized to gender equality, we should be able to do without the immutable Gloria Steinem and Judy Reicks. Unless all women want to be cast from the same political, cultural and economic mold these "leaders" embody, the debate must move to an individual level.

Men, as a group, cannot be blamed for injustice to women, another arbitrary group. Only the individual, one we can actually point to, is capable of delivering injury, incident by incident. Marc Lepine, the individual, is guilty of killing those girls.

Most men have never killed or abused any women and yet feel damned for life when placed into the same category as this one criminal.

As is all too common with social activism at any level, fire-breathing is characteristic of a fervent but delusive campaign to change the past. What's always left out of the sermon is that a large percentage of men is peripheral to the archetypal "bad guy."

Like any revenge movement, reverse-sexism can only engender reverse-sexism, and so on. Surely feminism can be more progressive than that.

"La violence enfante la violence."

Christen Armour-Kidson

World doesn't revolve around women

I'd like to dispense with the traditional platitudes and say that your paper is an awful piece of journalism and a good example of university overfunding.

I am truly tired of reading the feminist inspired fallacies that grace your pages. In a recent issue nearly every headline concerned a "feminist" story. Headline after editorial after paragraph discussing lesbian pornography, date rape and those awful people who dared not agree that Marc Lepine Massacre Day was worthy of a reprieve from class.

Indeed, the only true value of that issue were the "Blueberry Hill" coupons at the back giving me my access to a 2-for-1 burger (an issue close to many student hearts).

Now, before you hold this letter up as living proof of the intolerance and oppression permeating this campus, perhaps you could widen your vision and cover some other issues (e. g. the bureaucracy of York and the resulting low service level).

I don't want to diminish the problem of rape nor do I want to forget the poor victims of a maniac, but you are doing a great disservice to the majority of the student body who need other issues discussed.

I would suggest that the same sort of maniac zeal that motivated Marc Lepine's hatred of women is manifesting itself in radical feminism's (to which *excalibur* apparently subscribes) disdain of maleness.

Perhaps it is time for your staff to

step back, take a deep breath, and realize that the world and the campus does not revolve around women and their issues.

Indeed, I would add that you and your ilk (radical feminists) are guilty of the same narcissism and intolerance of your accused oppressors.

Camille Paglia is right, "you feminists" are in a Stalinist phase and you better shake it soon or else your shrill will dissipate into nothingness.

Arthur Lofsky
MBA '93

Debaters bear good news

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of the success the debating society had while representing York University at the Leger Cup Debating Tournament on Hollowing weekend.

The team of Paul Cuifo and Lawrence Rabie came in second in the tournament, held at Bishops to deter-



Graphic by Claudia Davila

mine the best debaters in Central Canada. Cuifo and Rabie were debating a resolution concerning the simplification of the English language.

We were also represented by Sarah Hoddinott, Mathew Louie, Debra Moskowitz and Angela Musso, who all had impressive results.

We are proud that the York Debating Teams did so well in this prestigious tournament. However, we would like the rest of York to be proud of them, and recognize the achievement they richly deserve. Considering all the problems York has with overcrowding, underfunding, racism, and sexism, we feel that some good news about York is needed.

Adrian Howell
York Debating Society

Chinese figures off the mark

Your interview "Back to Beijing" (Oct. 21) with Timothy Brook has been sent to me, and I must ask why he accepts without proof the Chinese government's estimate of some hundreds being killed at Tiananmen Square. Others who were there estimate "hundreds, if not thousands."

No one can say which is correct, but in the chaos that ensued when the tanks rolled into the square over sleeping students and the soldiers opened fire, bodies were immediately taken out of sight both by the army and by the students. It is true that many died off the square but they were all part of the same incident.

In these circumstances, for Mr. Brook to say one has "to allow the Chinese government's figures to stand" is nonsense.

Had the government waited a few more days, the students would have drifted back to school for their exams.

I was in China when martial law was declared, and the students I spoke to said their main concerns were nepotism and corruption of the system, only to make it more open. When the Statue of Peace (looking like the American Statue of Liberty) was brought onto the square, the government was spooked and reacted viciously, believing Americans were behind the scenes.

This doesn't mean one has to accept the minimizing of the event by the Chinese government.

John V. Stephens, Q. C.

Health rates article botched

As Health Plan Administrator at YFS, I should know better than most people whether we can expect the cost of the plan to increase next year. However, all I know is that it is too early to tell.

Therefore, I was somewhat shocked to find myself quoted on the front page



graphic by Meredith Munger

of your paper, predicting an increase in the cost of the health plan ("Health Plan Cost Could Rise", Nov. 18).

To set the record straight, here is my opinion on next year. Health costs are increasing in Ontario at a rate of over 15% per year. All health plans will have to increase premiums at about the same rate in the long run. From year to year, increases may be larger or smaller, depending on how accurately the previous year's rates were set. Actuarial science is not only boring, it's also complicated. It will not be until the first months of claims are tallied, that anyone will know what students can expect next year. OK?

By the way, if you are going to state that "only 18 percent" of students voted in last year's referendum, why don't you also point out that this constituted the largest group of student voters for any referendum or election in York's history?

David Taylor
Health Plan Administrator, YFS

Replies stifle free speech

I attempted to abstain from the recent attacks (we cannot call it a debate) surrounding Ira Nayman's Oct. 12, piece, but I can be silent no longer.

I do not write to criticize Nayman (which I could), but the propaganda of the letter writing campaign to silence him. The letters are completely false and counter to any notions of free speech and debate.

For example, Heuman and Holland doubt Nayman's "one-sided" account of the Israeli soldiers' torture of a Palestinian boy. The boy is possibly "guilty," they say.

Heuman says the torture was "unjustified" if the boy was "minding his own business", but if he was "committing a crime", it was not only "justified" but "required."

First, several documented reports of Israeli military torture of innocent Palestinians exist. Second, regardless of what the boy did, is his desire to have his homeland returned a crime? Israel illegally occupies the West Bank and Gaza (and historical Palestine). So the mere presence of an Israeli soldier in the occupied territories is a crime of international law.

To use Heuman's terms, I submit that the boy and many other Palestinians are daily "minding (their) own business", that of the liberation of their homeland from the occupying forces. This is no crime.

Holland correctly sees the Intifada as "part of a larger geopolitical problem", yet the problem is not Israel's

"quest for security," but its quest for domination and expansion into Lebanon, Syria, and Palestine, all sovereign nations who have parts or all of their countries occupied by Israel.

Nayman's piece obviously set off a letter writing binge to "correct" it (as will this letter). However, we must not be swayed by their lies and tactics. We must counter the hype with what really takes place in Palestine, or Israel, as the occupiers call it.

Dimbil A. Hashi

Hethinks they protest too much

Last week I was glancing through my *Toronto Star* when I came across the name Heather Dryden. It seems that she was protesting Pat Buchanan's speaking engagement. Subsequently to this, I read in *excalibur* that both Miss Dryden and Michelle Chai did this on YFS-paid time. Now, the last time I looked, Mr. Buchanan was an American, and further, he has nothing to do with the system of education at York, Ontario, or even Canada for that matter.

Methodinks that Miss Dryden and Miss Chai doth protest too much! Even Pat Buchanan stated in his address that the majority of Americans don't hold much of a concern for Canada, giving the analogy of a latent arthritis. So, with this said, what the hell are Miss Dryden and Miss Chai (an unelected YFS official) so damn concerned about, and why is a portion of my academic fees being put towards these fruitless efforts? Maybe they just felt like getting out for a while.

Don't get me wrong, I think Pat Buchanan is a nut. But, I have the common sense to realize he is no threat to me as a Canadian student. Maybe the YFS professional protest squad should stick to issues relating to the ever-increasing cost of education. But don't listen to me and my likes, because, remember, I'm the guy who was impeached.

Ron Stubbings
VP External YFS (impeached)

Remembrance Day sadly forgotten

As a first-year student at York, I recently had an experience on campus which was deeply hurtful and saddening.

It had nothing to do with my color or religion, although it insulted my family and their history. As the Senate sits and debates whether we are to be given one hour or the whole afternoon off to commemorate the deaths at Ecole Polytechnique, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month I was sitting in lecture taking notes. 14 women died because of their sex in the Mark Lepine shootings, but more than 20 million died because of their religion, race or sexual orientation in only one of the events commemorated Nov. 11.

With the current uprising of Neo-Nazi terrorism in Europe, where 'Heil Hitler' is once again shouted with pride, can we afford to ignore Remembrance Day? My grandfather worries that young people have forgotten the reasons and nature of the sacrifice he and his peers made, and after this year I'm scared that he might be right.

Jocelyne Pasman

Why arrest activists?

On Nov. 19, four activists were arrested for mischief. The only thing they were guilty of was compassion. They were arrested because they were blocking the road to a \$500 a plate fundraising dinner for none other than the Right Honorable Brian Mulroney. This is the man who's political agenda has reduced social spending in order to create an attractive business climate. Every time we need health care, attend school, or apply for OSAP, we are affected by these reductions in social spending.

The same police who were dragging people off the road, were recently refusing to write tickets because they disapproved of legislation that would inconvenience them when shooting people. The same government which has virtually declared bankruptcy when funding social programs, has all of a sudden found enough money to buy fifty \$90 million helicopters.

Health care, education, and welfare are all terribly underfunded. All of these services could be vastly improved if that \$4.4 billion was spent on them. Why are we not screaming for this to happen? I cannot speak for myself — I was demonstrating on Nov. 19. The small group that was with me, however, cannot bring about change alone. United, we can bring that money back where it belongs — funding the programs and services that make Canada an attractive country to people.

David Hermolin
External Commissioner, YFS

excal supports sensationalism

I am writing in response to your editorial "Don't let people 'protect' you from dangerous ideas" (Nov. 25), in which you portray those unhappy about the upcoming Reg Hartt event as opponents of freedom of expression. The show will suggest that Jesus was a homosexual.

It is difficult to understand the recent preoccupation with raising doubts about the sexual orientation of famous people. Hemingway has had his orientation posthumously reversed by biographers. The movie actor Tom Selleck rightly took offense at the falsehoods which the tabloids printed about him. Evidently these allegations sell books and magazines.

Excalibur's position is that the Hartt presentation will simply be raising questions and, therefore, that the university, as a forum for the free exchange of ideas, is a fitting venue. I would argue that the university is a place for serious, not sensational, questions. Universities ought not to imitate scandal sheets. Will *excalibur* soon be organizing evenings to examine some of the multitude of "questions" raised by the National Enquirer?

I suspect that Mr. Hartt's real aim is, simply, to shock and offend. He has succeeded. We who know and love Jesus are saddened by the misrepresentations he sells.

Patrick Moore

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Taking care of the freeloaders

To: Brian Mulroney, CEO, Canada Inc.
 From: Floyd Laughren, Ontario Cash Guru
 Re: Operation Freddie Freeloader

Dear Bri,

Pop open the Dom Perignon and taste the success.

I think we've finally got the universities back under control. I have to admit it's been a tough 25 years. For a while there, it looked like we were going to lose.

I've got to hand it to you, planting me in this government was a brilliant idea. The secret Tory in the NDP camp. A diamond in the rough. I promised you I'd deliver, and I am pleased to say I got the goods last week.

I know this has been a passionate concern of yours for years, ever since those good old days at St. Francis Xavier university. Boy, who would have thought back then that things would get this out of control!

Remember that time you held a beer-chugging contest with that bank president's son? I heard from him the other day — he's editing the *Globe and Mail*. By the way, his paper has been a big help throughout this campaign. They even outdid us by recommending a 600 per cent tuition increase. You should send him a bottle or something (I hear you've got a few).

But seriously, Bri. You were right — things were right out of control on campus. I got Dickie Allen, my colleges and universities minister, to look into the matter. You wouldn't believe what they were spending our money on. Women's centres. Race relations offices. Labour studies programs. Things are so out of whack they almost cut the football team at St. F.X. a few years back. It makes you wonder about the future of our great country.

And the students! The way they're going, you'd think everyone deserves a higher education. Immigrants, working people, single par-

ents — for God's sake, I thought I saw my cleaning lady at York the other day!

But don't worry. I talked Bob into letting me fix things. It was easy — I just gave him that line about the deficit. "Can't go sending everyone to school in a recession, eh Bob?" He bought it — didn't even remember all that stuff about global competitiveness and the need for an educated province. He was too busy dealing with Peter North's sex life.

Geez, Bri. The last thing those tree-hugging, peace loving, bleeding-heart little turds in the province's universities and colleges need is our money. I fixed them for good by cutting off student aid grants completely. Now they can go out and find a job, just like the good old days. Not that any of us had jobs then. But if we'd needed it, you can bet we'd be out there working. We never needed the government to pay our way.

And tuition fees! I know we only raised them seven per cent — but look on the bright side. That is about four times the inflation rate. At that rate, Caroline won't be ashamed to go to a Canadian school soon. We'll have her paying Harvard fees at Queen's before you know it.

Caroline will be glad to hear about my next plan. We're going to turn Queen's into Harvard North. And Western will be Yale, and Toronto Princeton. Waterloo already is MIT. But York... we're having trouble with York. Things should get better when they finish cutting out the Arts faculty. All those literate kids running around — scary! Next thing you know, they'll be writing newspaper editorials and spreading the wrong ideas.

Ah, Bri. I know just how concerned you are about these kids today. At the rate they're going some of them might be voting in the next election. But don't worry we'll give them something better to do with their time.

Yours truly,
 "Baby Blue" Laughren

• Ever seep through a neighbors refuge. It can tell you a lot about the person. York's full of garbage. Keeping tabs of our junk is serious business.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Here's what York's garbage composition revealed in the summer garbage audit:

- 36.3 per cent is organic material, such as food waste.
- 17.4 per cent is other paper,

like box board, faxes, post-it notes, and colored paper.

- 15.9 per cent is office fine paper.
- 9.9 per cent is plastic.
- 6.9 per cent is glass.
- 4.9 per cent is metal.
- 4.6 per cent newsprint.
- 1.4 per cent is corrugated cardboard.

The following recyclables were found in our garbage:

- 158 metric tonnes of fine paper.
- 103 metric tonnes of newsprint.
- 100 metric tonnes of metal.

In rating recycling practices among York buildings, Waste Management coordinator Paul Mayol says the Ross Building has the best practices, while the West Office Building has the worst of all buildings examined in the audit.

• **Mann Watch:** York's Senate debated the proposed affiliation between our university and the International Space University last week. York President Susan Mann took the opportunity to explain her oft-changing reactions to the proposal.

They included (and she used numbers to break them down):

Reaction #1

To the ISU bid after breezing through a glossy brochure on the subject: "Doesn't that look interesting?"

Reaction #2

After reading literature opposing the bid: "Oh, oh."

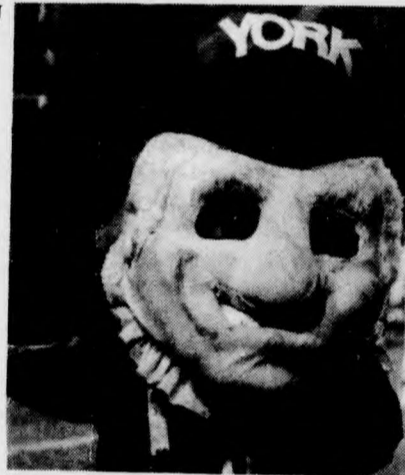
Reaction #3

About having to deal with ISU during her first months in office:

"This issue was certainly not an issue I would have chosen to be saddled with."

Reaction #4

To the lack of consultation during the bid preparation before she took office: "Yuuiy." (Not to be confused with *Yeoy*, the university's sports mascot.)



Yeoy has yet to declare a position on ISU.

She cited at least four more reactions before telling the Senators she sided in support of the proposal. Mann called the process "an excellent opportunity to get introduced to the way York operates."

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— ISTS Executive Director
 George MacFarlane in hot water after exposing dream (see pg. 3).

Hostility draws line between genders

by Zhanna Vesterman

A lot of analysis and talk occupies a generous spot in the media these days. A huge chunk of it is hostility, which I can prove to be very dangerous. As



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a feminist, I feel the need to contest some of the negative attitudes rising on the issue of "male" — "female" roles.

First, I want to address this absurd business of protesting men wearing white ribbons in showing their compassion for the 14 women killed in Montreal. No one needs to study history or psychology of women to know that shooting people is wrong, to know that the families of those women have suffered, to imagine the fear that went through the minds of the people there — in other words, to feel compassion.

Who is to say that this compassion is not sincere? One young man who was in the room with the women massacred committed suicide shortly afterwards, because he couldn't bear the feelings of guilt and helplessness.

It is wrong to criticize every gesture that men make, to give them a set of rules by which to play, to restrain them. Women who are waging a war against men are going to create an

undesirable cleft between the two sexes. Let us not isolate the male population because of the misfortunes that occur as a result of our physical differences. Let us not provoke any unnecessary anger or resentment towards us. Let's not have them say, "I can't do anything right by them," and then have them ignore us when our claims are legitimate.

I wish there was no rape and murder of women, just as I wish there were no bombing of planes, abuse of children, and famine. Let's condemn attitudes, not people.

Too much time is wasted making wars and sticking labels. In the passion of taking sides, we will wipe out freedom of speech, freedom of relationships, and whatever form of trust there is left in our society.

The truth is, it is impossible to have

a positive relationship with an enemy. Who knows how things should really be? Who knows, even, if women do occupy only a secondary role in Canada? It seems to me that we have tons of options and opportunities. It also seems to me that there must be some reason why more men than women commit suicides.

Mutual education is a good way to

keep on modifying and improving things. Still, let's allow for a little mystery, a little difference, and a little trust. Let us simply not force anything on anyone, let us punish criminals, and try to prevent further harm.

Zhanna Vesterman is a fourth year Political Science student.

Let down by punchless Steinem

by Carrie Brodi and Sharon Achtman

While most of Toronto sat anxiously awaiting a world series victory, a minute group of Torontonians sat together in Convocation Hall with more pressing issues on their minds than baseball. As Gloria Steinem jokingly remarked in her introduction, "I see that there are quite a few people here who are not members of the 'jockocracy'."

She was here in Toronto for a benefit in honor of Interim Place of Mississauga, a temporary women's shelter for spousal abuse. The proceeds of the evening were generously donated for the shelter's betterment, which can justify the lofty twenty dollar admission fee.

The lecture was extremely relevant, yet one couldn't help feeling a certain ambiguity over what was said, and what was actually being felt.

The operative emotion after listening to a forum on violence against women should be rage, and that rage should be transformed into a fight for change. Because of the lack of energy in the room, the much-needed passionate anger was absent.

There was an obvious absence of women of colour and younger feminists in the audience. It wasn't surprising that Steinem attracted the leather-pant-wearing, finely coiffed, "distinguished", older women of white feminism.

Steinem has remained a constant mainstream pop-icon for women's

rights, and was referred to as the 'Glamour Girl' of feminism by Susan Faludi in Backlash.

But she lacked life, and her speech was redundant at times, and not too revolutionary. The concept of the inner child is slightly rehashed, but still an important issue. However, it is stagnant when addressed to an audience that is there mainly for nostalgic purposes.

It seemed that many of the women attending the lecture were there primarily to reminisce and reconnect with a role model that spawned on a generation geared for change. However the Feminine Mystique, 'Fuck-off-and-do-your-own-laundry' school of thought appeared to have lost its radical cutting edge. Of course, the work and warfare these women struggled through should not be negated. Steinem was the founding architect of the second wave of feminist activism.

The focus of Steinem's lecture was the profound connection between global violence and domestic violence. "What happens to men is called politics, what happens to women and children is called culture. Really, it's all the same," said Steinem during her talk.

Through a disturbing analysis of both George Bush and Saddam Hussein's abused childhoods, it is evident that the transition between boyhood and manhood for both men had tremendous political implications. Steinem asserts that all learned dysfunction of childhood, unless

properly understood and exorcised, will follow one into adulthood and manifest itself out in negative ways. In the case of world leaders this is a most dangerous combination.

The most important point of lecture was probably the idea that violence against women and children is extremely political. Through feminist politics like Steinem's, we are just starting to realize the astounding consequences of child abuse and domestic violence.

She also talked about the necessity of including men in the process of social change. The point has often hindered feminist activism in the past. "The big change of twenty years ago, was understanding that women can do what men can do. The change in twenty years is understanding that men can do what women can do."

You go to a lecture for two reasons — to be educated and to be inspired. We were slightly educated, but not inspired at all. Instead, we were discouraged. How could we have been inspired, when people were rudely leaving in droves during the question and answer period, the most exciting part of the lecture. This is especially very unusual for a feminist lecture, which usually consist of energetic and heated debate. This one left us feeling lukewarm.

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• graphic by Sadaf Siddiqui

White ribbon campaign abused

by Jeff Clayton

Is the White Ribbon Campaign an act of solidarity with the Women's Movement's December memorial and campaign against male violence — or is it a smartly dressed Bullshit Baby from one of Uncle Remus' tales?

I wore a ribbon last year. A friend told me about the idea, and gave me a cloth to tie around my coat sleeve. It seemed like a good idea at the time.

But things went wrong with the campaign, and in the end, it seemed to have been more harmful than positive.

I was offended when the politicians wore white ribbons for television, but figuring that they were bound to use any idea wrongly if it made them look good, I let that slip by without too much worry.

The main problem was a point of anger and real disgust for me, and much louder and clearer. The media coverage that I saw during the week of talks, walks, and gatherings focussed almost entirely on the males that attended. The idea of the "white ribbon" was a hot angle to concentrate on. It allowed news programs to downplay the profound grief and anger of the week into a problem whose solving was apparently well underway — and what a fine bunch of gentlemen were doing it!

Organizers of the white ribbon campaign recieved the ma-

jority of interview time. Visuals of walkers at a candlelight vigil were "high lighted" by a little white ribbon at the corner of the screen.

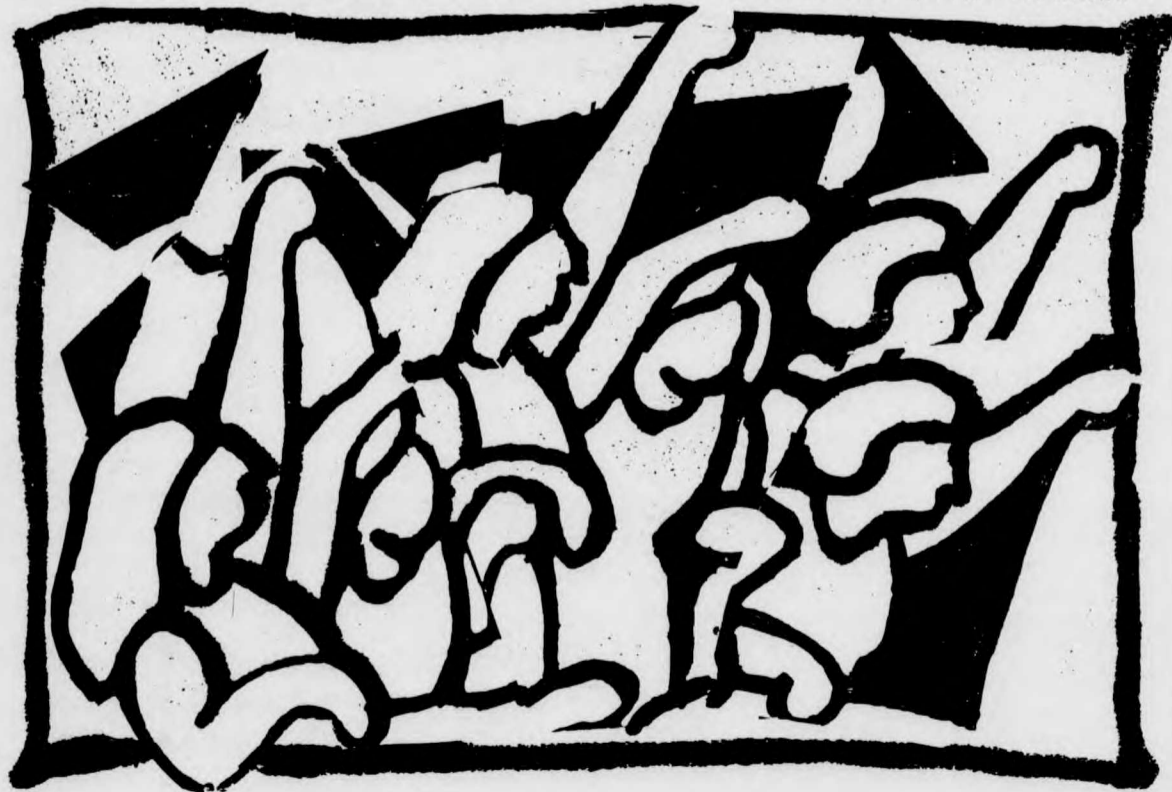
For a campaign that was supposed to be, as I heard it, complementary and supportive, it was certainly tainted by the end, and the hypocrisy of the PM and the MP's was now apparent on many other levels.

I give the organizers some benefit of the doubt — I find it hard to believe that they meant to foul things up that much. But if this group wants to be involved this year, they need this message: Shut Up! This is not your time, and this week is not about you. Organizers and members of the white ribbon campaign need to resist the temptation to get their backs rubbed with hero medicine.

The media need to be told to talk to the organizers and supporters of the main events. Their urge to focus on the men present needs to be quietly and forcefully resisted.

I do believe that men speaking out against male violence towards women is a very positive step, and important. But these men need to be less clumsy, and they need to understand how capable they are of detracting from something important. And no whining — deal with it, quietly. Or stay home.

Jeff Clayton is a Third year English student.



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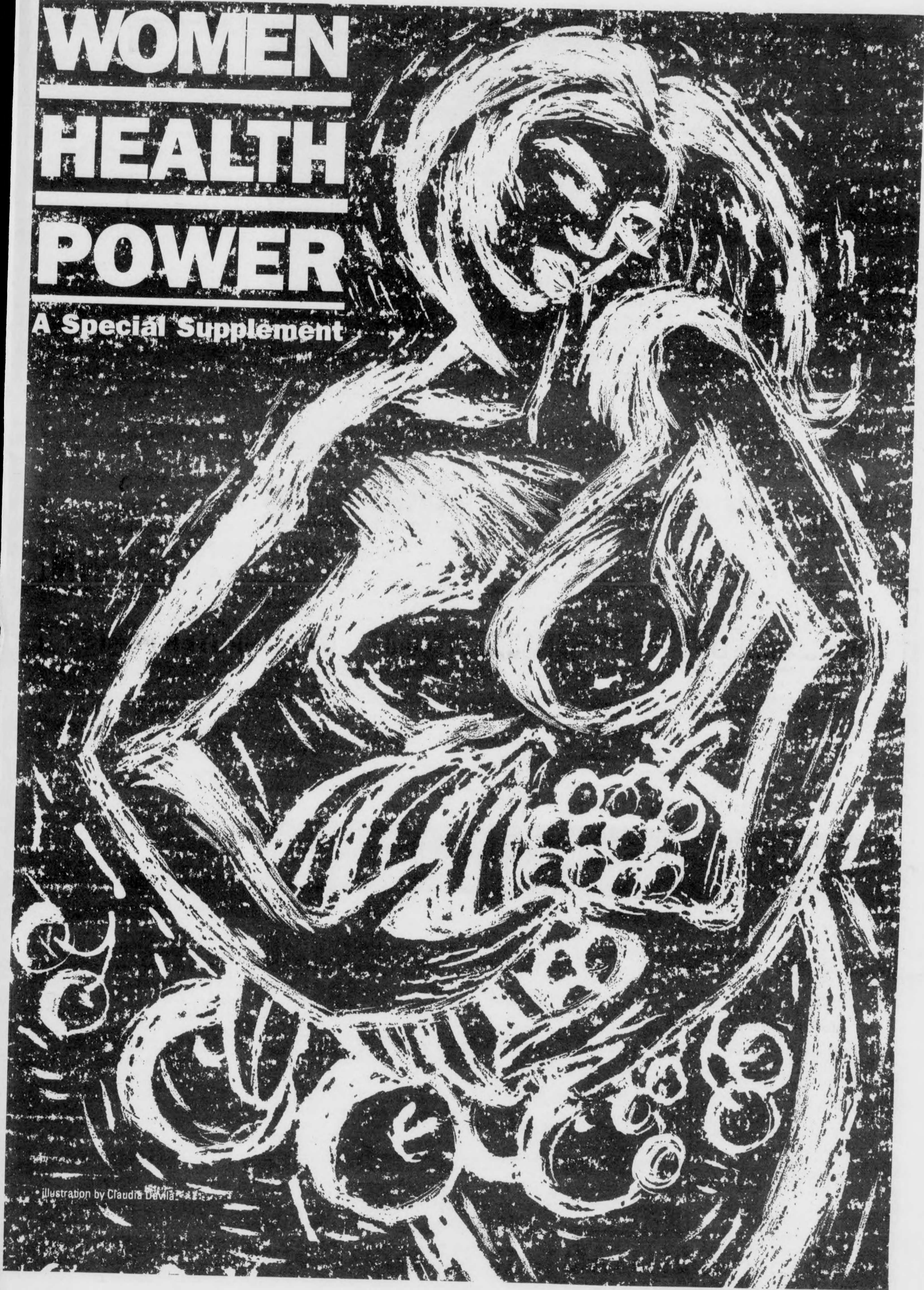


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Worse than the disease

Doctors are abusing women and getting away with it

by Jennifer MacIntyre

Suzy (not her real name) thought she might be pregnant. She told her boyfriend and went to her doctor for a pregnancy test. Sure enough, she was three weeks pregnant. The doctor told her the options.

She could have an abortion. But he said there was a chance that she would never be able to have children again, there was a risk of death, and that her feelings of guilt would be tremendous and last her whole life. He then showed her pictures of aborted fetuses. Suzy felt sick to her stomach.

He said she could carry the baby to full term. People would be more than glad to

babysit for her, he claimed, and clothes for herself and the baby would be donated. The doctor told her to think about her options carefully and let him know her decision.

Women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy often are in a sensitive emotional state and need supportive, non-judgemental health care. Women must be cautious of religious bias of many doctors and church-affiliated pregnancy support groups. If you feel a doctor is manipulating you or trying to influence your pregnancy options — like Suzy's doctor did — then that doctor is out of

line. You should instead seek the care of a doctor who provides clear information and supports you no matter what decision you make.

Also, your doctor must respect your confidentiality at all times. It is not acceptable for a doctor to call your parents — or anyone else — and tell them you are pregnant unless you have given consent.

Betrayal of trust

Rachael (not her real name) went to the doctor for her yearly pap smear and birth control prescription. She went to a walk-in

clinic, as she was a student from out of town and didn't have a family doctor in Toronto yet.

The doctor, who was male, took an unusually long time with the wooden sample stick. During the procedure there was a knock at the door. He said "Come in." In walked another patient, who was horrified to have been invited into the middle of Rachael's pap smear — as was Rachael, legs up in the stirrups and abruptly half-covered with a piece of examining paper.

The doctor stopped the procedure and walked over to the other patient, who was holding her own medical chart. He then waved his gloved hands — which had been just used for the pap smear — close to the woman's face as he discussed the results of her own earlier examination. She then quickly left the room.

The doctor then resumed the procedure with the stick forcefully. Rachael expressed her pain but he ignored her. When he was done he said: "It appears you have broken a membrane. There should be a pinkish discharge, but that is normal." He then gave Rachael her birth control prescription, and said that he would call if anything was wrong with the pap smear. She ran home to discover that he had in fact made her bleed. She bled for three more days and could not get the horrible scraping feeling out of her mind. She couldn't even think about having sex for weeks.

Experiences like Rachael's are not uncommon among young women. We are socialized to believe that doctors are always right, and we too often allow abusive doctors to take advantage of our trust.

Must be reported

Two weeks ago, Health Minister Frances Lankin announced a plan which will require that all cases of sexual impropriety — which includes words, gestures and attitudes — must be reported to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. The College as of now mainly focuses on sexual abuses that involve actual touching.

Lankin also made reference to a survey that indicated as many as 400,000 women in Ontario may have been sexually harassed or abused by their doctors.

"Sexual impropriety is not tolerable at all," Lankin told the *Star*. "It has to be reported."

Lankin's announcement came in the wake of a startling 200-page report released last November by the Independent Task Force on Sexual Abuse of Patients.

The task force was created by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario in response to increasingly frequent and severe complaints against doctors.

The report describes sexual abuse by doctors as any behaviour, gestures, or expressions that are seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient or any contact with a patient that could be interpreted as sexual in nature.

It said that too many women are unable to fight back against the abuse they have experienced.

"Patients are vulnerable, trusting, they expect to be protected — and sadly they are easy targets," task force chair person Marilou McPhedran wrote.

"When they are betrayed and used for sexual gratification of a powerful caregiver, they do not want to accept the truth of abuse. They do not want to feel tainted by it. It is a pattern among survivors of sexual abuse — and a normal human response — to deny the abuse, discount it, blame themselves for it, even to return to the caregiver with the hope that it won't be repeated."

dealing with doctors you can't trust — and finding ones you can

A patient who has been violated sexually, psychologically or in any other way by a doctor should be aware that there are several recourses she can take.

First of all she can call The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario at 961-1711. They take formal complaints about any aspect of a doctor's care including rudeness, suspected malpractice or sexual abuse. They will investigate any complaint lodged by a patient and have the authority to take disciplinary action concerning any doctors misconduct.

If abuse goes unquestioned and unreported, it is almost certain that it will continue to happen to other women. It is also important for an abused patient's psychological well-being to speak out to those who can help her so she doesn't internalize the abuse and feel defeated.

More immediately, people who have been abused by doctors — or by anyone else, for that matter — likely will experience severe mental anxiety and depression and will need counselling and support.

One place to call for help is the Assaulted Women's Help Line at 863-0511. This is a confidential telephone support service that provides information and referrals to a variety of support services. Also the Distress Centre at 598-1121 may be able to help.

Finding the right doctor

Fortunately, finding good health care is not as difficult as it may seem. Certainly a recommendation from a friend or relative may direct you to someone trustworthy.

But if that is not possible, you can call The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Referral Service at 961-1711. They list

doctors who are receiving new patients, and to be listed a doctor must be in good standing with the college.

The Regional Women's Health Centre at 790 Bay St. on the 8th floor (586-0211) is an excellent place to seek help for almost any aspect of women's health.

Here women will be connected with community resources, support groups and individual counsellors for such issues as birth control, infertility, menopause, PMS, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual abuse or unplanned pregnancies. They have a very good library with a wealth

of books, journals, translated materials and audio and video cassettes which registered library clients may borrow.

The heart of the centre is The Bay Centre for Birth Control, famous for its multi-disciplinary group of doctors, nurse-counsellors, social workers, support staff, a STD/HIV counsellor and planned parenthood staff. The centre sells prescription and non-prescription contraceptives at reasonable prices.

The Women's Counselling, Referral and Education Centre, at 534-7501 is a feminist mental health service that gives referrals to "non-sexist" therapists, community services and self-help groups.

Also consider alternative ways of treating your health. Chiropractors, acupuncture, reflexology, acupressure, massage, herbalism and homeopathy are all worthwhile options for treating health problems. What is valuable about most of these alternative forms of medicine is that they tend to concentrate on prevention and maintaining good health whereas traditional western medicine focuses on reacting to poor health and treating illness.

Jennifer MacIntyre

Pill Chill

The French have a pill that makes abortions safer, faster and less traumatic. But the hubris of a huge corporation and the fears of the religious fringe are keeping it out of the hands of Canadian women.

by Susan O'Flinn

Imagine an abortion with no general anesthetic. With no struggling through angry, placard-waving, screaming protesters. It's already possible, but not for North American women.

Over ten years ago, a scientist working for the French drug manufacturer Roussel-Uclaf invented a steroid hormone similar in structure to the natural hormone progesterone.

Christened RU 486, and nicknamed the abortion pill, the drug's potential benefits are being lost amid political and religious arguments.

Roussel-Uclaf has a policy which says it will not market the drug in any country where there exists a potential backlash from anti-abortionists. They will not even apply for testing rights if the climate is 'unfavourable'. Currently, the company will only sell the drug in countries which have 'positive' abortion laws — unlike Canada, which simply does not have an abortion law.

This is the sole stumbling block preventing Canadian and American women from gaining access to the drug.

Questionable ethics

Norma Scarborough, co-chair of the RU 486 Committee established by the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL), described the situation as a standstill. "We have met many times with the president. He gave us the conditions. [Canada] fulfilled them [by striking down the old abortion law] — now they've changed the rules. Now they want positive legislation."

Studies are also being conducted on the RU 486 role in preventing breast cancer. The drug manufacturer is testing it on a small group of women at Queen's University.

"I really question the ethics of a company which will not market it for something we know it is safe and effective for," said University of Toronto Professor Rebecca Cook, "but will test it on Canadian women in an area where its not known to be safe."

RU 486 can be taken as soon as the woman knows she is pregnant, unlike vacuum aspiration abortions which have to be held after six weeks. In addition, with no surgical invasion, there is no risk of perforation, damage to the cervix or infection from instruments.

The low death rate (one in 100,000) and non-invasive technique of RU 486 has a huge potential for women in third world countries, where the death rate from illegal abortions is one in 3,000.

Scarborough feels that the anti-abortion groups are particularly anxious about this procedure because it can be

conducted in any medical office. No more will they be able to congregate outside of abortion clinics and intimidate and harass the already nervous women.

So far no long-term health risks have been discovered. The drug's drawback is that it is only effective during the



• graphic by Carmel Camilleri

early weeks of pregnancy, so the need for surgery will not be completely abolished. Anti-abortion groups fear this comparatively easy procedure will encourage women to have abortions — rather like the great condoms-in-high-schools debate.

Anti-abortion groups in the prairies have already called for farmers to stop buying Roussel-Uclaf chemicals.

endometriosis, Cushing's syndrome, adrenal cancer, diabetes and osteoporosis.

The hope for Canadian women will probably lie in convincing the drug manufacturer of the drug's wide-ranging uses. Potentially it may revolutionize men's and women's health care. Maybe once its profit potential increases, women in North America will be able to join those in France, Britain and Sweden in using RU 486.

A time for truth and unity Remembering the massacre

On December 6, 1989, Mark Lepine shot and killed fourteen students at Montreal's École Polytechnique. They all paid, with their lives, for the crime of being women and wanting to succeed in the male-dominated field of engineering.

There are some who dismissed the tragedy of December 6, 1989 as an isolated act of a lone madman, and not as an attack against a particular group. Others saw it as a painful example of society's hatred towards women, and decided that the issue of violence against them had

been overlooked for too long.

Because of the targets of this murder, it especially had a powerful impact on university students. Judging from the events that have been taking place on campus' across the country every year since, the anger has not faded and neither has the impact of the incident. Vigils in honour of the victims, as well as other events give women the chance to mourn the loss of fellow human beings, to express their frustrations and to promote an awareness of violence against their gender.

This year is no exception. There will be several events around York the week of December 6.

Wednesday, December 2 the films "Sisters in the Struggle" and "After the Massacre" will be shown beginning at 12:30 in room 409 Student Centre. This will be followed by a poetry and prose reading on struggle and resistance at 5:30, Room 307 Student Centre.

Thursday, December 3, there will be a panel on women in the global struggle from 12:30 to 2:30, room 307 Student Centre. At 5:00 in room 409 of the Student Centre, there will be a forum on strategies to deal with violence against women

Friday, December 4 at 12:30 there will be a vigil in Vari Hall, followed by women-only open mike at Scott Religious Centre,

and a men-only discussion group in room 430 Student Centre, respectively taking place at 1:30. Finally at 3:30 there will be a healing circle for women.

Those of you who will be around the university of Toronto that week, can drop by the UofT Women's Centre and write what December 6 means to you on cardboard, which will be placed on spikes around campus anonymously if you like. There will also be a vigil on Friday, December 4 in UofT's Convocation Hall, twelve noon.

If you're the downtown type, you can also attend a candlelight march starting at Nathan Phillips Square on December 6 at 4:00. There will be an indoor reception there before the march at 2:30-3:15.



*photos by Claire Sykes

SPRAYBACK

Women's voices cut through the graffiti din

by Sara Singer

"Stop rape now"
 "Rapists beware"
 "Fight back, be free, live strong, love yourself"
 "Dethrone the patriarchy"

These are among the many messages being expressed by women across the campus — from bathroom stalls to construction hoardings. Graffiti has given a voice to many women who feel silenced.

Graffiti takes many different forms and serves many purposes, as anyone who visits a women's washroom at York can witness. In the wake of the Montreal massacre, graffiti has served as a means of available and anonymous expression for women threatened by the fear of violence.

Claire Sykes, a York fine arts student, used graffiti after the massacre to expose the way the media turned the event into a spectacle. She says she wanted to make a statement about violence against women at

York.

"It was empowering to do but also a statement," Sykes said in an interview. "I was scared and upset by the massacre and I was sick of the way the media had portrayed the issue which I wanted to expose in a blatant and aggressive way."

One year after the massacre, Sykes and her friends planned their most visible piece. It appeared on the construction hoardings around the Vari Hall site.

"We put the names of the fourteen women along the wall so everyone who walked down it had to be reminded of the issue of violence against women. I didn't want people to forget," said Sykes. "On a symbolic level it represented violence against women in the institution."

Sykes said the anonymity of graffiti is what made the piece possible. It also allowed more of a focus on the issue and prevented it from being a form of self-aggrandizement.

"Graffiti is a dialogue — you can say what you really feel. It's a way of getting a

message across that you couldn't do anywhere else."

"Graffiti has no rules, you don't have to conform to any aesthetic standards and you aren't responsible to anyone. And yet it still has the effect of being very public."

A week after the graffiti was put up, it was whitewashed out by the university. Sykes said she felt the covering up was a silencing for her and a denial on the part of the university to deal with rampant sexism both within and outside the university.

Sykes was fortunately able to salvage her graffiti by photographing it and mounting the photos as a gallery exhibit last year.

But not all graffiti is saved from obliteration — particularly those discourses which take place in the women's washroom.

Barbara Godard, a York English professor, conducted a

study on women's graffiti on campus and in restaurants around Toronto in 1987 and 1988.

Godard, along with an assistant, followed the development of the graffiti by checking up on it weekly, and keeping track of its gradual buildup. This allowed Godard to look at the graffiti in steps rather than as an end product.

The most common graffiti scenario, Godard noted, is the 'problem situation' in which women seek advice on personal issues. In this sense, graffiti functions as a form of self-help among women, a "comfort station."

Godard found various genres of graffiti ranging from discussions on politics and feminism to debates on graffiti writing itself. According to Godard, many of the authors expressed concern and disappointment that their words could be wiped out with the swipe of an Ajax sponge.

"These expressions seemed to suggest that the activity of writing was something of a political gesture and that the fear of containment of speech among women was very strong," she wrote.

According to Godard, the fact that graffiti takes place means that there are not enough opportunities for women to be heard in society. "If women and other marginal groups had a forum to express their ideas, they wouldn't need to use graffiti."

But the fact that graffiti is transitional and anonymous takes away from its effectiveness in giving women a voice that is heard, since graffiti is not taken seriously and is regularly removed.

"Graffiti may work as a form of empowerment but it is very qualified because it is still going on within the space of a washroom which means women obviously have a limited forum for their [speech]."

However, according to Godard, women's washroom graffiti remains a conversation among women, dealing in issues of vital interest, where writers can count on other women to hear and respond to their voices.

Recent graffiti has appeared encouraging women to name their attacker or date rapist. In this sense, graffiti functions for women as a means of circulating information widely to those most concerned.

"Graffiti by women on rape, violence and naming names is part of a discourse on the body, on power relations and the fear of not being heard," Godard wrote.

In this sense it is a way for women to talk back.

Bodies and minds

Tai Chi puts women in control of their health

by Kerry Hobbs

As women age, our bodies change and we generally face more health problems than men. Although we can't turn back our biological clocks, we can decrease our symptoms and slow down the aging process through Tai Chi exercise.

"As we grow older, our bodies shrink and our joint stiffen," says Judy Millen, an instructor and member of the women's committee for the Toronto Tai Chi Association.

Tai Chi is a Chinese exercise developed six centuries ago as a way to improve health. It consists of 108 movements that slowly stretch and turn the body, loosening joints, massaging internal organs and improving muscle tone.

Practice of Tai Chi has rejuvenating qualities.

"Tai Chi puts the whole body through all its motions, turning the body back into its logical architecture, by getting the body in shape to do its job," says Millen.

Over time, stretching changes the skeletal structure. For women, the waist disappears and hips become square. For

men the pelvis area widens. These physiological changes provide more space for internal organs to drop down into the pelvis where they may be more readily massaged by Tai Chi's movements. The resulting increase in room for the lungs allows for greater efficiency of breathing.

Being a weight-bearing exercise, Tai Chi strengthens bones through increased blood circulation, which elevates calcium and bone marrow levels. This is especially important to menopausal women who are prone to osteoporosis, a disease that decreases bone volume and mineral content by replacing healthy bone with fatty and fibrous materials. This weakening of the bone can cause spontaneous fractures.

The many blood vessels in the breasts are strengthened through increased circulation — an advantage for breast feeding. Tai Chi also helps reduce the likelihood of breast cancer.

At advanced levels of Tai Chi, the heart rate increases to aerobic levels without causing stress on joints as is the case with running and other high impact activities.

"It's really hard to injure yourself if you follow your instructor's advice," says Millen, since Tai Chi is also about learning to relax and has the same effects on the mind as meditation.



Date Rape Survivor's Guide

what to do if it happens to you

by Erin Little

On a typical pub night at an Ontario University, Stefanie (not her real name) was at a popular campus bar with her friends. Kevin (not his real name), an old friend from high school was also there. After last call the party continued at Stefanie's house. Kevin and Stefanie started making out on her bed.

"I asked him to stop but he pinned me down," she remembers. Her shouts for help could not be heard above the music. Kevin raped Stefanie.

"When he left he said 'I'll call you tomorrow.' I couldn't believe it."

Many women who are raped do not know who to turn to.

In cases like Stefanie's, mutual friends don't want to get involved.

"Kevin told everyone that I was a slut," she says. "I quickly learned who my true friends were"

In date rape cases, often the biggest issue is that of trust.

"Kevin violated my trust. I doubted my own ability to judge people and build trusting relationships," Stefanie says.

Denial and self-blame also play a large role in a survivor's emotional state, and often it takes talking to an outsider to see rape for what it is.

"At first I didn't realize I was raped, and when my sister told me I had been, I blamed myself."

Non-biased support

Women like Stefanie need to know where to go to get information and support.

The Toronto Rape Crisis Centre is a good place to start. The counsellors are extensively trained to help women who have been assaulted.

The crisis counsellors help women to regain control of their lives and to deal with their depression and anger.

The centre offers telephone crisis counselling as well as continuing one-on-one help. They offer general legal advice and refer survivors to the Metropolitan Toronto Sexual Assault Squad for more extensive information. The Crisis Centre will also make a third-party report to the police so the woman can remain anonymous, and counsellors will accompany women to the hospital or court if they need further support. Free self-defense courses are also offered through the crisis centre.

"The counsellor at the Crisis Centre was very helpful," says Stefanie. "She accepted my feelings of guilt and self-blame and

doctor will administer a forensic evidence kit which is explained every step of the way.

The survivor has control over the situation: she chooses whether or not to contact police and have the forensic test administered. Staff members are non-judgemental and supportive. Counsellors will follow up with a phone call and will offer ongoing individual or group counselling, which is covered by OHIP. Every case is confidential — the staff will not discuss any case with defense lawyers.

The Centre also counsels male survivors of sexual assault. Survivors who are going to court are referred to Sue Physick at the Victim Assistance Program in Scarborough.

Not an easy process

Court proceedings are often intimidating to survivors of rape. The Victim Assistance Program offers victims support during the court proceedings. Sue Physick and her assistant give victims general information about court, prepare them for testifying and familiarize them with the courtroom and proceedings. They offer accompaniment to court and are always present when the victim is with the Crown Attorney.

Physick also tries to offer emotional support and reassurance.

"It is not an easy process," she says. "I believe in telling their story and that in being believed, healing takes place. If I didn't believe that, I couldn't do this work."

Assault victims can set up their own appointments at the Victim Witness Assistance program if they haven't been to the police.

"The choice is with the woman," Physick says. If she wants to press charges, she will be matched up with an officer whom Physick knows will be sensitive. Some women who have been through the Victim Assistance Program say that testifying gives

them a sense of control.

Silence makes it worse

Students at York who have been assaulted can contact Dale Hall at the Sexual Harassment Education and Complaint Centre. Survivors will receive crisis counselling and will be referred to therapists who are covered by OHIP. For legal advice, survivors will be referred to Community Legal Aid Students Program at Osgoode Hall law school or the Sexual Assault Squad. For more information drop by SHEACC at 108 Central Square.

There are many other support services available to women who have survived date rape (see "who to call" on this page).

"The most important part of my healing was support from my family and friends — knowing that they loved me and didn't blame me," Stefanie says. "Having someone non-biased to talk to was also fundamental in my recovery. I still think about it sometimes but I've regained my self-confidence and I feel attractive again.

"I can't stress enough the importance of talking about it. Silence only makes it worse."

Who to Call

• Toronto Rape Crisis Centre
597-8808

• Women's College Hospital
Sexual Assault Care Centre
323-6040

• Scarborough Hospital Sexual
Assault Care Centre
495-2555

• Victim/Witness Assistance
Program
757-2886

• The Assaulted Women's
Help-Line
863-0511

• York Sexual Harassment
Complaint Centre
736-5500

• York Community Legal Aid
Service Program
736-5029

• Sexual Assault Squad
324-6060



Not a rare occurrence

As many as one seven women students have been raped, according to one of the few studies on the subject. 84 per cent of these women knew their attacker, according to a 1985 survey of 6159 US students conducted by Mary Kass for *Ms. Magazine* (Canadian statistics are not available). 73 per cent of the women whose assaults conformed to the legal definition of rape did not think they were raped; 84 per cent of men did not consider themselves rapists. These are only the reported cases, the real numbers are unknown.



DO WE EAT OUR



• graphic by Jim Hounslow

YOUNG?

It looks like old people are making big gains at the expense of the young. But who are the real culprits?

by Julia Kuzeljevich

It looks like a vicious generation gap: the oldest Canadians pitted against the youngest over the country's diminishing wealth; greedy seniors driving children into poverty.

A recent Statistics Canada study shows that seniors are gaining in economic security — while more and more young Canadians are being driven into poverty as they receive a smaller and smaller share of the federal till.

"Seniors on the whole are not getting richer, but children as a group are more vulnerable," Statistics Canada analyst Edward Ng said in an interview from his Ottawa office.

Ng received media attention recently by writing a report on the incidence of poverty for seniors and for children. He found that in general, the incidence of low-income for seniors is dropping consistently, but is rising for children.

His report shows that seniors are heavily reliant on government transfer payments such as Old-Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplements and Spouse's Allowance. These make up 52 per cent of seniors' incomes.

On the other hand, Ng found that less than two per cent of the average income of families came from government transfers such as Family Allowance and Child Tax Credits.

"Children as a group are likely more vulnerable," says Ng, "because their poverty level fluctuates with the economy more directly."

The level of child poverty depends more on the job market and the state of the economy than on specific government allocations. So in difficult economic times like these, it is the youngest Canadians who suffer the most.

Income for seniors from government programs, however, always exists in one form or another — and therefore seniors fare better during times of economic hardship.

The *Globe and Mail* leapt at Ng's report in an article headlined "Seniors gain at expense of young." The article presented the findings as a martial conflict: "The battle would not play itself out between seniors and children, but between the older and younger generations of baby boomers who will battle for government resources to protect retirement income and children."

One angry senior

"The Snowbirds vacationing in Florida are in the minority!"

Andrew Aikens, communications director the Canadian Seniors' Network, reacts angrily to the suggestion that younger Canadians are blaming seniors for their poverty.

He is adamant that seniors deserve what

they receive. "Seniors pay into the Canada Pension Plan and are entitled to the benefits," explains Aikens. "And as the plan is not indexed to inflation, and the income-tax system only partially so, the real value of seniors' incomes and credits erodes."

The trend described by Ng — of wealth consolidating in the baby boomers, the oldest of whom were

born starting in 1945 — actually results in a thinning-out at both ends of the age scale.

In fact, Ng notes, many older Canadians are constantly on the brink of poverty. Seniors' actual income tends to cluster around the poverty line, he says. Should the poverty line rise, seniors' incomes will

quickly fall beneath it.

Poverty experts try not to look at the trend as a reason to pit seniors against young people. There is acknowledgement, though, that seniors' poverty is more widely recognized, and that seniors mobilize more effectively for remedies.

"Seniors are more able to organize around a [united] political process," says Andy Mitchell of the Social Planning Council of Toronto.

Mitchell identifies seniors' poverty as an issue that emerged in the 1970s. The Trudeau government beefed up public pensions in response, and the Guaranteed Income Supplements brought down the rate of poverty.

In 1984 seniors mobilized to stop the Mulroney government cutting the Old Age Security benefits. The government did not cut the benefits, but taxed them back for the higher income bracket.

Children's programs have met a worse fate under Mulroney. Explains Mitchell: "The level of assistance to the young and poor is low in Canada by international standards. Since the mid 1980s, for example, Family Allowance is not universal, and it won't even exist after 1992."

The real culprit

Whoever meets with worse fate, the real culprit appears to be the federal government.

"It's a neo-conservative ideology," says John Clarke of the Ontario Coalition of Poverty, "to say that government resources are scant."

"It is also an offensive argument that 'youth is the future' and that 'seniors' poverty is licked.'"

"The government would like us to believe that the younger generation's anger is directed at seniors," claims Mike Proc, who is 19 years old and works for the Kensington Youth

Theatre Employment Skills program.

Proc says seniors' interests should not be neglected nor should youths' interests be placed above seniors'. He does not see the situation as an either/or one.

"It's a lie that there isn't enough [money in government] to go around. This is total b.s. I can see bureaucrats who are lobbying for funding in government who might play one group against another. They create antagonism between seniors and the young that does not exist in reality."

Unite to fight the feds

Can young people mobilize to help their own cause? Seemingly not as well as seniors. "We're not recognized as a poverty group because of our inexperience, age and the fact that we are not taken seriously," says Proc.

The May 4 riots on Yonge Street did provoke the government to respond, but Proc feels the response amounts to little more than "tokenistic consulting" and the resulting summer job programs were but "band-aid solutions."

"Calling this an inter-generational conflict is not the way to approach the issue," Social Trends analyst Ng believes. Seniors and young people should not be pitted against each other in a battle for government resources, he adds.

Ng believes that the two groups are interdependent in their goals, that the poverty issue should instead be about "inter-generational solidarity."

Andy Mitchell of the Social Planning Council agrees, but warns that such solidarity won't happen until there is an awareness of poverty at both ends of the age scale.

"There is already a wider recognition of poverty among the elderly, and more devotion to their cause," he notes. "The implications of child poverty are only beginning to seep into public consciousness."

Even a nose bleed can't stop band from playing like pros

Quartet better than Holly Cole

by Andria Ferlito

You know the jazz was great by watching for the number of audience members who approach the singer after a performance to tell her she's better than Holly Cole.



Well, you can't condemn some York students for not having been exposed to much more than CFNY, and indeed, you must applaud the rare occasions when they do explore further territory. And that's exactly what some of them did, savoring the sounds of Princeton and Wilson Quartet at the Grad Lounge, early November. Three days later they again brought down the house at The Absinthe Pub in Winters College.

A band with youthful, amiable members and genuine musical aptitude is sure to awaken the esteem of any audience, even if it does play

McEwan and his crotch do reading in T.O.

by Andria Ferlito

If not for a large obstructive podium, my concentration would surely have wandered to Ian McEwan's lower regions, the general area that seems to have inspired much of his previous writing.

McEwan has further cultivated his introspective, and often witty, prose style to create his latest novel, *Black Dogs*, from which he read selections from at Harbourfront's Reading Series on November 24. Although the sexually explicit and gore are absent from *this* novel, the essence of them are regarded through closer examination of human existence.

The novel, which he introduced as a "fictional memoir," observes the

reading
Ian McEwan
Black Dogs
Harbourfront Reading Series
Brigante Room
November 24

contrasting aspects of a marriage, where the narrator Jimmy's in-laws have ultimately found isolation, rather than self-actualization, in post-war Europe.

I could have sat quite contentedly through McEwan reading *Black Dogs* from cover to cover. His light, masculine English voice carried his absorbing subject matter along with intensity. His approach to such issues as the evolution of sexual ideologies and the bleak, shadowy margins of existence is illuminating, combing qualities of the dreary with the elusively romantic.

After the reading, McEwan signed books for a very pleased and enthusiastic, if not so flamboyant, audience. I still couldn't see his lower regions, now blocked by a large obstructive table.

music from another cosmos. Their repertoire included selections ranging from "Four" ("Of the wonderful things that you get out of life, there are four...") to a gorgeous version of "God Bless The Child," and an exquisite rendition of "Green Dolphin Street."

Jessica Rose Princeton, the twenty-four year old lead vocalist, scatted naturally, hummed and sang her way into the minds and souls of the audience. Her singing of "Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me" was just as remarkable as her stage

presence making the audience feel welcome and relaxed.

Most of the tunes were arranged by pianist Kimberly Wilson, whose fingers simply coasted over the keys demonstrating genuine jazz awareness. Sean Hu-A-Kam took the bass. His sound was positively smooth, with bounce in one song and cool in the next.

His intro to "Round Midnight" was sensuously appealing and contrasted well with the virtuosity of his solos in the Charlie Parker tune. John Obercian mastered the drums,

making a tight rhythm section with Hu-A-Kam. His concentration level was so high he might lose his place playing through an earthquake. Maybe. He held up amazingly well through his nose bleed, which I don't think anyone noticed. Trading eights and fours with Princeton in "Billie's Bounce" and "Don't Mean A Thing" thoroughly delighted the audience.

The York students by day and professionals by night are playing their next show at The Cameron House, tentatively scheduled the week before Christmas.



Holly Cole and her Trio - back, Back, BACK - and into the Underground. At left: Openers York Jazz Choir tries to figure their tailors out. • Photos by Wayne Todd

Woody tests views on anarchism

by Peter DeCourcy

Here's a rhetorical question (this won't be graded): What do you know about anarchism?

If you've read Joseph Conrad's *The Secret Agent*, you probably think anarchists are bomb-toting terrorists (who tend to blow themselves up.) If you've heard the Sex Pistols, you probably think 'anarchist' rhymes with 'anti-Christ.' If you've heard the music of phranc, you know fascism isn't anarchy. Somalia has been plunged into anarchy. They pelted German leaders a few weeks ago with tomatoes. Anything else? Noam Chomsky criticizes the media and the odd one is stabbed by a Nazi in Europe.

Perhaps the most important question is why so few know about anarchist thought. While the left is generally marginalized in the media and in the primary and secondary schools, anarchism is rarely discussed even in university's "hotbed of radicalism." George Woodcock is respected as a poet, biographer and historian and hopefully, his collection of essays, *Anarchism and Anarchists*, will rem-

book
Anarchism and Anarchists
Essays by George Woodcock
Quarry Press
268 Pages, \$18.00

edy the lack of serious discussion about his political views.

This book should be read by those seeking an alternative to liberalism, conservatism and communism. The biographical and historical essays are general enough to be understood as an introduction to anarchist thought, while those who are well-read in the subject will find some much needed context.

Anarchism and Anarchists was released to coincide with Woodcock's 80th birthday. In that time, he moved in the English literary circles of George Orwell, Dylan Thomas and Herbert Read (also a poet/anarchist). He founded *Canadian Literature Magazine*. He won the Governor-General Award in 1966 for his biography of Orwell, *The Crystal Spirit*. He has published over 100 books and is a veteran of both the British and North American left, which is virtually unheard of. This is a résumé not rivaled by many Canadians alive to-

day.

Some anarchist historians have begun, quite arbitrarily, with the Taoist's complaints that when Confucians defined morality, they made immorality inevitable. Woodcock never overstates the role that anarchism has had in politics nor the length of its history (In 1840, Pierre-Joseph Proudhon in *What is Property?* first used the name "anarchism" but he is known more for influencing Marx; Karl, not Groucho). He would agree that there are analogies throughout history but it is the rise of centralized administration that made anarchism inevitable. Woodcock, above all, is a realist because he matured as a writer when it appeared after the Spanish Civil War that anarchism was dead and not revived until the rise of the New Left in the sixties.

His brilliant critique of Noam Chomsky's introduction to Daniel Guérin's *Anarchism* is worth the price of this book alone. If you want to know why anarchists are marginalized at university, read Murray Bookchin's *Post-scarcity Anarchism* and if you want its context, read Woodcock.

Hits 'n' Bits

Around York

The IDA Gallery in the Centre for Fine Arts Lobby is celebrating the new year with **Beyond 1992 - Outsiders Experiments in Cross Cultural Communications**. Four Chinese artists who are currently visiting scholars at York Fine Arts present an exhibition of their work: He Gong, (Chonhqing), Li Ning, Liu Xiang Ping, (Beijing) and Shen Hong Yin (Nanjing). Hours are Mon. to Fri., 9 to 5.

Newspapers

The Globe and Mail ran an article claiming men's reputations had been needlessly hurt by efforts to eliminate workplace sexual harassment on the front page of the Nov. 24 *Report on Business*. The article does not quote a single instance of this happening, however, and the main source, Malcolm MacKillop, seems to be a lawyer who defends men against charges of sexual harassment (although this is not explicitly stated in the text), somebody who has a stake in undermining progress on the issue. Bad journalism? Don't be silly — in the twilight of the twentieth century, somebody has to make democracy safe for capitalism.

— Ira Nayman

Music

If the name **Bang Tango** doesn't grab you by the boo-boo, then go to sleep right now. *Ain't No Jive...Live* is like a clean Cali sound put together in a live setting. The band may not be poetic or prophetic, but who says all bands have to be? "Dancing On Coals" may not make any sense,



but you probably never danced on coals, so you wouldn't really know. There's a cover of T-Rex's "20th century Boy" on this 5 song EP, still about some guy wanting to be a "boy toy." Love is, after all, many things to many different people. Love is the main subject here — "Someone Like You" has the line "need someone like you — need someone to take away my blues," while "Midnight Struck" asks the question, "Where were you?" Just goes to show ya, that even guys in bands dream of their special princess.

— J. B. Wiser

These guys are called **Alpha Band**. Look into their eyes. You are getting very sleepy. You are

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Casbys a chance for winners to scream and beg

by Eli Glasner

It was just about six o'clock on a cold Tuesday night when my fearless photographer and I had just entered the Showline studios for the CFNY's super-hyped event.

The CASBYs or Canadian Artists Selected By You is a national alternative awards show, with listeners voting for the winners from a select few chosen by CFNY. This results in the show being more of a popularity contest than an actually meaningful award show.

This said, the winners aren't really interesting and primarily predictable. The Barenaked Ladies won 5, with Moxy Fruvous, Sloan each winning best new band in their respected regions, and The Grapes Of Wrath winning two - both for an album that came out in the summer of 1991.

Alongside the tables indicating where the bands should sit, were the COMMERCIAL SPONSORS. If anyone wanted to see the corporate strings tied to CFNY's back, here they were, dressed in painfully expensive leather jackets, loud ties and 40 year-old ponytails. Anyone you've ever heard on the radio during commercial breaks was there. For them and the music executives, this was another chance to shmooze. Few seemed truly interested in the artists on stage, and it was just another day at work for many.

The shmoozing factor was good for the musicians who normally wouldn't get a chance to see other to meet and discuss projects, admirations and shop talk. It was interesting



• graphic by Sadaf Siddiqui

to see the members of Pure talking to guys from Sons of Freedom, or the lead singer of Teenage Head complimenting Sarah Craig, "I enjoyed your stuff. Really intense."

At one point the schmoozing and connecting was so bad that Dan Duran, the flagship station's main announcer had to remind people to applaud when the sign lights on. Speaking to DJ Brother Bill, he said the schmoozing was to be expected when you have corporate people around. He also mentioned that this year's CASBYs was an improvement over last years, but that it should be opened to the public, not by invitation only.

The show itself was not terribly exciting. It made good radio, but it was a little boring for the viewing audience. The format was to present some awards, play one of the band's winning songs, commercial, present some more awards, play some more songs, and so on.

went to the Sons of Freedom, with a politically incorrect amplifier that read, "LICK, SUCK, FUCK, BEG, SCREAM."

Sloan played a one-hour concert after the presentations. This may not be as great as it seems. By the time the band got onstage most of the people had begun to go home. (It is ironic that all the music execs who hyped and screamed Sloan as our answer to the Seattle scene left as soon as it was convenient.)

Jumping around, laughing, talking among themselves and making faces, Sloan acted like the kids they really are. By the end of the set, those who were left were dancing, and among the throng could be seen members of Pure, Teenage Head and Bare Naked Ladies dancing to the pulsating metal rhythms.

Teenage Head was honoured with a Special Recognition Award for their work in the early Toronto alternative scene. They brought some honesty to

the show, thanking their Moms for letting them practice in the garage. Sons of Freedom thanked "Sid, Johnny, and Teenage Head." King Apparatus accepting their award for "Best Ska Group" asked "Where's Fujahive?" (A very good question.)

Steven Page of the Barenaked Ladies felt like sharing the wealth on their overdose of coverage, plugging the new Rheostatics album, *Whale Music*.

So that was it. Some great live groups. A lot of satisfied CFNY radio types, and an awful lot of businessmen and women collecting business cards. Brother Billy's idea of opening the show to the public would have added the greatly needed enthusiasm and energy that was missing.

CFNY should also make up their mind whether they are broadcasting for radio or a live audience, and then concentrate on satisfying their needs. It did not work to be something for everyone.

Perhaps CFNY should just present the bands one night and let them play... Now that would be a show!

More Hits 'n' Bits

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being hypnotized. You are not laughing at these guys. You are going to find their album in the delete bin at the record shop.



Alpha Band - see what I mean?

Why are their arms raised? Shit, does this band think they're going to fly? See the guy on the right? His facial expression looks like my dog when you call her. Trust me. I don't have anything new to say about this former Arista recording artist. I just think the picture is kinda goofy.

Okay. Think you're tough? Survived the Ministry show? Want

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- We can give more money to more students if they pay more back when they finish their studies and are earning a salary.
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- By going to loans, we can help more students and increase accessibility.
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- OSAP will cover tuition fee increases for 1993-94.
- \$11 million will be available in bursaries that don't have to be paid back. They are for disabled students and for sole-support parents and married students with child-care costs.

- On the average, students who borrow more than \$5,570 a year won't have to pay back anything over that amount for that year.
- Students will still have up to 9 1/2 years to pay back their loans after they graduate.
- These changes will take effect July 1, 1993.

In January, you'll be able to pick up a publication in the Financial Aid Offices of all colleges and universities that will give you more details on the changes coming next fall.

You can also call this toll-free number **1-800-265-8529**

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 Ontario

Poet relives personal 'pain and fire' of Holocaust

by Rachel Liebgott

Remembrance Day was about a month ago. Some of us were melancholy. A few sported red ribbons or poppies on coat collars. And some of us simply forgot. Sam Simchovitch will never forget. Every day is Remembrance Day for one of Canada's most prolific Yiddish writers.

The author of several books of poetry, a novel and a biography, Simchovitch writes about the mystery of life and of death, but his special focus is the Holocaust—which 50 years later, he still finds incomprehensible.

"I am the only survivor. I still feel guilty for surviving and not sharing the fate of my family. This is the inspiration for many of my poems."

Born in Otwock, Poland in 1921, Sam (or Simcha) Simchovitch fled from his hometown at age 18 and escaped to Russia. He never saw his family again. The sorrowful events of that night are recounted in *Selected Poems* (1990), his first book in English.

"That frightful night when I left my home, my town forever—inscribed in my memory in script of pain and fire.

September seven thirty-nine, our world begins to crumble; German planes roam the sky,

Author **Simcha Simchovitch**
Luminous Autumn
Selected Poems
Stepchild On the Vistula

spread fear, death and ruin"

Simchovitch spent the war in Russia, where he says he was treated with kindness.

"In general I have good feelings about the Russian people who often shared their bread."

In 1949, he immigrated to Canada with his wife Freda. Sam and Freda were from the same town and had grown up together on the same street. They reunited in Russia and married at the end of the war. Simcha and his wife had to adapt to the Canadian way of life.

In Canada he found solace. He was able to practice his art without fear of arrest or deportation. A year after his arrival in Canada Simchovitch published his first book of poetry, *Thus a Youth Perished*.

Also a teacher and a scholar, Simchovitch graduated from Woodsworth College at the University of Toronto with a B.A. in Humanities and received a masters degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York. Simchovitch taught in Hebrew for many years and was also the curator of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue Museum until his retirement in 1988.

Simchovitch has been critically acclaimed by renowned writers Isaac

Bashevis Singer, Elie Wiesel, Irving Layton, Raymond Souster, George Woodcock and James Deahl, to name a few. His published works—many of which can be found in the Scott Library at York—are extensive and varied. He has written four books of Yiddish poetry: *Thus a Youth Perished* (1950), *In The Hour of Prayer* (1958), and *Sorrow and Consolation* (1989), for which he won the Harry and Florence Topper award for excellence in Yiddish Literature and the prestigious I.J. Segal award. *Luminous Autumn*, his latest book of Yiddish poems, was written in 1990. His first English book of poetry, *Selected Poems* was well received; it won two Book Committee awards for Yiddish Literature from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Two poems from this book were published in a 1967 edition of *excalibur*.

His most recent work, *Stepchild On the Vistula*, is a novel about a Jewish youth growing up in Otwock, Poland. It addresses issues of assimilation (the Polonization of Jewish youths) and the growing threat of anti-semitism. Nobel prize winner Elie Wiesel's introductory letter begins the novel, stating:

"Your book is permeated with Jewish nostalgia, as if you intended to bring Otwock back from the Abyss."

In the letter Wiesel inquires about a sequel as he is curious about the fate of the protagonist. Simchovitch is considering this. In the meantime he

is working on an English translation.

At an early age, Simchovitch was influenced by a public school teacher who introduced Yiddish literature to his Jewish religion class—which at the time was forbidden. Yiddish, then the language of most central and Eastern European Jews, is composed of several languages: Old German, Hebrew and English. Simchovitch regrets it is being used less and less.

Sam Simchovitch is an essential writer. His work is a condemnation of past events but it is also a celebration of life. He has resurrected "a vanished way of life" and in so doing has preserved it for future generations.

More Hits 'n' Bits

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Soul Asylum ready to become a household name

by Christopher Tait

Soul Asylum get no respect. Even critical acclaim from European and American music press can't help them.

Before they wrecked the Spectrum on Monday, Nov. 23, they held a press conference to talk about the new album, the upcoming tour, and to ask the question of why the marquee misspelled the band's name.

"SOLE ASYLUM? We ain't no

fish," was all drummer Grant Young could say, not before adding there apparently is a band in England with that name. Karl Mueller, bassist, could only reply: "That's fucking horrible."

From their original incarnation as Loud Fast Rules ten years ago, the band has moved through three chord punk to intricately orchestrated acoustic ballads such as "The Sunmaid."

On the new album, *Grave Dancers Union*, the band had the chance to work with legendary keyboardist

Booker T. Jones of Booker T. and The MGs. lead singer Dave Pirner had only praise for him, calling T. a "true musician" and "a thrill to work with." Pirner says it only took two run throughs for him to get his riff down perfect.

Pirner recently spent time in Toronto working with Crash Vegas on a song for the band's follow-up album to their successful *Red Earth*. The tune, "One Way Conversation," is an outtake from Soul Asylum's *And The Horses They Rode In On* album.

"I always meant for it to be sung by a girl, and sorry guys, but it sounds a hell of a lot better now than when we did it," said Pirner.

The soother sound of the new album has some critics crying "Mainstream," but the band doesn't feel that way. CBS spent more money on than they ever had, and therefore, more time in the studio. The first single, "Someone To Shove," is the first Soul Asylum song to receive airplay on commercial radio.

For Pirner and guitarist Dan

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Murphy, their biggest thrill is receiving demo tapes from new bands.

"As soon as we get 'em, we run out and listen to them in the van. Sometimes they're shit and sometimes we're blown away."

They claim Toronto as their favorite city to play in, although after playing in Guelph a few years back, the sheer volume of the band caused the city to ban the venue from playing any rock shows.

They concluded with thoughts on their favorite drink, beer. And who makes the best beer, guys? Murphy didn't hesitate to reply, "Canada, eh!" although Pirner couldn't help adding "And Germany, and Austria, and New Zealand's not bad."

Maybe enough of the brew will help them forget about the misspelled sign.



More Hits 'n' Bits

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Theatre

Many of Canada's top native theatre artists are showcasing their latest work in **Weesageechak Begins To Dance**, the annual festival of new native plays and playwrights that is now in its 5th year. The festival runs from Dec. 3rd to 6th at The Native Canadian Centre. "Native Earth revives and continues one of our oldest native traditions by offering ribald performances of contemporary storytelling," says Native Earth Artistic Director Floyd Favel. Dec. 3 and 4 at 7:00 will have "Trials and Tribulations" by Drew Hayden Taylor and "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" by Doris Linklater. Dec. 5 at 2:00 and Dec. 6 at 7:00 will be "Diva Ojibway" and "They Found My Nose At The Leland Hotel" both by Tina Mason (*I misplace my keys, my wallet. Never, ever my nose. Okay, once at The Spidina Hotel, but I let them keep it.*) Finally, on Dec. 5 at 7:00 and Dec. 6 at 2:00 is "Generic Warrior" and "No-name Indians," by Ben Cardinal. Tickets to each performance is under \$10.00 - that's right - \$9.99 and are available at the Centre, 16 Spadina Road just north of Bloor. For more info, and to find out about what else Tina has lost, call 944-1988.

Swallow this album and blow

by Prasad Bidaye

The most difficult thing about reviewing Swallow is avoiding comparisons to others. This duo from Britain composed of Mike Mase and Louise Trehay is 4AD's (ethereal label extraordinaire) fresh promise of the season. *Blow* indicates influences and parallels with My Bloody Valentine, (not another one) Cocteau's, but is above all the most refreshing of them.

Trehay's lyrical ideas are immersed in the thoughts of love and relationships on the spiritual and sensual level, occasionally incorporating the elements of illusion and nature. Her vocals are elevating, sweetly and characteristically comprehensible. At times she sings not for the sake of message but for livening the whirlpool of guitar noise and ambient soundscapes.

Guitar tremolo is perhaps the foundation of 4AD etherealism, as well as its weakness. Curve are a

tunes Swallow
Blow
Polygram Records

good example, Swallow is not. The sounds on *Blow* are dynamic and distinguishable for each song, where Mase's guitar work ranges from deep drones to ocean-like washes to gentle arpeggios to what must be the sharp breaking of his strings. But often it is difficult to pinpoint the nature of the performing instruments, as the guitars and the keyboards are so well fused in the mix. Mase concentrates more on arranging a stimulus rather than bass-drum-guitar-vox tokenism of instruments.

Swallow is doomed to suffer comparisons, and that is all they've received in the UK. But that probably has more to do with the influx of this scene and not the album. For those who are sick of 4AD, *Blow* is to be swallowed.

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Amos follows path of thorns lead by Bush and Smith

by Sandi E. Lee

If anyone has heard something by Tori Amos, it's probably her cover of "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana. Receiving it's fair share of air-play in the summer, it was either a scheme by some clever producer to cash in on the 'post-Nirvana culture shock' we are all experiencing, or Amos' eye for Kurt Cobain's surprisingly well-written lyrics. (Yes, you can hear all the words!)



music
Tori Amos
Little Earthquakes
East West Records

of the sordid details of emotional distress. The artist closest to her style is Kate Bush, but Amos is as of yet inadequate to fulfill a certain emotional level one expects from Bush. After all, with only two LPs (the other being the poorly received Y

Kant Tori Read) and an EP (*Winter*) in the can, Amos is making a good start on her predecessors.

Amos seems like a necessary step in the evolution of women's roles in music. In the 70's, Patti Smith took an equally necessary step with the agonizing "Pissin' In The River." Even though her lyrics deal with a woman whose man has left her, by taking the act of pissing and scoffing

(it's a stodgy male reference) Smith found that women did not have to be at the end of the musical stick.

That established, Amos is set to progress with her unapologetically feminine themes. Yeah, there are four songs on *Little Earthquakes* about leaving her boyfriend, but it's going to be a long time before women match the number of men "she totally destroyed my existence" laments.

Tori Amos released her critically-acclaimed *Little Earthquakes* album this year. Her songs deal with fairly

common topics, but they are from a very feminine perspective. This turns some people off, women and men alike, because she doesn't hold any

Grassy green grasshopper

by Drew Lidkea

Turning on the ignition, releasing the parking brake and my next move for assured comfort is the tape deck. Or was it the seatbelt, definitely the deck, pushing the play button an instant roar of massively distorted guitar and pounding backbeats sideswipe me across the face and I'm left begging for more. "Not this again," groans Patti slumping back and pulling on her belt. Yup, it seems I too, have fallen prey to that giant buzz that's stoning the indie scene, GrassHopper.

This power packed trio (and that's power with a capital P), hails from Toronto. They continuously play down town supporting their newly released cassette, *born loser*.

Rapidly rising to success and popularity they have already been featured in a number of other music press, but, "They seem to really only talk about us as big dopeheads that love Sesame Street," said Derrick Madison, the dreadlocked lead vocalist/guitarist.

Sure they have a Hemp leaf on the

tape cover, and the T.V. show's characters adjourn their stickers, but GrassHopper kicks out some heavy, fresh tunes. Their sound is fairly unique which may be partly due to Madison's use of a deluxe Big Muff distortion pedal which, I've never seen another band use. "It's really heavy and it was big in the 70's," says Madison.



• graphic by Lori Bellissimo

The band will be breaking into the video market with recently-completed *born loser*. They can also be heard on a compilation CD by Input Rage Records called *Stereophonics Disruptus*.

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Elvis is alive and living in Johnny Suede's hair

by Ira Nayman

Johnny Suede, the first film written and directed by Tom DiCillo (who was cinematographer on two Jim Jarmusch films, including *Down By Law*), contains all the trappings of postmodern film, but it ultimately rejects them, opting for a humanist perspective on experience. It is thought-provoking and entertaining.

Johnny is a twentysomething would-be crooner who is going nowhere; his biggest dream of success is nothing more than a one night stand in an obscure club. He has a relationship with a beautiful young woman whose poetry is nearly as bad as his music; when she dumps him, he starts an affair with a level-headed woman who works with mentally handicapped children. The story, though episodic, moves forward with a purpose: Johnny is brought to the point where he must ultimately decide what is truly important to him.

The postmodern trappings should be apparent to anybody familiar with this kind of film: it takes place in a bleak, rundown part of town where strange events are taken for granted. A ceramic hand rests in the middle of the road? No problem — pick it up and take back to your apartment. Black suede shoes fall out of the sky, shattering the glass of the phone booth you're in? Easy — they were sent by unknown forces to change your life, so put them on and let the good times roll.

Yet the shoes don't make things better: Johnny's band breaks up and his relationships don't go anywhere. In this instance, DiCillo works against the mythic framework he has set up.

Johnny Suede contains elements of other works of art, another postmodernist technique, from the songs of Ricky Nelson to the film *The Terror of Tiny Town*, a western featuring a cast of midgets. Intentionally

Johnny Suede
written and directed by Tom DiCillo
starring Brad Pitt and Catherine Keener
produced by Arena Films, Balthazar Pictures and Starr Pictures

or not, the film suggests a limit to quoting other works of art: if the audience isn't familiar with them, your clever effects will be wasted.

Although it starts slowly, carefully setting up later conflicts, *Johnny Suede* has some really funny scenes. Nick Cave has a wonderful cameo as an older, more successful musician (he and Pitt even look the same); too many years of "cool" behaviour seems to have left him on the verge of hysteria.

Pitt (who you may recall from *Thelma and Louise* or *Cool World* — well, *Thelma and Louise*, anyway) seems comatose in his early scenes, but manages to convey the depth of emotion underneath the detached exterior. The destruction of this unconcerned veneer through the course of the film culminates in a huge emotional outburst towards the end of the film; Pitt makes every step of the transformation believable.

Johnny Suede is an entertaining look at a young man who refuses to grow up. You don't have to be postmodernist to appreciate it, but it helps.



Alison Moir and Brad Pitt in *Johnny Suede*.

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Yeomen lose season opener to Laurentian

Poor rebounding hurts York

by Daniel Naccarato

Will the real Yeomen please step forward?

The York Yeomen basketball team pulled the Jekyll and Hyde routine in their first regular season game against the Laurentian voyageurs, playing a terrible first half but a strong second half of the game. They still lost the game 90-79.



"It was a case of nerves," said assistant coach Charlie Simpson, now in his fourth year at this position.

"Playing at home worked against us tonight. We made a lot of mistakes."

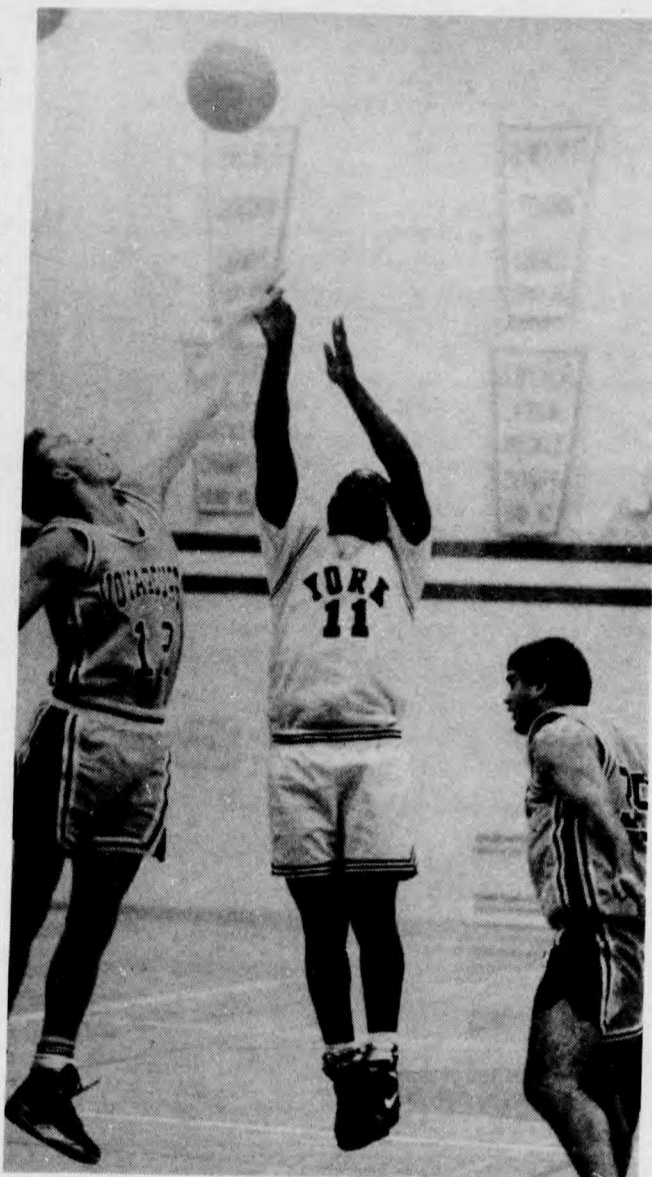
Simpson referred to the youth and inexperience on this year's team. They have seven rookies, two of which are starters.

One of the starting rookies is top recruit Vic Fantin from Vaughan Secondary School. He scored only four points in the first half, with limiting playing time due to foul trouble.

But he showed some of his promise in the second half going 5 for 9 from the field and picking up five rebounds.

He finished the game with 14 points, second only to the small but speedy guard, Wilton Hall, who netted 20 points, 14 in the first half.

Hall was the one bright spot in a first half which was poorly



York's Wilton Hall goes for two of his game high 20 points in a 90-79 loss to Laurentian. Teammate Marc Gardiner looks on.

photo by Michele Boesener

played.

Laurentian and York played evenly for the first four minutes until the visitors started to pull away.

Laurentian took advantage of the Yeomen's conservative defensive game. They crushed the York team on the boards,

out rebounding them 19 to 6 at one point in the first half.

"If we execute properly, box out and play good defense, we can win," said Jason Kimens, who came off the bench to score seven points and grab a team-high nine rebounds.

"We have to press the shooter," he said.

York trailed 57-37 at half-time and things didn't change much in the second half. Laurentian increased their lead to 27 points.

The Yeomen eventually responded with a more aggressive, offensive and defensive game that turned the game around. Hall and Marc Gardiner, while scoring only 6 and 4 points, respectively, in the half, made their presence felt in other ways. Hall had four steals while Gardiner had four rebounds.

The Yeomen starters mounted a comeback against the Laurentian bench outscoring the voyageurs 24-9 in the last five minutes.

But it was too little, much too late.

"We showed a lot of promise in our exhibition games, but it's early in the season," Kimens said after the game.

"We just need some time to make things click."

Nothing seemed to click this night for two-time OUAA All-Star Mark Bellai. York's star player, who averaged 22 points per game last year, recorded only 13 in this game.

Due to the Yeomen's small size, Bellai will have to show greater leadership and score more points.

If the Yeomen are to win this year, they will have to take advantage of their strengths; quickness and shooting.

"Laurentian has a lot of talent and Ottawa's very deep, but I believe we compare favorably to everyone," said Simpson.

SPORTSHORTS

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS



Lisa Di Mondo of York drives past Laurentian's Sue Stewart in OWIAA action. York lost 65-39.

• photo by Michele Boesener

basketball

Nov. 27 vs. Laurentian

The Yeowomen lost to the Laurentian Voyageurs 39-65. Jennifer Cushing scored the most points with 16.

ice hockey

Nov. 26 vs Toronto

In league action, the Yeowomen were defeated by the Toronto Lady Blues 8-2. Marni Barrow and Michelle Campbell were the goal scorers.

swimming

Nov. 28 @ McMaster

Yeowoman Nicola Higgins had a successful meet placing first in the 400m individual medley and the 50m fly. She also placed second in the 50m backstroke.

fencing

This past weekend at the Sydney Schwartz Annual Open in Buffalo, York's two top fencers Monica Jacob and Jamie Stirling each brought home two first place trophies in their respective events, Women's individual epee and men's individual epee.

In an exciting upset, Jamie Stirling was able to wrench the gold from 'A' ranked fencer Darcy Gates of UofT. The competition hosted a variety of fencers from Canada and the U.S., and marks the fencing teams first victories outside of Canada.

MEN'S ATHLETICS

basketball

Nov. 24 @ Guelph

The Guelph Gryphons defeated York 97-61. Mark Bellai led the scoring with 18 points.

Nov. 27 vs Laurentian

The Yeomen were defeated by the Laurentian Voyageurs 90-79. Leading scorers were Wilton Hall (20) and Vic Fantin (16).

hockey

Nov. 27-28 @ Duracell Challenge Toronto

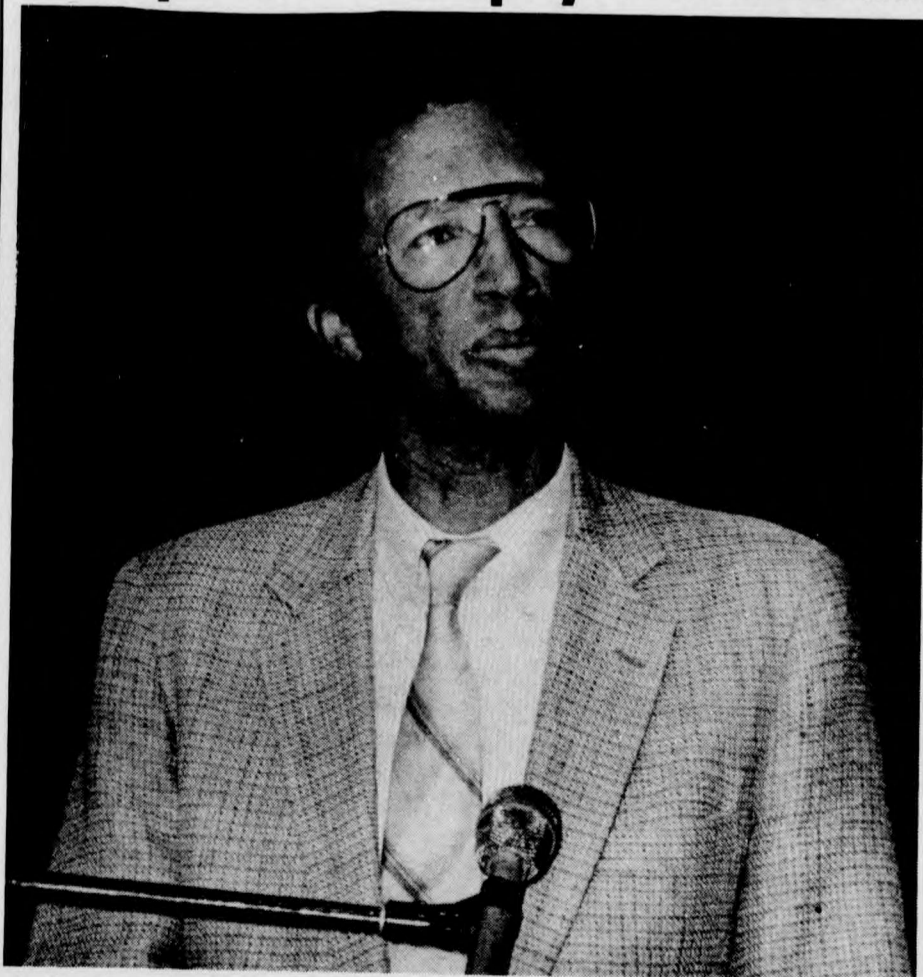
In back-to-back games the Yeomen were defeated by Lake Superior State and Colgate University 8-3 and 7-3 respectively.

volleyball

Nov. 27-28 @ Laurentian

The Yeomen won both of their games against Laurentian. Saturday brought a 3-0 (15-11, 15-4, 15-6) victory while Sunday's results were 3-1 (16-14, 15-11, 5-15, 15-4). Highlights included 19 kills by Mitch Proteau, 18 kills and 10 digs by Dexter Abrams and 6 blocks and 3 service aces by Glen Smith.

Compassion not pity is theme at conference



Arthur Ashe at Burton Auditorium on weekend • photo by Michele Boesener

Ashe talks about living with AIDS

by Dale Barrett

Give HIV and AIDS survivors compassion not pity — that was the message delivered from a former sports champion living with the disease this past weekend.

York hosted an AIDS conference this past Saturday featuring speakers from such fields as medicine, microbiology, psychiatry, psychotherapy, and public health services.

Former tennis great Arthur Ashe was the keynote speaker. Ashe spoke about living with AIDS.

Ashe acquired the HIV virus from a blood transfusion during heart surgery in 1983. At the time, Margaret

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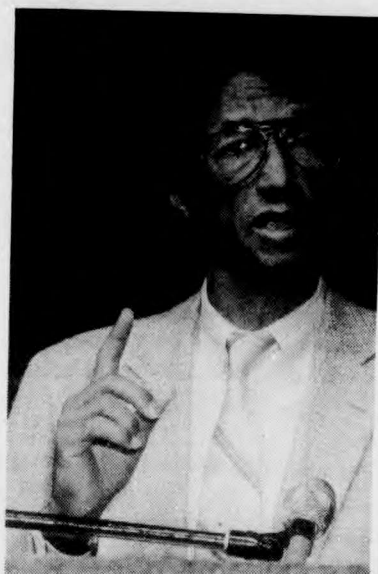
Arthur Ashe speaks at hospital sponsored AIDS conference

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Heckler, of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said, "The nation's blood supply is safe." Turns out it wasn't "safe" and Arthurs condition was discovered in Sept. of 1988, when a biopsy on his brain pointed to toxoplasmosis, which is a "marker" disease for AIDS.

At first, he kept his condition quiet and opened up to a select group of close friends and family. "Living with AIDS privately", said Ashe, "means choosing friends wisely before you go public."

Although he tried to keep his condition private, it was leaked to



Living with AIDS, Arthur Ashe says he's a long term survivor

• photo by Wayne Todd

America's national daily, *USA Today*, who confronted Ashe. It forced him to hold a press conference to talk about his condition.

Several months ago, the former Wimbledon champion started the Arthur Ashe Foundation, which is a multinational organization organized through tennis, to raise money for AIDS research. The goal of the foundation is to raise five million dollars, more than half of which will be spent outside of the United States.

Ashe said he is more confident about fighting the disease and the phobia associated with it with the election of Bill Clinton. During the Republican administration, both Reagan and Bush were reluctant to even acknowledge AIDS even existed. The Republicans refused to wear red ribbons (a universal symbol of AIDS), for the fear that they would be looked at as being sympathetic towards the gay community.

Contrary to common belief, AIDS is not a gay disease, in fact, the majority of future AIDS cases will occur through heterosexual sex

acts.

Ashe was motivated to fight against the spread of the disease by shocking figures released by health organizations. The World Health Organization said they expect there to be about 44 million cases of AIDS worldwide by the year 2000. Dr. John Mayer at Harvard's school of public health, figures there will be approximately 110 million cases of AIDS by the turn of the century.

It's been speculated the difference between the two figures is largely due to the World Health Organization not wanting to scare the world community with a high figure. They consequently released a smaller, yet still large, number.

People infected with the AIDS virus need to develop a "personal

initiative", and to take care of themselves. They have to look at everything that there is to live for in this world, to see that they can still be useful and accomplish whatever they want to do during the time that they have left.

He said the worst thing to do, is to sit down in front of the television, and wait to die of AIDS. Soon after being diagnosed as having AIDS, Ashe went through a period where he was quite ill, and in and out of hospitals. His condition has since stabilized and is now touring and speaking to others about his experience.

He calls himself a "long term survivor" and suggests that anyone infected with HIV/AIDS take on the initiative to live.

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CFL players lobby league commissioner about their concerns

CIAU in big trouble if CFL expands south

by Josh Rubin

You can forget all the rhetoric on this one.

Despite public pronouncements to the contrary, officials and players in both the CIAU and CFL are terrified of the CFL's proposed expansion southwards.

In fact, some of the CFL's top home-grown players have even started up a committee to lobby league commissioner Larry Smith about their concerns.

Winnipeg Blue Bomber guard Bob Molle, a 7 year veteran, dismissed arguments that players pushing to keep the quota are suggesting Canadian football doesn't measure up.

"In the U.S., they've got so many schools competing, so many kids playing football, and they've got athletic scholarships—it's a whole different system," said Molle, who ironically played his university football with Simon Fraser, which plays its regular season against small U.S. independent schools.

"Up here, the focus isn't football, it's academics, and that's the way it should be. In the States, they're turning out a bunch of illiterates," Molle continued, adding "how can anyone say we're on the same level?"

Bernie Custis, the Toronto Argonauts' director of Canadian scouting, agrees with Molle that the focus of Canadian university football programs is academics, but that's where the two men part company.

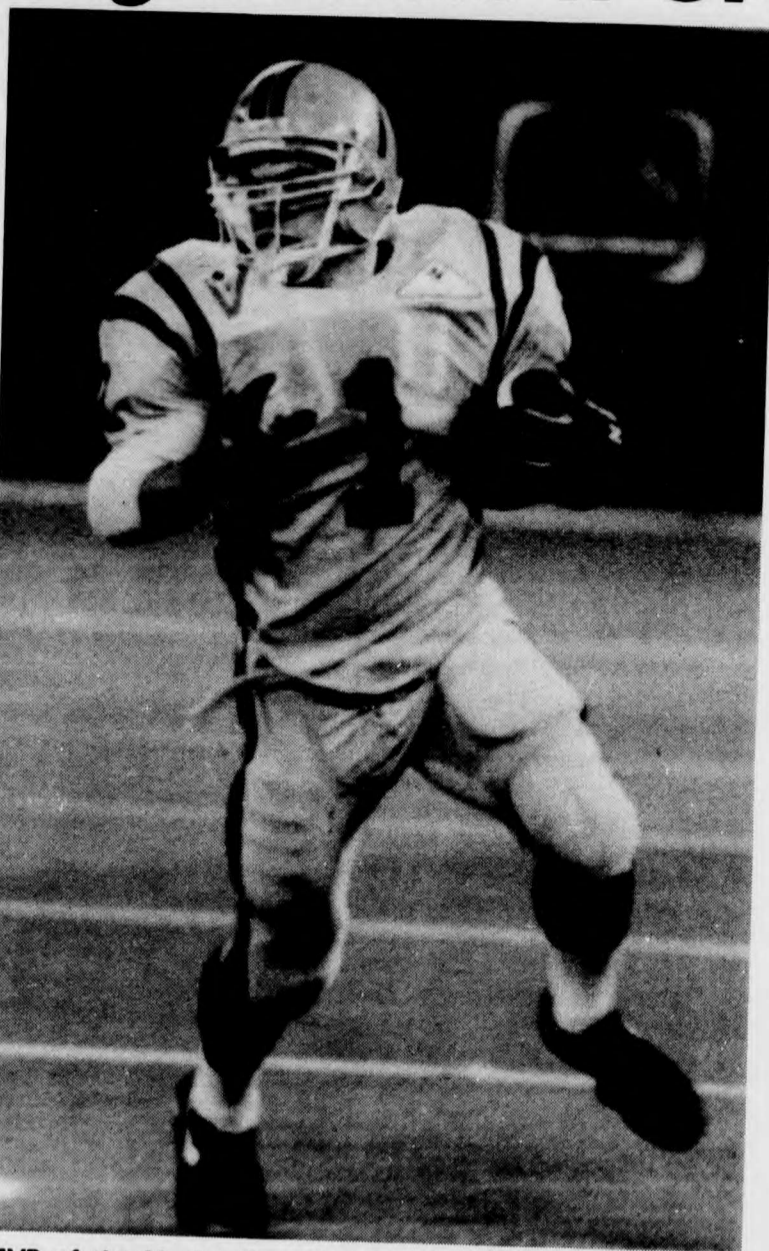
"The goal of schools playing football in Canada hasn't been to act as a breeding ground for CFL talent, but I still think a lot of Canadian guys could compete on an equal footing with American players," said Custis, who himself served several years as the head coach of the OUAA's McMaster Marauders.

Ottawa Rough Riders GM Dan Rambo also feels Canadian content would survive in the CFL without a formal quota, but acknowledges there probably wouldn't be as many CIAU grads in the pro game.

"There's no doubt the lack of a quota would affect the number of Canadians in the league, but I guarantee you there will still be some," Rambo said.

Still, he'd be sorry to see the quota go.

"I've worked with the quota for a long time, but I'd respect any decision the league makes," Rambo



MVP of the Vanier Cup, Queen's Brad Elberg, races for a touchdown in last week's victory over St. Mary's. CIAU college players may not be CFL bound. • photo by Michele Boesener

added.

Doug Hargreaves, who coached the Queen's Golden Gaels to a Vanier Cup win this year, will also be sorry to see the quota go, but understands why the CFL is planning to move southwards.

"I think the CFL has made a sound business decision, but I think they've lost contact with what made the league great. I want Canadians to have the

opportunity to play in their own football league," Hargreaves said.

While Hargreaves feels dropping the quota would have a significant effect on the number of Canadians in the CFL, it wouldn't have much impact on the university game in this country.

"There are so few players in the CIAU for whom making it to a pro team is the reason they're playing

that I don't see the lack of CFL spots creating much change at the university level," said Hargreaves.

Ironically, it may be Rambo's own team who force the CFL to get rid of the quota—Ottawa owners Lorne and Lonnie Gliberman have been threatening to move the team to Orlando, Florida unless they can get more concessions from Ottawa city council.

Any doubt about whether an American team in the CFL would mean the end of a Canadian content quota is quickly erased when talking to both players and coaches.

Argo head coach Dennis Meyers,

for example, feels that U.S. immigration laws would forbid such "discrimination," and Canadian teams would be forced to drop the quota in order to remain competitive.

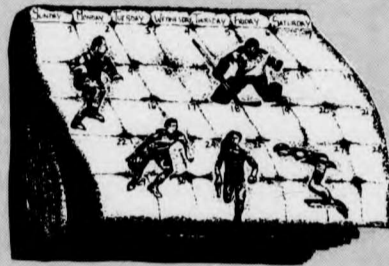
"As a coach, all I'm concerned with is that the other teams are playing by the same rules that I am," Meyers said.

Asked whether CIAU grads would be able to compete for CFL positions on an equal footing with U.S. players, though, Meyers wasn't so sure.

"There are some Canadian guys

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UPCOMING EVENTS



• graphic by Sandra Brewster

gymnastics

(Yeomen) - York Invitational - Sat. Dec. 5 at the Academy of Gymnastics located at 20 Barnes Court, Concord, Ontario, 738-1577.

hockey

(Yeomen) - vs Waterloo - Thurs. Dec. 3 at the Ice Palace.

volleyball

(Yeowomen and Yeomen) - doubleheader vs University of Toronto - Tues. Dec 1 at 6:00p.m. and 8:00p.m. in Tait Main Gym.

track and field

(Yeowomen and Yeomen) - @ Western - Sat. Dec. 5.

basketball

The York Yeomen Nike Excalibur Classic basketball tournament will be held at Tait McKenzie Gymnasium on December 28, 29 and 30.

The Yeomen also play in the Dalhousie Tournament January 1, 2, and 3.

fencing

York fencing club will be having their membership drive January 4th to the 7th.

They will be also be competing in 3 meets in the month of January. On the 9th and 10th, the Carleton Invitational, January 16 and 17 the Ottawa Participation, and January 30-31 is the York Invitational.

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Yeowomen start strong, but still lose

Yeowomen hockey squad trying to make playoffs in tough OWIAA hockey division

by Derek Pinto and Haniff Nana

Despite a strong start, the York Yeowomen were dealt an 8-2 loss at the hands of the Lady Blues at the Ice Palace on Thursday night.

The Yeowomen did hold a lead of 1-0, until a second period lapse which saw York's arch-rivals score four unanswered goals.

The deficit proved to be too large for the Yeowomen to overcome.

The highlight of the game had to be the play of center Marni Barrow, who managed a goal for the York side. The other goal scorer for York was Michelle Campbell.

Coach Chris Harron was quite emphatic that the score was not indicative of the play, and she was quite upbeat about the game.

"They played the best hockey I've seen this year... They were aggressive and maintained a good pressure through the first half of the game," said a confident coach Harron.

She pointed to the key of their future success as being, "a matter of maintaining our concentration and intensity for the entire game."

Although the loss now drops the Yeowomen to 0-5-1, Harron feels that if the team can manage to be

consistent and build upon the positives from their defeat then, "a play-off spot is within reach because there are a lot of good things about the team."

Some CFL players object to expansion into the U.S.A.

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in the league right now who could survive, but whether new players coming up who haven't been exposed to the high level pro game for several years would be able to make it, I don't know," Meyers added.

Still, the objections over expansion to the U.S. aren't exclusively related to the quota issue.

Molle, along with fellow Canadian CFL vets Bob Cameron and Kyle Hall, have formed a committee to help "non-imports" (the CFL's term, not mine) voice their concerns to league officials.

Molle feels American players should be welcome to join the group as well, because U.S. expansion would hurt them, too.

"These moves have been so poorly planned, they'll take the whole league under. How many businesses do you know that plan a major change just

The Yeowomen will be off until the new year and this will allow them a good opportunity to let their injuries heal and develop greater team chemistry.

The Yeowomen will play their next game on January 12 in a return with the UofT Lady Blues.

months before it's going to happen?"

Molle says the publicity problems the CFL has faced until now would pale in comparison to what would happen if one of the proposed U.S. franchises failed.

Molle also dismisses arguments the Canadian nature of the game would remain if the current rules were kept, notwithstanding the quota.

"People in the U.S. completely misunderstand the unique Canadian element. After the exhibition game in Portland, people said they enjoyed it, but kept saying 'it's nice, but if only you'd add an extra down and have a wider field,'" Molle said.

He also suggests expansion backers should remember what happened to previous "other" leagues in the U.S.

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Willie Popp goes down to make the save, while teammate Paul Pachis looks on. York lost both games against the Americans on the Weekend at the Duracell Hockey Challenge. (Below) Pino Chiappetta gets ready to receive a pass against Colgate. photos by Michelle Boesener



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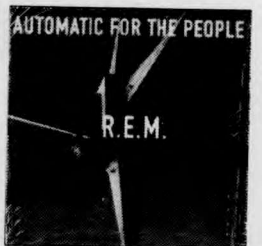
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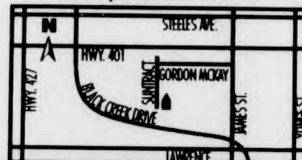
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