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## Coffin gets standing ovation

# Rally of 800 protests cuts



York president Macdonald addresses 800 unfriendly faces during no-cutbacks rally.

By Paul Kellogg

"The administration and H. Ian Macdonald must redefine their priorities. A top priority should be human beings, not figures on a balance-sheet."

So said Lauma Avens, President of the York University Staff Association (YUSA) to tumultuous applause at the "No-Cutbacks" rally February 9.

Called by the York No-Cutbacks Committee as the culmination of the week against the cutbacks and supported by virtually every union and student association on campus, it attracted between 800 and 900 students, faculty and staff. The overflow crowd squeezed into Curtis lecture Hall "I" to hear speakers against the cutbacks, listen to proposals of action and listen to, question, and heckle York president H. Ian Macdonald.

A puppet show in Central Square just before the rally attracted a large

and lively crowd. The puppets spiced up their explanation of the projected \$4-million cuts, with such statements as, "administration is like kitty litter; you always try to cover up the shit".

The theatre began again later at the rally when two GAA members entered the rally with a coffin labelled "quality of education".

Inside were hundreds of petitions that had been signed demanding that president Macdonald lead a public campaign to secure adequate university funding. The coffin was greeted by a thunderous standing ovation.

The rally was chaired by Harvey Pinder, student member of York's Board of Governors.

Leading off the speakers was Dawn Smith, president of the Atkinson College Students' Association, who said, "If President Macdonald believes in quality of education then why is he making it impossible to get a quality part-time education?"

Smith was referring to the cut of at least 30 courses projected for Atkinson College.

Norm Noddle, secretary of CUPE local 1356 representing caretakers and maintenance workers, said that, "it's my feeling that we've had enough of this." Noddle said that the cutbacks were hurting the workers on campus and that "the administration is trying to take away many basic things that workers have fought for."

Lee Lorch vice-president of the faculty association said "it's nice to see so many people here at the beginning of our struggle to get adequate funding."

"But sometimes," he said to much laughter and applause, "my classrooms look like this too and that's not so good." Lorch warned that if the cutbacks continue, then York will become a "branch-plant university in Canada's branch plant economy". He said that "universities must be seen as having an essential part to play in this country, or we will be party to the deterioration and destruction of Canada."

Paul Hayden president of the Council of the York Student Federation, was next to speak, and his appearance at the podium was met by a smattering of hisses from the audience.

Hayden suggested a few possible solutions to York's budget crisis. He thought York could sell some of its

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Tony Woolfson, president of GAA.

## Calumet says "NO" to forced merger

By Laura Brown

The students of Calumet College reached a decision at their February 8 Meeting that amalgamation with Bethune or any other college is not acceptable.

A motion was passed by the students "that in the interest of the continuation of Calumet College's existence as a serving community, the General Meeting will undertake steps to negotiate withdrawal from CYSF; and they will use the student activities fees gained by this action to make up the college deficit caused by university cutbacks."

"If my college is of the opinion that a merger is bad for them, I would be a bad master for Calumet if I negotiated with Bethune", Winter later told *Excalibur*. "In the same token, I'd be a bad master for Bethune if I walked away from my college."

The meeting was joined by several student politicians, including CYSF president, Paul Hayden and student BOG member Harvey Pinder. "The visiting politicians fouled up our chances of a decent discussion by bringing about a confrontation," with university vice-president Bill Farr, said Winter.

He said Farr was antagonized by the "visiting politicians using him as a sort of personification of all that has gone wrong in the university."

During the meeting Farr had been criticized by Calumet's student liaison officer, John Mays for his manner in dealing with students.

Commenting on the prospects of the college next year, Winter told *Excalibur*, "in the coming year we'll be able to prove our indispensability in the evident value of services rendered to our students, such as the small businesses project."

Winter said that Calumet was looked upon as a "cripple" because it has no building.

"But we're more sensitive to the students and to what is going on in the world because we don't have to worry about how to fill a building," Winter said. "The trend in the university will be colleges without buildings because they are a better idea."

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## "No-cutbacks" demo set for March

By Paul Kellogg

On March 16, students from at least across Toronto, and possibly from all of Ontario, will march and demonstrate at Queens Park, protesting the spiralling cutbacks in post-secondary education financing.

The demonstration was called by the Toronto Area Cutbacks Committee, a loose coalition of students, faculty and staff from, York, Ryerson, and the University of Toronto.

The anti-cutbacks committees on the 3 campuses have sprung up as the bad news became known about the financial crises facing their institutions, and the cutbacks in services and personnel it will mean for coming years.

The executive of the Ontario Federation of Students, a province-wide organization that represents over 160,000 university and college students in Ontario, has endorsed the demonstration. This weekend, the member institutions of OFS will be meeting in Ottawa and will vote whether or not to endorse the action and turn it into a province-wide demonstration.

Allan Golombek, information officer for OFS, refused to speculate on the chances of OFS endorsing the demonstration. He did say, however, that from the people he had talked to "they think that now is the time to demonstrate our opposition to cutbacks and inadequate student aid in large numbers at Queens Park".

How big those numbers will be is anybody's guess, but according to Harvey Pinder, student representative on York's Board of Governors, it could be in the vicinity

of 5,000. According to Pinder, "if the OFS endorses it, and student councils' across the province actively build it, and we've forced the university to officially close, then it will be at least that big".

Whether or not the university closes for the day is up to president H. Ian Macdonald. At the "no-cutbacks" rally held two weeks ago, the 900 students faculty and staff present, voted overwhelmingly to demonstrate at Queens Park, and called on Macdonald to close the university.

Macdonald refused to commit himself to closing the university, but after repeated and loud heckling from the audience, and persistent questioning from Tony Woolfson, chairperson of York's Graduate Assistants Association, he said he would at least raise the matter with the Senate and the Board of Governors.

Many people at the rally left believing that Macdonald had actually agreed to support the closing of the university. After the rally, however, Macdonald insisted that he had only agreed to raise the matter at BOG and Senate, and that he hadn't made up his mind about endorsing the closing.

Paul Hayden, president of York's

student council, indicated to *Excalibur*, that if OFS endorses the demonstration and the President closes the university, then the council will supply buses to ferry members of the York community downtown.

The last province-wide demonstration by the post-secondary education community was in January, 1976, when between 2,000 and 2,500 students showed up at Queens Park to voice their opposition to the government's education policies.



Harvey Pinder, student member on BOG, who chaired no-cutbacks rally.

## BOG wants slower cutbacks

By Agnes Kruchio

York's Board of Governors, many of whom figure in Canada's establishment, may be going to the provincial government to make a case for better treatment of universities, following a motion passed at a tumultuous board

meeting last week.

The province should give more money to universities during a period, which, "for demographic and economic reasons is placing severe strains on the universities' abilities to meet their commitments and to maintain viable academic programs."

"The concern of universities is that the government not cut too much too quickly," because they will not be able to adjust to it in time, said chairman of the board Bertrand Gerstein.

A strongly worded motion made by student member Harvey Pinder, which called for, among other things, the board to organize an opposition lobby to provincial cutbacks, failed for lack of support.

A series of clashes between Gerstein and Pinder began when Pinder objected to not

having been allowed to attend an earlier joint meeting of the executive committees of the board and senate to discuss the cutbacks.

"I will not allow you to run this meeting", Gerstein told Pinder repeatedly as the student rep brought forward points and questions at almost every stage of the agenda. Cheers for Pinder from the audience followed the parries between the two.

More than 50 students and faculty attended the meeting, the first time a large audience has attended a BOG meeting. They had been invited to attend by Pinder at the February 9 No-Cutbacks rally.

Representatives of the Graduate Assistants Association (GAA) told the board that the cuts may mean York will lose its unique appeal as a university.

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No-cutbacks meeting today at 1 p.m. Curtis "B"

# on campus

## entertainment

**Today, 7:30 pm** - The Old Film Comics (Stong) Cary Grant and Carole Lombard in *Bringing Up Baby* and *Nothing Sacred* - JCR, Stong

**10 pm** - Concert (Atkinson Open House Week) featuring guitarist Nick Walton performing Spanish and Latin American music - Comeback Inn, Atkinson

**Friday, 12 noon - 2 pm** - Jazz in Bethune - featuring members of the York Jazz Workshop in concert - JCR, Bethune

**8 pm** - Play (Glendon Dramatic Arts Program) *Shakespeare's Twelfth Night* - general admission \$3; special group rates for ten or more persons available by calling 487-6250 - Theatre Glendon Runs to Wednesday.

**Saturday, 9 pm** - York University Cricket Club invites you to a disco dance at Stong Dining Room - Admission is \$2.50 - proceeds to go to the Cricket Club - Music by d.j. "Disco Ken"

**Tuesday, 8 pm** - McLaughlin Chamber Recital - violin and string chamber music with Lorna Glover and friends - Music Room (016), McLaughlin

**8:30 pm** - Performing Arts Series (Fine Arts) featuring the World Saxophone Quartet: Julius Hemphill, Oliver Lake, David Murray, Hamiet Bluiett - general admission \$5.50; \$4.50 for staff, alumni; \$3.50 for students - Burton

**Wednesday, 4 pm - 6 pm** - Concert (Music) an afternoon of chamber music with Lorna Glover, Jose Shapero and friends performing works by Mozart, Dvorak and Schubert - F, Curtis

**8 pm** - Concert (Winters, Music) a wind concert by members of the X02 Program - SCR, Winters

**8-10 pm** - Concert (Calumet) a

performance by the avant-garde musical ensemble Array - Calumet Common Room, Atkinson

## galleries

**Until Mar. 16: Inuit Games Exhibit** at Glendon College Art Gallery; 11 am - 5 pm (Mon. - Fri), 8 pm - 10 pm (Mon.-Thurs.), 2 pm - 5 pm (Sun.)

**Until Mar. 6: Looking Out** at the Zacks Gallery, Stong College; 12 noon - 7 pm (Mon-Fri), 2 pm - 5 pm (Sun)

**Until Mar. 4 Theatre Department Student Work** in McLaughlin Hall; 12 noon - 7 pm (Mon-Fri)

**Until Mar. 3 - Collages** by York Professor Barry Argyle in SCR, McLaughlin College; 12 noon - 2 pm (Mon-Fri)

## special lectures

**TODAY, 11 am** - Guest Speaker (York Hugo Blanco Tour Committee) *The Struggle Against Political Repression in Latin America - Which Way Forward* with Peruvian revolutionary Hugo Blanco - B, Curtis

**12 noon - 1:30 pm** - Teaching Learning Seminar Series (Teaching Skills Program) *Faculty Evaluation: Why and How* with Glendon Prof. Richard Handscombe, 307, Founders

**12:30 pm - 2 pm** - Lecture-Discussion (Bethune Institute *Marx on Hobbes* with Bernie Avishai - 320, Bethune

**4 pm** - Guest Speaker (Graduate Program in Social and Political Thought) *The Taming of Democracy in Victorian Britain* with Prof. John Saville, University of Hull, England, -SCR, Vanier

**4 pm** - C.R.E.S.S. Seminar Series - *The Effect of Thunderstorms on the Ionosphere* with Dr. Paul B. Hays,

University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) - 317, Petrie

**7:30 pm** - Maurice Manel Memorial Lecture (Atkinson Sociology) a reception and lecture on the topic *Non-Professional Sociology* with prof. Robert Stebbins, University of Calgary - Fellows Lounge, Atkinson

**7:30 pm - 10:30 pm** - *Innovative Approaches to Facilitating Interpersonal Communications [CCE] Holistic-Primal Therapy* with Tom Verna, general admission \$6; \$4 for staff, students - 107, Stedman

**Friday, 9 am - 4 pm** - Canada '78 Symposia Series (CCE)

*Immigration Policies and Multiculturalism* with York Professors Dr. Clifford J. Jansen and Dr. Jean Burnet, and Dr. Robert Harney, U. of T. - symposium fee \$10; for information call - 2502-038, Administrative Studies

**1:30 pm** - Fortnightly Seminar (Graduate Program in Philosophy) York Prof. P.H. Nowell-Smith will raise some questions in *Some Puzzles about [historical] Facts* - Faculty Lounge (S89), Ross

**2 pm** - Psychology Colloquium - An Overview of Depression with Emmanuel Persaud, M.D., of the Clark Institute of Psychiatry and the University of Toronto Medical School - A, Curtis

**3 pm** - Computer Science Seminar Series *Using Interactive Graphics for Data Structure Design* with Prof. F. Tompa, Univ. of Waterloo - S203, Ross

**MONDAY, 4 pm** - Living Through the Decades (Stong) *The 60's: New Archetypes*, a discussion-film-slide presentation by Barbara Ivan - Teorema (1969); directed by Paolo Pasolini) - Stong Theatre

**4:30 p.m.** - Biology Research Seminar - *Parelaphostrongylus tenius - its significance to cervid populations* with Dr. F.F. Gilbert,

University of Guelph - 320, Farquharson

**TUESDAY, 9:30 am - 12 noon** - Educational Seminar (Computer Systems Development) half-day seminar dealing with the Database concept of integrating data and resources to achieve the efficiency and costs benefits inherent in such an approach - community computer users are invited to attend; participants are asked to call local - 3206 before Feb. 20 - Stong Masters Dining Room

**2:15 pm** - Guest Speaker (English-Humanities 395) Canadian playwright Sharon Pollock will be visiting the class English Speaking Theatre in Canada - seating is limited, but interested members of the community are invited - A105, Glendon

**WEDNESDAY, 1:15pm - 4 pm** - Guest Speaker (Teaching Skills Program) *Effective Visual Presentations in the Classroom*, a workshop which will be led by Prof. Ed Crisp, Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario - participation by registration; for information call 667-3220 or 487-6193 - 106, Founders

**7:30 pm - 9:30 pm** - *The Law and You [CCE] Business Law* with lawyer Barry Fisher - fee \$18 (\$12 for staff, students) series of three lectures - 106 Osgoode.

## harbinger

**Monday, 3 pm - 5 pm** - Harbinger Presents *Songs of Sex and Love*, sung by Muskeg Madness - Donation at door in support of Harbinger Community Services - Orange Snail, Stong College

**7 pm** - What Biology Does & Doesn't tell us about Sexuality - Professor M. Barret - Dept. of Zoology - University of Toronto - 118 Winters College

**Tuesday - 7 pm** - Sex Therapy: What and Why? - Rhonda Katz - Sex Therapist - University of Toronto - Curtis A

**Wednesday, 7 pm** - Rape; Film Not

a *Pretty Picture* & speaker from Rape Crisis Centre - Curtis A

**Thursday, 2 pm** - Students and Alcohol - Susan Eadie - Addiction Research Foundation - Curtis M

**Friday, 12 noon** - oral contraceptives and Nutrition Needs - Mary Zeldon - Food & Nutrition Programme - Ryerson

## sports

**Friday 7 - 10 pm** - Recreational Badminton - Upper Gym, Tait McKenzie

**8:15 pm** - Men's Basketball - York vs. Ottawa - Tait McKenzie

**Monday, 12:15 - 12:45 pm** - Conditioning for Men & Women - each Monday, Wednesday and Friday - Main Gym, Tait McKenzie

## miscellaneous

**Today 12 noon - 1:30 pm** - Information Session (Administrative Studies) for the Bachelor of Business Administration Program at York - 038-039, Administrative Studies

**4:30 pm** - Monthly meeting of the Senate - S915 Ross

**Friday, 10 am - 4 pm** - Founders College Student Council Elections - booths set up in Central Square and Founders JCR

**Monday, 9 am - 4 pm** - Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - call Chaplain Judt at 667-3171 or 633-2158 - Scott Religious Centre

**2 - 4 pm** - President Macdonald at Glendon - for appointment call Mrs. J. Waugh at 487-6167 - President's Office, Glendon Hall, Glendon

**Tuesday, 5:30 - 7 pm** - Career Counselling (Atkinson Counselling Services) Teaching - Information Session with Allen Applebaum, York Faculty of Education, and Catherine Shaw, Vice - Principal of James S. Bell School - of particular interest to Atkinson students - OO4A, Atkinson

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# Blind: the hardest part is misunderstanding

By Al Bell

A dozen people nearly had heart attacks in a lounge at Osgoode Hall the other day.

This student walked in with a blind guy at his right elbow. Instead of sitting down, the student briskly led the blind guy directly towards a brick wall. At the last split second, he made a sharp left turn and disappeared out the door with the blind guy still in tow.

David Lopofsky cherishes that routine. He's the blind guy and the student leading him is a close friend. The routine provides Lopofsky with a rare opportunity to take advantage of the myths about blindness held by the public. The rest of the time it works in the other direction. Lopofsky labours daily under the well-intentioned cruelties of a misguided public attitude. It's an attitude he would like to see changed.

"First of all, get rid of the pity and the stereotyping you've been taught to feel towards people who are blind," says Lopofsky. "It's not appropriate or even relevant frankly. Realize instead that a blind person is a normal human being,

who, because of their blindness, simply uses other non-visual methods of doing sighted things."

Lopofsky's lifestyle adds impact to his words. As a 20-year-old law student, he attempts an academic program many would hesitate to try with all five senses in high gear. He finds time to work at Osgoode's legal aid clinic; teach in a community school; write for the Osgoode student newspaper; debate in several clubs; and frequently appear as a public speaker on behalf of the visually handicapped.

Amazed? Think that's extraordinary?

"People think any accomplishment by a blind person is an amazing, incredible feat," says Lopofsky. "They say, 'Oh, you're blind, you could never ...' Then they fill in the blank. If I were to be what society thought I was, I'd be a helpless, wasted little sap."

Much of society's attitude undoubtedly derives from the sheer horror of a visual handicap. The loss of a sense so vital to existence conjures up visions of a hell on earth few would care to contemplate. It's from this point that the myths develop.

"There are actually two stages to blindness", explains Lopofsky. "The first stage is going blind. This is naturally a very traumatic, upsetting phase. Now you see, now you don't. The second stage involves being blind. When one adjusts and learns to do the same things in a different way, most of the handicap disappears. But people don't realize there's a second stage. They envision an endless stage, one of tearing out the hair and weeping."

Lopofsky understands the full implications of this point. He was not born blind. He was born with limited partial vision, which did not deteriorate completely until he was 13 years old. He has since replaced his vision with Sonicguide: a pair of glasses which emit an inaudible, high frequency sonar beam within a six meter range. The sound waves strike objects in front of Lopofsky; bounce back to him; and are picked up as audible beeps in his earplug. Through practice, he can now identify different objects around him by their distinctive beep.

The logistics of law school are handled easily. Everything is taped: lecture notes by Lopofsky, textbooks by a volunteer, exam

questions by the prof. Like many law students, Lopofsky prefers to type his answers.

Despite his ability to operate with, not despite, his visual handicap, the public attitude, says Lopofsky, "continues to see a blind person as fragile and devastated and leading a miserable life." The myths result in unnecessary, sometimes humorous contacts which, though well-intentioned, often impose upon the dignity of a blind person.

Myth: if you see a blind person walking along, it would be nice of you to guide them.

Not true, according to Lopofsky. Not that it's wrong to offer to help a blind person. The point is, ask: Don't just grab an arm. As Lopofsky puts it, "Allow the person the dignity of choosing whether or not they need your help."

Myth: don't embarrass a blind person by saying words like "look" or "see" or "visualize."

Lopofsky just laughs. "I have to", he says, "when people say to me, 'Um, did you hear that on tv last night?'"

Myth: treat a blind person with cautious respect as their feelings are more likely to be hurt.

Lopofsky recalls an incident involving a heated argument with a friend in a restaurant. The friend eventually yelled at Lopofsky to shut up. Mortified patrons glared at the friend.

"They thought, how dare you say shut up to a blind person. You can't say things like that. You're just supposed to feel sorry for blind people," says Lopofsky.

Myth: the blind constitute a separate, unique category in society.

People who normally rebel at other forms of stereotyping do not hesitate to fit "The Blind" into a uniform social, economic and political class. "In so doing, they deprive every blind person of his individuality", says Lopofsky. "In fact, I have more in common with people I go to school with than people I know who are blind".

This classification of "The Blind" goes much further than a public attitude. It is also an official one. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) holds virtually an exclusive monopoly in Canada over the affairs of "The Blind." Yet, the CNIB is a private, charitable foundation - a bureaucracy, whose paternalistic hand supplies every service essential to the visually handicapped. As a charity, it receives government grants; but as a private foundation, it is not accountable to those it serves.

Thus, in many ways, the CNIB actually perpetuates the myths about blindness held by the public. The "charitable" nature of its operations lends an official sanction to the stereotype. As Lopofsky puts it, "I don't need the image of a blind beggar". In addition he says, the exclusive authority exercised by CNIB places the visually handicapped in the hands of a private organization over which they have no control.

The solution, says Lopofsky, is for the government to take over the



Gary Hershorn photo

Law student David Lopofsky

CNIB and allow policy input from the visually handicapped. But the solution goes much further than this. Blind people remain one of the few groups not protected by Human Rights legislation in Ontario; The visually handicapped can and are constantly refused housing and jobs because of misguided preconceptions on the part of society.

Lopofsky took a major step in the summer when he co-ordinated the Blindness Law Reform Project: a team of eight Osgoode law students who studied the issue and reported recommendations for change in virtually every area of legislation.

It is the public attitude and the myths about blindness, however, which remain the major obstacle. As Lopofsky comments, "I've adjusted to my blindness very well. It's those who aren't blind that have trouble coping with it".

Remember that, the next time you're rushing to class down a narrow corridor, and suddenly find your way blocked by a log-jam of students slowly plodding along. Above all, don't yell out, "Hey, let's move it up front!" It's possible Davie Lopofsky's friend will bellow back, "I'm trying! But there's this damn blind guy up here and he's slow as hell!!!"

## Rally asks Macdonald to fight cuts

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surplus real estate, perhaps using it for low-income housing units as opposed to Cadillac Fairview's University City. Lotteries, he added, could be a potential source of revenue for the university. He concluded by saying that Macdonald must "use his influence on his colleagues to stop the hatchet job being done on our universities".

Isa Bakker, a member of the Carleton University Students' Association and on the executive of the Ontario Federation of Students, brought greetings from both those bodies. She said that the cutbacks in funds to universities amounted to an attack on education and that it was "part of a general attack on social services".

The cutbacks are the "direct result of economic decisions made by politicians" she said, and a "direct result of their mismanagement of the economy. The cutbacks which result strike the people who can least afford it. We must insist that education and social services are fundamental elements of any healthy and democratic society".

Tony Woolfson, president of the GAA, was the last speaker before Macdonald. The GAA was the key organizer of the rally and no-cutbacks week. They will be seriously hit by cutbacks, with as many as 300 of their members being laid off.

"Cutbacks" said Woolfson, "are part of a political reality, and politics can be changed. They say

we're overtrained, but is it really possible to be over-trained for life?"

Woolfson suggested that the "end of the baby boom", a rationale often used to explain the necessity for cuts, was a red herring. "Schools are not lying empty," he said. "They've decided not to fill them with the numbers of students which would get an ideal learning environment, an ideal student-teacher ratio".

He ended by saying that he had "faith in people, a belief in learning and a belief that life can be a labour of love".

Macdonald was the next speaker, and he did not face a friendly audience. Many of the previous speakers' key points had been met with tumultuous applause, sometimes with the entire audience rising to their feet. For the first part of his speech, the audience was quiet. He started off saying that "this meeting was one of the most important ever to occur on the York campus". He said that he had had, in his term as president "a lonely three and a half year vigil trying to get adequate university financing, and I welcome your participation in this vigil".

"I start from the assumption," he said, "that all of us want the same goal; to preserve and enhance the academic quality of life at York".

Macdonald suggested that the university should seek money from outside the government, namely more financing from private individuals to be matched by Wintario.

The reaction to Macdonald's speech was mixed. When pressed to give definite answers whether he would lead or participate in a march on Queen's Park, he declined to give an answer, lest he misrepresent the university's decision-making bodies. He said he would express the sentiment of the meeting to the senate and the Board of Governors.

The first speaker from the floor, caught the mood of the crowd accurately.

"I don't think it's enough to mandate president Macdonald to lead the fight," she said. "I think this symposium should mandate the unions and the student federations to organize across the province and organize a day of protest with a march on Queens Park".

There was loud and prolonged applause to her statement, and the assembly agreed to the suggestion.

The No-Cutbacks Committee is holding a follow-up meeting today at 1 p.m. in Curtis "B". The committee is now open to all interested members of the York community who wish to organize against cutbacks.

## News briefs

**Mme. Jeanne Sauvé**, federal minister of Communications visited York on February 9. Having had his political fill for the day, with the No-Cutbacks rally and Bob Kaplan, MP for York Centre, York contributed an audience of only 50.

Sauvé's main address was National Unity. The questions however were, all but one, about her ministry. She is a very open and frank minister, who seemed interested in explaining her ministry once the questioning began.

Pay-TV, she said was unavoidable, and that although it was not urgent to introduce it, the government should and is considering the issue well in advance of its necessity. Regarding the Satellite industry, she said that Canada has reached the level where it can make exports. Although it cannot build an entire satellite, it is in world competition in the areas of parts and testing.

Andrew Cardozo

Want to drive nail into the cutbacks coffin? Write to your MPP and-or the Minister of Colleges and Universities, the Hon. Harry Parrot, c-o Legislature Building, Queen's Park. Don't just squawk about it, put it on paper, gamble a stamp, and help the York Anti-Cutbacks Committee in their fight to save your education.

**Demonstration for Scharansky** to be held: The group of 35 who work on behalf of Jews who want to leave

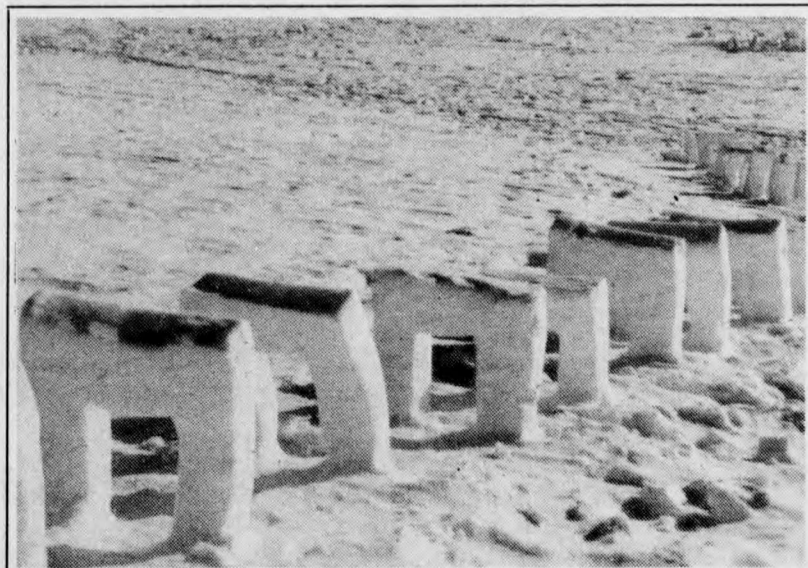
the Soviet Union, will be holding a demonstration for Anatoly Scharansky at 7:45 pm, Feb. 27, in front of Massey Hall. The Moscow Chorale will be performing that evening and the Group has chosen this occasion to demonstrate that any kind of meaningful cultural exchange is impossible unless a basic respect for human rights is present.

**Peruvian revolutionary leader Hugo Blanco** will speak today in Curtis B at 11 on *Political Repression in Latin America and How to Fight It*, a topic about which, he, through his experiences in the Peruvian highlands, knows a great deal.

An ardent Trotskyist, Blanco's past includes organizing a massive anti-Nixon demonstration in Lima in 1958; working to correct abysmal living conditions among native Peruvian peasants; starting several hospitals, schools and medical aid centers and over 100 unions; and advocating and taking part in massive land seizures by tenant farmers and peasants.

In 1963 he was arrested, ostensibly on charges of murdering a policeman, and was exiled to Chile. He is seen as an example to peasant organizers and land reformists worldwide.

A gathering to support the defence of **human rights in Latin America** will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at the International Student Center, 33 St. George St. at 7 pm. The meeting is in support of the Hugo Blanco tour, and a donation of \$3.00 is requested.



Chariots of the Gods? What terrestrial force could have placed these strange sculptures between T.O.B. and Ross, and for what purpose?  
Bob Ryan photo

# Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity — Lord Acton

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## Now's your chance President Macdonald

How cheering it was to see 800 people turn up at the February 9 *No Cutbacks* rally.

The turnout, which had Curtis Lecture Hall I bursting at the seams, was a clear indication that the York community has awakened to the dangers of the massive cutbacks facing the university. The cuts are so huge that the essential function and integrity of this institution are clearly in jeopardy.

This year we were cut back \$1.5 million. Next year, York must somehow absorb a \$4 million slashing. And that's a figure which may turn out to be conservative. If enrolment drops further than the administration's 2.5% estimate; if forecast telephone and utility cost-hikes take place; and if York's unions refuse wage settlements that don't even keep pace with inflation, the total shortfall could soar to \$6.7 million.

Harvey Pinder, student rep on the Board of Governors, estimates that York could be facing cuts of \$4 million per annum up to 1908-81.

The casualties? The outlook is forbidding:

- — As many as 300 (!) out of 400 part-time faculty members could be out looking for work next year.
- — York libraries, slashed by \$80,000 this year, face a possible \$239,000 reduction next year, with no end in sight. Last fall the administration tried to cut 18 hours off the libraries' weekend service, but chickened out under fire. How long will it be before our major academic resource is threatened again?
- — Atkinson College, already scheduled to axe some 30 courses, may be forced to drop 18 more.

Unfortunately the list is a lot longer. We could talk about the chance of 35 out of 180 college tutorials being canned, or the threat to York's academic crown jewel, the interdisciplinary studies program, but ... even this would not convey the entire picture. Readers who missed our February 2 and 9

issues are invited to pick up the back copies and appraise the situation for themselves.

But fortunately it's not too late to do something about all this. It looks as though the anti-cutbacks movement may be just getting off the ground. On March 16 a huge anti-cutbacks rally is slated to take place at Queen's Park.

We urge you to attend and let the Davis government know that you don't like what it's doing to your university. And the Tory regime is certainly not cutting back universities because it has no choice. For from 1962 to 1975, the provincial governments of this country reduced the relative contribution to their revenues taken from corporate income taxes by 41.5 per cent.

Considering a welfare break like this for the corporations, it is clear that the government's priorities in saving money do not have to be universities and social services.

So let's let our voice be heard. And hopefully York President (and one-time top Ontario civil servant under the Tories) H. Ian Macdonald can lend his voice to the chorus of protests.

At the February 9 meeting Mr. Macdonald was wearing a no-cutbacks button and making some very sympathetic noises, trying to come across as being a foe of the government's educational policies.

We can't help but be skeptical. After all this is the man who, several months back, wrote a letter to the York University Faculty Association denying that there was a budget crisis and talking about the need to "adjust to new circumstances".

But now Mr. Macdonald, you have a chance to prove where your loyalties lie. Will you march on Queens Park? Will you close the university for a day of protest?

How about it Mr. President, will you put your power where your button is?



### Atkinson

Saturday March 8 is the next red-letter day at Atkinson, with the Student Association general assembly meeting (10 am, 282 Atkinson) and the Monte Carlo Night (8 pm, Comeback Inn). Three student senators will be chosen at the meeting; there's free admission to the casino, licensed by LLBO, with wheels of chance, crap and black jack.

As part of Open House Week, Nick Walton will perform Latin and Spanish guitar music tonight at 10 in the Comeback Inn.

Earlier tonight, professor Robert Stebbins from U of Calgary will speak in the Fellows Lounge on Non-Professional Sociology, as part of the Maurice Manel Memorial Series. It's at 7:30, to be followed by a reception. At noon there will be another talk on Sociology in the Atkinson lounge.

### Bethune

Bethune's Winter Carnival started last night with a special Tap 'n' Keg, featuring the group Teaze. The carnival runs until Saturday night and includes shuffleboard and pinball tournaments and a snow sculpture contest.

As well, John Whitehead will perform on Friday at 8 in JACS. Saturday night the carnival will close with a party and late movies in the JCR.

And don't forget Tap 'n' Keg Wednesday nights, and jazz Fridays from 12 to 2 in the JCR.

### Business

Not much is coming up for the biz types, as next week is reading week. Scott Laird was recently elected as the new head of the Graduate Business Council; undergrad elections won't be held until April.

The second annual pinball tournament, sponsored by Davis Skilgames and UBC, is in progress. There'll be a dance March 9 in the student lounge.

### Calumet

Next Wednesday at Calumet presents the

## Our Town



avant-garde band Array, in the Common Room (where else?) ... John Mays' novel *The Spiral Stair* is out, published by Coach House Press ... Saturday at 8, *Test Patterns, Invention in Aural Space*, a multimedia improv show, will be at the Lansdowne Artists' Co-op, at 8 pm ... by the way, space is available at LAC; call 532-5018...

### Founders

Elections for next year's council are to be held tomorrow from 10 to 4; polls are in the JCR and Central Square. VOTE! Later on (8 pm) there's a dance in the dining hall; sponsored by York Daycare. It's a good cause!

There's another dance Saturday night, this time sponsored by the JSF. Sunday, there's the International Student Dinner, in the SCR at 6...

Also in the SCR, at 8 on Monday, Jim Bearden and Linda Jean Butler will present a dramatic presentation based on their book, *Mary Shadd Cary*.

And next Thursday, Ken and Henriette Asch present a program of German songs, 019 Founders ... graduation photos are being taken up to Saturday in the Reading and Listening room; call Brian Toll at 923-

9322 for details ... tickets for the show of *Mother Courage* are still available ...

### McLaughlin

*Collages* by York prof. Barry Argyle is on display in the SCR ...

Chamber music with Lorna Glover and friends can be heard in room 016, Wednesday at 8.

### Osgoode

The Mock Trial is sold out for both tomorrow and Saturday nights, but tickets for tonight (\$2.50, mixing area at 11 am) were still available at press time. It's in Moot court; doors open at 7:30; followed by a pub-dance each night ... Legal and Lit elections are March 29, not the 20th, as announced in *Ohiter*.

For you non-Oz types, some trivia: the law school has the only fraternity on campus (Phi Delta Phi) - others are prohibited by senate ... Oz is also the home of York's other weekly paper, *Obiter Dicta*, how the four co-editors manage to put it out while going to school full-time and receiving no pay is beyond us ... Osgoode also has the best deal in pinball on campus.

### Stong

In the *Living through the decades* series, Barb Ivan will speak and show slides on *The*

60's: *New Archetypes*. Paolini's *Torema* will be shown; Monday, 4pm, Stong Theatre ... *Woodstock* will be screened a week today, 7:30 pm in the Master's Dining Room.

*Looking Out*, a show by 10 women artists, is at the Zacks gallery until March 6, tying in with International Women's Day.

There's live jazz courtesy of jazz program students every Wednesday night in the Orange Snail ... tonight, as the last of the "comedy Classics" series, *Bringing up Baby* with Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn, and *Nothing Sacred* with Carole Lombard, will be screened. Free admission, JCR, 7:30.

The York Jazz ensemble will play from 8 to 12 in Sylvester's on Tuesday ...

### Vanier

Next Wednesday the Straight Talk series features an autobiographical film on Cerebral Palsy by Norm Kunc, *Of all people*: Norman to be followed by a discussion. It's at noon, but where, we don't know ... next Thursday's there's a licensed jazz concert in the dining hall from noon to 2. At 10 am, prof. Robert Funk from the U of Montana will speak on "The Prodigal Samaritan: Form and Structure in the Parables of Jesus", in Stedman E. Discussion to follow in the SCR at 4.

College council elections for 78-79 will be held March 16. Up for grabs are eight seats at large, and two seats specifically for day students.

### Winters

The college council meets tonight at 6 in room 264 ... speaking of room 264, Winters "Decade books", commemorating the college's 10th anniversary, are available there for \$6.

*Storm*, by David Doyle and Andrew Harris, finishes its stay at the Winters Gallery Saturday *Fourth Ear Works* opens Monday ... College Council elections are a week today, nomination period ends tomorrow...

If something is afoot in your college or faculty, let us know by calling -3201 or by sending it along to 111 Central Square. Deadline is Tuesday at 5.

## Staff meets at 2 pm

# Blind: the hardest part is misunderstanding

By Al Bell

A dozen people nearly had heart attacks in a lounge at Osgoode Hall the other day.

This student walked in with a blind guy at his right elbow. Instead of sitting down, the student briskly led the blind guy directly towards a brick wall. At the last split second, he made a sharp left turn and disappeared out the door with the blind guy still in tow.

David Lopofsky cherishes that routine. He's the blind guy and the student leading him is a close friend. The routine provides Lopofsky with a rare opportunity to take advantage of the myths about blindness held by the public. The rest of the time it works in the other direction. Lopofsky labours daily under the well-intentioned cruelties of a misguided public attitude. It's an attitude he would like to see changed.

"First of all, get rid of the pity and the stereotyping you've been taught to feel towards people who are blind," says Lopofsky. "It's not appropriate or even relevant frankly. Realize instead that a blind person is a normal human being,

who, because of their blindness, simply uses other non-visual methods of doing sighted things."

Lopofsky's lifestyle adds impact to his words. As a 20-year-old law student, he attempts an academic program many would hesitate to try with all five senses in high gear. He finds time to work at Osgoode's legal aid clinic; teach in a community school; write for the Osgoode student newspaper; debate in several clubs; and frequently appear as a public speaker on behalf of the visually handicapped.

Amazed? Think that's extraordinary?

"People think any accomplishment by a blind person is an amazing, incredible feat," says Lopofsky. "They say, 'Oh, you're blind, you could never ...' Then they fill in the blank. If I were to be what society thought I was, I'd be a helpless, wasted little sap."

Much of society's attitude undoubtedly derives from the sheer horror of a visual handicap. The loss of a sense so vital to existence conjures up visions of a hell on earth few would care to contemplate. It's from this point that the myths develop.

"There are actually two stages to blindness," explains Lopofsky. "The first stage is going blind. This is naturally a very traumatic, upsetting phase. Now you see, now you don't. The second stage involves being blind. When one adjusts and learns to do the same things in a different way, most of the handicap disappears. But people don't realize there's a second stage. They envision an endless stage, one of tearing out the hair and weeping."

Lopofsky understands the full implications of this point. He was not born blind. He was born with limited partial vision, which did not deteriorate completely until he was 13 years old. He has since replaced his vision with Sonicguide: a pair of glasses which emit an inaudible, high frequency sonar beam within a six meter range. The sound waves strike objects in front of Lopofsky; bounce back to him; and are picked up as audible beeps in his earplug. Through practice, he can now identify different objects around him by their distinctive beep.

The logistics of law school are handled easily. Everything is taped: lecture notes by Lopofsky, textbooks by a volunteer, exam

questions by the prof. Like many law students, Lopofsky prefers to type his answers.

Despite his ability to operate with, not despite, his visual handicap, the public attitude, says Lopofsky, "continues to see a blind person as fragile and devastated and leading a miserable life." The myths result in unnecessary, sometimes humorous contacts which, though well-intentioned, often impose upon the dignity of a blind person.

Myth: if you see a blind person walking along, it would be nice of you to guide them.

Not true, according to Lopofsky. Not that it's wrong to offer to help a blind person. The point is, ask: Don't just grab an arm. As Lopofsky puts it, "Allow the person the dignity of choosing whether or not they need your help."

Myth: don't embarrass a blind person by saying words like "look" or "see" or "visualize."

Lopofsky just laughs. "I have to," he says, "when people say to me, 'Um, did you hear that on tv last night?'"

Myth: treat a blind person with cautious respect as their feelings are more likely to be hurt.

Lopofsky recalls an incident involving a heated argument with a friend in a restaurant. The friend eventually yelled at Lopofsky to shut up. Mortified patrons glared at the friend.

"They thought, how dare you say shut up to a blind person. You can't say things like that. You're just supposed to feel sorry for blind people," says Lopofsky.

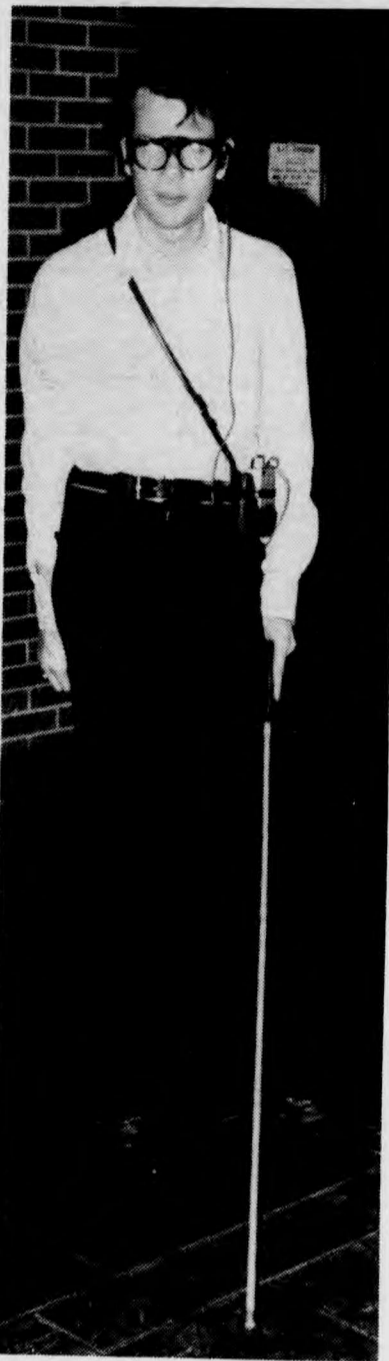
Myth: the blind constitute a separate, unique category in society.

People who normally rebel at other forms of stereotyping do not hesitate to fit "The Blind" into a uniform social, economic and political class. "In so doing, they deprive every blind person of his individuality," says Lopofsky. "In fact, I have more in common with people I go to school with than people I know who are blind."

This classification of "The Blind" goes much further than a public attitude. It is also an official one. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) holds virtually an exclusive monopoly in Canada over the affairs of "The Blind." Yet, the CNIB is a private, charitable foundation - a bureaucracy, whose paternalistic hand supplies every service essential to the visually handicapped. As a charity, it receives government grants; but as a private foundation, it is not accountable to those it serves.

Thus, in many ways, the CNIB actually perpetuates the myths about blindness held by the public. The "charitable" nature of its operations lends an official sanction to the stereotype. As Lopofsky puts it, "I don't need the image of a blind beggar." In addition he says, the exclusive authority exercised by CNIB places the visually handicapped in the hands of a private organization over which they have no control.

The solution, says Lopofsky, is for the government to take over the



Law student David Lopofsky

CNIB and allow policy input from the visually handicapped. But the solution goes much further than this. Blind people remain one of the few groups not protected by Human Rights legislation in Ontario; The visually handicapped can and are constantly refused housing and jobs because of misguided preconceptions on the part of society.

Lopofsky took a major step in the summer when he co-ordinated the Blindness Law Reform Project: a team of eight Osgoode law students who studied the issue and reported recommendations for change in virtually every area of legislation.

It is the public attitude and the myths about blindness, however, which remain the major obstacle. As Lopofsky comments, "I've adjusted to my blindness very well. It's those who aren't blind that have trouble coping with it."

Remember that, the next time you're rushing to class down a narrow corridor, and suddenly find your way blocked by a log-jam of students slowly plodding along. Above all, don't yell out, "Hey, let's move it up front!" It's possible Davie Lopofsky's friend will bellow back, "I'm trying! But there's this damn blind guy up here and he's slow as hell!!!"

## Rally asks Macdonald to fight cuts

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surplus real estate, perhaps using it for low-income housing units as opposed to Cadillac Fairview's University City. Lotteries, he added, could be a potential source of revenue for the university. He concluded by saying that Macdonald must "use his influence on his colleagues to stop the hatchet job being done on our universities".

Isa Bakker, a member of the Carleton University Students' Association and on the executive of the Ontario Federation of Students, brought greetings from both those bodies. She said that the cutbacks in funds to universities amounted to an attack on education and that it was "part of a general attack on social services".

The cutbacks are the "direct result of economic decisions made by politicians" she said, and a "direct result of their mismanagement of the economy. The cutbacks which result strike the people who can least afford it. We must insist that education and social services are fundamental elements of any healthy and democratic society".

Tony Woolfson, president of the GAA, was the last speaker before Macdonald. The GAA was the key organizer of the rally and no-cutbacks week. They will be seriously hit by cutbacks, with as many as 300 of their members being laid off.

"Cutbacks" said Woolfson, "are part of a political reality, and politics can be changed. They say

we're overtrained, but is it really possible to be over-trained for life?"

Woolfson suggested that the "end of the baby boom", a rationale often used to explain the necessity for cuts, was a red herring. "Schools are not lying empty," he said. "They've decided not to fill them with the numbers of students which would get an ideal learning environment, an ideal student-teacher ratio".

He ended by saying that he had "faith in people, a belief in learning and a belief that life can be a labour of love".

Macdonald was the next speaker, and he did not face a friendly audience. Many of the previous speakers' key points had been met with tumultuous applause, sometimes with the entire audience rising to their feet. For the first part of his speech, the audience was quiet. He started off saying that "this meeting was one of the most important ever to occur on the York campus". He said that he had had, in his term as president "a lonely three and a half year vigil trying to get adequate university financing, and I welcome your participation in this vigil".

"I start from the assumption," he said, "that all of us want the same goal; to preserve and enhance the academic quality of life at York".

Macdonald suggested that the university should seek money from outside the government, namely more financing from private individuals to be matched by Wintario.

The reaction to Macdonald's speech was mixed. When pressed to give definite answers whether he would lead or participate in a march on Queen's Park, he declined to give an answer, lest he misrepresent the university's decision-making bodies. He said he would express the sentiment of the meeting to the senate and the Board of Governors.

The first speaker from the floor, caught the mood of the crowd accurately.

"I don't think it's enough to mandate president Macdonald to lead the fight," she said. "I think this symposium should mandate the unions and the student federations to organize across the province and organize a day of protest with a march on Queens Park".

There was loud and prolonged applause to her statement, and the assembly agreed to the suggestion.

The No-Cutbacks Committee is holding a follow-up meeting today at 1 p.m. in Curtis "B". The committee is now open to all interested members of the York community who wish to organize against cutbacks.

## News briefs

**Mme. Jeanne Sauvé**, federal minister of Communications visited York on February 9. Having had his political fill for the day, with the No-Cutbacks rally and Bob Kaplan, MP for York Centre, York contributed an audience of only 50.

Sauvé's main address was National Unity. The questions however were, all but one, about her ministry. She is a very open and frank minister, who seemed interested in explaining her ministry once the questioning began.

Pay-TV, she said was unavoidable, and that although it was not urgent to introduce it, the government should and is considering the issue well in advance of its necessity. Regarding the Satellite industry, she said that Canada has reached the level where it can make exports. Although it cannot build an entire satellite, it is in world competition in the areas of parts and testing.

Andrew Cardozo

Want to drive nail into the cutbacks coffin? Write to your MPP and/or the Minister of Colleges and Universities, the Hon. Harry Parrot, c-o Legislature Building, Queen's Park. Don't just squawk about it, put it on paper, gamble a stamp, and help the York Anti-Cutbacks Committee in their fight to save your education.

**Demonstration for Scharansky** to be held: The group of 35 who work on behalf of Jews who want to leave

the Soviet Union, will be holding a demonstration for Anatoly Scharansky at 7:45 pm, Feb. 27, in front of Massey Hall. The Moscow Chorale will be performing that evening and the Group has chosen this occasion to demonstrate that any kind of meaningful cultural exchange is impossible unless a basic respect for human rights is present.

**Peruvian revolutionary leader Hugo Blanco** will speak today in Curtis B at 11 on *Political Repression in Latin America and How to Fight It*, a topic about which, he, through his experiences in the Peruvian highlands, knows a great deal.

An ardent Trotskyist, Blanco's past includes organizing a massive anti-Nixon demonstration in Lima in 1958; working to correct abysmal living conditions among native Peruvian peasants; starting several hospitals, schools and medical aid centers and over 100 unions; and advocating and taking part in massive land seizures by tenant farmers and peasants.

In 1963 he was arrested, ostensibly on charges of murdering a policeman, and was exiled to Chile. He is seen as an example to peasant organizers and land reformists worldwide.

A gathering to support the defence of **human rights in Latin America** will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at the International Student Center, 33 St. George St. at 7 pm. The meeting is in support of the Hugo Blanco tour, and a donation of \$3.00 is requested.



Chariots of the Gods? What terrestrial force could have placed these strange sculptures between T.O.B. and Ross, and for what purpose?

Bob Ryan photo

# letters & comment

All letters should be addressed to the Editor, Excalibur, room III, Central Square. Please type letters, triple or double spaced, and keep them to around 250 words. Name, address and phone number must be included, but name will be withheld on request. Excalibur reserves the right to edit for grammar and length. Deadline Monday 4pm.

## Scuttle the cutbacks

### Criteria, please!

We the undersigned are currently enrolled in the Social Science course 161.6, "Men and Women".

It has come to our understanding that this course is to be dropped next year because of the cutbacks. Did you know that this course was overenrolled this year, and at least 30 students were turned away? Or is student enthusiasm and desire for a course not a criterion considered when certain courses are dropped?

This should be the most important criterion! This university is here to support us and serve our needs so that we, the future generation, can have a full and rich and very human understanding of life, and with this hopefully improve the quality of human existence.

The study of human relations, especially within the context of this course, serves a very real and important function. It helps to open us to the awareness that beneath the surface differences of males and females, there is a very human person who needs to love and be loved, to grow and express that growth through various channels.

We are not directly affected if this course is dropped because we have already received the benefits of it, but we are indirectly affected by those who come after us - because they will be a little more apt to judge others by their sex, a little less aware of the forces that shape their lives, and perhaps they will be a little more apt to exploit will be little more apt to exploit others.

Mary Anne Boeckh  
and 97 others

### That's involvement

Students are not apathetic.

In our recent attempts at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute to make students aware of cutbacks proposed by the Zero Based Budgeting Committee (ZBB) we have received an enormous response. The students are genuinely concerned about threatening curfews, less part-time and sessional staff, larger classes, closing down pubs and dances, and less access to library services and equipment.

Ryerson students circulated a petition to oppose these cutbacks which we will take to the Ontario government. The response has been overwhelming.

The Student Union of Ryerson (SURPI) called an urgent meeting one day in advance to discuss the first cutback - curfews. The student president was floored by the turnout at the mass meeting. 250 agitated students showed up. Now that's involvement!

More than 300 interested students came to a symposium Tuesday to get answers. Some active ideas emerged. One is a demonstration at Queen's Park. Another is the setting up of an anti-cutbacks committee. This committee stems from a minimum number of thirty members.

York representatives came forth

offering to form a common front with Ryerson and U. of T. Thursday at noon York held their own rally resulting in an immense turnout of 1,000 people.

And another point proving students give a damn is the fact that thousands of them are reading this letter so they will be more informed.

Judi McMillan  
Ryerson Photo-Arts

Ed Note: The York turnout was more like 800.

### Culprit corporations

Each and everyone of us here at York, whether staff, student, or faculty, will be seriously affected by the Tory government's determination to decrease their commitment to education.

In real terms, the limiting of York's operating grant to only a 4.5% increase over 1977 means that student services such as Harbinger will be reduced and/or eliminated, our library hours will be shortened, support staff (technicians, library, etc.) will be laid off, certain courses will be abandoned or curtailed, out-dated and faulty equipment will not be replaced, students coming from overseas will find fewer places and higher fees, and a number of full and part-time teaching staff will find themselves on the sidewalks in search of jobs.

All in all, it means that we're going to be shafted again, receive a poorer quality education though we'll be expected to pay more for it through higher tuition fees. In the words of Ryerson President Walter Pitman "students must expect a decline in education quality" (Nov. 17, 1977).

It is clear cutbacks hit all working people. We aren't the only ones in this situation. All students and working people in Ontario are suffering at the hands of the Tory hatchetmen at Queen's Park. The Ontario government has 'pledged' to balance its budget by 1981 and has made it clear that this will be done by cutting back in health, education and all other social services.

While 'balancing' its budget, the government has managed to shift the imbalance between corporate and personal income tax even more in favor of the corporate sector. In 1967-68 the corporations paid 11 cents in tax to every 16 cents paid in personal income tax. Now, corporations still pay 11 cents, but personal income tax has risen to 26 cents.

Obviously, the government's idea of balancing is to soak people while letting the corporations have the run of this province.

What can be done? The supporters at York of the Communist Party - not to be confused with the Maoist Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) - maintain that the only way to end the continuous erosion of our educational system is to force governments to shift their priorities and orientation away from their corporate buddies and in favor of the working people of this province.

Big business in Ontario must be



taxed according to their super profits, coupled with a programme of nationalization to ensure a sound financial basis for the basic needs of the people of Ontario, our health, education, and social services.

We think that the way to make this happen and to halt the cutbacks at York and all other post-secondary institutions in Ontario, is for all involved, students, staff and faculty, to get behind the fight against cutbacks. Demand that the administration refuse to cooperate with Queen's Park. Demand that your MPP call on the government to end its harassment of the people in Ontario. Support the hal fday off classes and the demonstration at Queen's Park in March.

Only united action can stop the cutbacks and move education forward, as a right for all of the people of Ontario.

Supporters at York of the  
Communist Party of Canada.

### What you can do to fight cutbacks

The readers of Excalibur are aware that York faces potential disaster. Next fall there will be a minimum of \$4,000,000 cut; and equally tragic cuts will occur for at least two more years. Although the government and daily papers insist that cutbacks are both necessary and inevitable, the York Anti-Cutbacks Rally was quite vocal in its disagreement. The 800 people present clearly agreed that the government is the source of our crisis.

Unfortunately, the present CYSF does not dispute the necessity of cutbacks; instead it wishes to minimize the disruption caused by cutbacks. Paul Hayden's suggestion to minimize the cutbacks by selling land which is not currently used fell flat. The only person booed by the audience before speaking was Hayden, President of CYSF, which indicates a great dissatisfaction with the ineffectiveness of CYSF.

As chairperson of the meeting I reminded the audience of "our" government's plans to lend \$300,000,000 interest free, to two mining companies so they can sell uranium to the government-run Ontario Hydro at a guaranteed minimum profit of \$5 per pound. This will amount to a profit of \$2.2 billion after total production and tax costs of \$5.2 billion.

In view of the multi-millions which the Tories continue giving to private business, it is hilarious for them to claim that they "can't afford more for education and hospitals."

If you agree that cutbacks should be fought at every turn, in every way possible, and if you think CYSF should be in the forefront of organizing opposition to cutbacks, OSAP changes, tuition hikes, and the deterioration of education, then come to a meeting tomorrow, Friday the 24th, at 11:00 in Curtis 110. We will be discussing just what can be done in the upcoming elections in order to make next year's CYSF an active body which defends our best interests in a forceful manner.

Harvey Pinder  
Student member  
Board of Governors

### Harbinger poll

This update is to note that the printed article on the Excalibur poll on Harbinger had a typographical error in one of the reported statistics. The reported 58 per cent of the sample group which highly favoured Harbinger should have in fact been 56 per cent. Other than this one type-error, all the other reported statistics were correct as representing the frequency of answer responses from the sample group of fifty York students, who were interviewed through the use of questionnaires.

At this time it should also be realized that the tone of the Excalibur editorial two weeks ago about this Harbinger poll was biased pro-Harbinger and slightly incorrect. This seemed to result because the tone of the editorial seemed to inadvertently misinterpret the poll results to be representative of overall student opinion - of which it necessarily wasn't. Instead the poll results, as reported in the article, only indicated a sample of student opinion here at York, and it did not necessarily represent the opinion of the entire student body, as suggested in the editorial.

The Excalibur staff should be commended however, on their attempts to find out what student opinion really is in regards to an important an issue as whether students want Harbinger or not. In this respect, the study has been one of the most authoritative and comprehensive attempts made thus far into this area.

The question of the very existence of Harbinger and how it should exist is a vital one to many. Harbinger is a social service agency on campus which provides referrals, information and peer counselling into a particular field of health care, and as such it is important to know just what the students feel about it.

Lorne Wasser

### Unite or divide

I read your editorial entitled "If this is 'progressive' and 'democratic' . . ." just for "something to do" on my lunch hour, and was disturbed by its contents. If what you reveal in the editorial is true, then I must congratulate you for exposing such contemptible behaviour. I normally do not take sides politically, and believe in a live-and-let-live policy as long as no one is threatened or hurt by the actions of others.

In this case, however, I wonder just who the "Hitlerite-Fascists" are. The Jewish (Zionist) and Arab people both (even with their differing political views) are welcome in my democratic and progressive community, but the CPC-ML certainly are not. Our purpose in life should be to unite with tolerance and understanding, not divide with bigotry and ignorance.

J. Degabriele  
Staff

### Winter of discontent

Once again it is winter, that wonderful season that envelopes York for the major portion of the academic year. This is an undeniable fact and we must learn to cope. So, why do some make it difficult? May I present a few illustrations.

#### 1) Parking Lots and Plowing

As I arrived this morning (Wednesday, January 25, 1978) at 9:15 a.m. in Parking Lot C, two plows were inefficiently clearing the lot. In effect they were re-arranging the snow while dodging cars that were already parked. What a waste of time and money, for by 9:15 or 9:00 students are already in class; 10:00 students are arriving, making plowing almost impossible. Cars were strewn about the lot in various positions and making navigation difficult. Why can't plowing be

done before classes begin? Then the entire lot could be plowed rather than choice sections only. Accomplishing the above may solve another problem that winter parking brings.

#### 2) Ability of Persons to Park

The Parking Lots provide, for our convenience long narrow lines within which our vehicles are to be carefully placed. Contrary to popular opinion, we are to park between the lines, not on them. In the wonderful months ahead, it will be colder and more snow will fall. No-one, I repeat, no-one relishes the thought of the long trek into campus from their spot in the NW corner of the lot. One suggestion, park straight. If you have to try twice, please do. One day it may be you on the long hike in, cursing the vehicle that has taken two spots (closest to campus of course).

So in the future, it would be nice if, they could plow before we get here so, that we could see the lines, so that we can park straight.

Sandra Wilson

### House of horrors

It is no secret that graduate housing is in short supply at York. It is no secret that the Housing Office has been assigned a difficult responsibility in evaluating the competing needs of students for subsidized housing. It is no secret that many students have grave doubts as to the efficiency, effectiveness, and reasonableness of the Housing Office. What are the specific allegations of administrative incompetence?

Firstly, the Housing Office has failed to develop a technique to predict the likely date of an apartment becoming available. Surely it is not an impossible task to review the length of current leases and the expected duration of a student's program. At present the Housing Office seems surprised that an Osgoode student will be leaving Downsview after three years. A little administrative initiative would surely be welcomed by the student who is uncertain whether to sign a lease at University City.

Secondly, the Housing Office has shown inflexibility in accommodating the tenant whose housing needs have changed. Such inflexibility results in either overcrowding or under utilization.

Thirdly, the Housing Office has failed to develop an adequate allocative system. At present, points are awarded if one is over 23 years old, married or a graduate student. Consideration of financial need is excluded as is academic performance and distance from home. Why should one be penalized for being young? Why should married students be favoured over those who choose to cohabit? A more encompassing allocative system that is reflective of student opinion is long overdue.

Finally, the employee attitudes should be changed. Admittedly the present staff possesses much improved personality skills compared to the staff of three years ago. However, if you are looking for a few encouraging words forget the Housing Office. Claiming that University rules support their every action (which is indisputable because the tablets have not been seen lately), the Housing Office muddles through giving wide berth to anything that hints of innovation.

Gary Gillam  
Osgoode Hall



# Macdonald may meet Davis; forgets day for protest

By Harvey Pinder

The Board of Governors meeting, which took place the Monday of reading week, attracted approximately 40 spectators, a standing room crowd in the small Board Chambers. The turnout was an effective representation of the anxiety York is experiencing. Incidentally, the largest number of

Governors showed up since my term started. Chancellor Robarts, and a couple others, showed for the first time.

The archaic, secretive inclinations of the BOG surfaced again when BOG chairperson Gerstein refused my request to attend the meeting of the combined executives of BOG and Senate which was discussing

cutbacks. While the Senate executive, in a meeting three weeks previous, had had no objection to my attending, Mel Ransom, Secretary of the BOG and Senate, had "forgotten" to ask Gerstein if I could attend.

Therefore I found out only three days before the BOG-Senate Executive meeting that I could not

attend it. In view of the disbelief and anger by York members whenever I reveal the undemocratic, self-perpetuating, corporate demonation of the BOG, I was amazed that they once again refused to open up. Due to the situation I attended the B-S exec meeting anyway.

In an effort to change their minds I utilized something I had uncovered a month before; namely, that the BOG executive committee of 18 members (out of a total Board of 30) illegitimate according to the BOG bylaws. This didn't change a thing (though Gerstein admits I am correct) because the meeting proceeded while non-executive Governors, in addition to myself, were present. Gerstein explained in the later, open, BOG meeting that these Governors had been invited because, "they had something to contribute". When I pointed out that the obverse of his statement was that I had *nothing* to contribute Gerstein became flustered and insisted that I "not put words in (his) mouth".

When the meeting finally got around to cutbacks, President Macdonald presented a motion which resulted (though he did not admit it) from the pressure of the Anti-Cutback Rally and the motion I was presenting which had been approved by the Rally. His motion says, "the scale of reduction is too severe ... while recognizing that

some modifications of the overall provincial system may be necessary". While it mildly criticizes the extent of cutbacks, it accepts the necessity of cutbacks. Macdonald's motion passed without opposition and provides so many "outs" that without constant pressure he may do nothing.

For example, during the Rally, Macdonald said he would take to Senate and BOG the idea of closing the university for one day in order for us to go to Queen's Park. He has not mentioned it so far, to either BOG or Senate.

I tried to append my motion, which advocated specific actions to be taken, but I was unsuccessful. When I moved that a public announcement of Macdonald's motion be made, I was again defeated. What the BOG members thought they prevented is beyond me because a *Globe and Mail* reporter was present, and, sure enough, there was a story in the next day's *Globe*.

## NOTICE OF CYSF ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

The annual general election of the Council of The York Student Federation (CYSF) will be held on Wednesday, **March 15, 1978**. An advance poll will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 1978 in Central Square.

Nomination period for all positions opens: Monday, February 20, 1978 at 9:00 am  
closes: Friday, March 3, 1978 at 5:00 pm.

Nomination forms for all positions will be available during the nomination period from the office of the Chief Returning Officer which is in the CYSF offices in 105R, Central Square.

Campaign period for all positions opens: Friday, March 3, 1978 at 5:01 pm.

closes: Monday, March 13, 1978 at 12:00 midnight.

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

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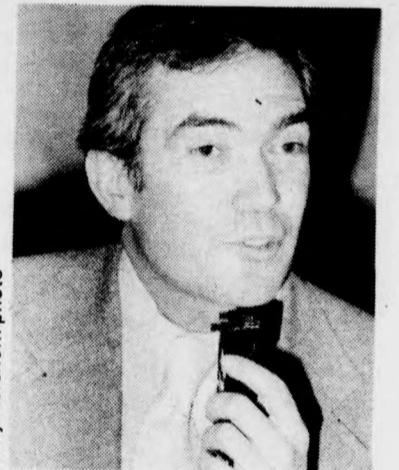
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## Kaplan on Scharansky



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By Scott Clayton

Robert Kaplan, Liberal MP for York Centre was on campus just before reading week, along with a survivor of the massacre Munich Olympics, Esther Rot. The principle issue was that of the fate of Anatoly Scharansky, a Soviet Jew who is not being permitted to leave Russia to join his wife in Israel.

Kaplan said he was doing his best, on behalf of the Canadian government, to free Scharansky. He cited the passing of a unanimous resolution by the House of Commons condemning the Soviet actions, on his initiative, which will be presented at the upcoming Belgrade Conference on the Helsinki Agreement.

However, some members of the audience had their doubts as to the willingness of the Canadian government to use such levers as trade and cultural ties to force the Soviets' hand. Kaplan stated that he "doesn't think Canadian trade should be held hostage to human rights". He also told the gathering that he wasn't optimistic about Scharansky's fate, and he thought he would be convicted and sentenced to a prison term.

Esther Rot, in town for the Maple Leaf indoor Games, commented on the 1972 killings, and the upcoming 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

Rot said she now runs for the memory of the slain athletes, and feels that the cameraderie of olympic sport was killed in Munich. She would like to compete in Moscow but has doubts as to whether the Soviets will allow an Israeli team to compete.

Kaplan stated later that, "Canada wouldn't go to Moscow if Israel couldn't."

## International Student Centre slated to go-another cutback victim

By Lynn Snelling

The York International Student Centre, established in 1974 by Susan Miller, is a student service assisting foreign students.

This year, however, may be its last, due to what seems to be the common problem with all student services this year: lack of money.

Vice-president W.D. Farr, presently on holidays, sent memos before he left to all department heads of Student Service Organizations, outlining possibilities for next year's budget cut. Farr's proposals included the elimination of ISC. The Centre currently operates on a \$20,000 budget.

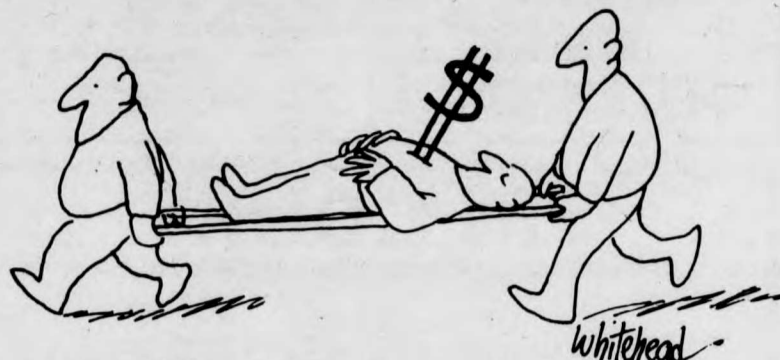
Assistant vice-president, John Becker, told *Excalibur* that the memo "welcomed comments and proposals" from all the student service department heads.

Before a foreign student arrives at York, a handbook is sent to them by ISC, outlining Canadian Immigration Rules and informing them of services available at York for their benefit. The international student population at York is one of the ten highest in Canada, and this year there are close to 1,100 foreign students on campus.

Immigration problems, which include such things as working visas and foreign student status, are also handled by the Centre. Most of the

student problems this year have been financial due to the fact that, even though the foreign student full-time tuition fee increased to \$1590, the amount of money the student was allowed to take out of the country remained the same.

The ISC handles group trips and some overseas research for international students, sponsors campus ethnic groups and acts as an liaison between cultural exchange programs and York as well as organizing other projects.



## Council censures member

By Laura Brown

Heated discussion and heightened emotion occurred only once in an otherwise peaceful February 8 CYSF meeting.

The disturbance occurred when McLaughlin representative Robert Steadman criticized graduate representative Abie Weisfeld for his February 2 letter to *Excalibur*, "RCMP at York."

Steadman called for an official censure of Weisfeld for his 'irresponsible letter' in his reference to political affiliation of some CYSF members.

Weisfeld's letter criticized CYSF president Paul Hayden and other council members for not responding to the *Toronto Star* report of an agent of the RCMP participating in the Western Guard's attack on Bethune College, painting Nazi symbols and slogans on its walls.

Steadman said Weisfeld "misconstrued the facts" and objected to the so-called "labelling." Steadman's motion of censure was passed with seven in favour, three against, and three abstentions.

During Steadman's criticism of Weisfeld, he referred a number of times to Leon Mitchell as somehow affiliated with the United Left Slate, although Mitchell ran as an independent candidate for Stong College.

Almost two of the four meeting hours was spent reviewing and approving the amendments to the Resolution Governing the Conduct of CYSF elections.

Hayden later told *Excalibur* that in past years some of the election rules have been "nebulous". Hayden, with Bob Freeman and George Manios, began working in 1975 on changing the resolutions.

The acceptance of five new council members was passed unanimously. Vanier College representatives Jeff Bien and Ryan Schoychet, Calumet College representatives Lawson Oates and Steven Campbell and Graduate representative Jim Elliot were accepted as members of the council for the remainder of the academic year.

## Set up shop with Calumet

By Laura Brown

Graduating liberal arts and science students may find an alternative to the unemployment line in the Calumet Praxis Project, designed to help students establish small businesses or cooperative enterprises.

Most students think only of having a job, but the Calumet

project demonstrates the possibilities of making an independent and permanent livelihood. It was started by Calumet master, Eric Winter, who was "concerned about the plight of graduating liberal arts students".

Winter's plan developed with the aid of Rein Peterson, Director of the York Small Business Programme in the Faculty of Administrative Studies. "I was lucky to discover that one of the most active Canadian workers in small business is at York," said Winter. "Without Peterson the project would have developed much slower".

The first development of the Calumet Praxis Project was the founding of the Lansdowne Artist Collective in July 1977. This is now a healthy studio for young artists located in a one-time factory near the Lansdowne subway station.

In December of that same year, Peterson assisted in designing a pilot program. This program consists of seven three-hour seminars held on Tuesday evenings. Sixteen Calumet students and four consultants from the Faculty of Administrative Studies attend the seminars. The projects at present include restaurants, bookstores, a publishing house, and a small manufacturing enterprise.

The group is periodically addressed by experts from outside the university and from the Faculty of Law. In addition, some one hundred hours of consulting time has been contracted.

Calumet forseees the small business program providing a significant change in the university curriculum. According to Winter, the second stage of the projects is to create college tutorials on small businesses. "We want to have college tutorials that straddle the ordinary academic requirements of the university and the possibility of earning a living."

The tutorials will be offered at the end of university rather than the beginning. Winter said the program will be an "extroduction" or "how to get out of university".

## CYSF

A student service

A column submitted by members of CYSF (Council of the York Student Federation). Views expressed are those of CYSF and/or individual members.

CYSF is sponsoring a Dixieland Jazz Band night in the Stong JCR March 9 at 9 pm, licensed by LLBO. Proceeds go to charity, live entertainment.

CYSF is supporting the JSF's Arts Festival Week, March 12 to 19. More information at JSF, Ross building.

Following the York Ski Club's successful trips to Georgian Peaks and Quebec City, a meeting time will be soon posted for a future (March) trip to Muskoka.

The York Sailing Club presents Gary Poyntz, 1977 World Albacore champion on "Sail trim and racing technique", today at 2:30 in Curtis B. The '78 Olympic film will be shown.

There will be Red Cross blood donor clinics Monday March 6 in the Stong JCR, and Tuesday March 7, Vanier JCR.

Students are invited to sign a petition to the soviet ambassador protesting violations of the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 (i.e. Cosmos satellite landing in Canada) at the CYSF office, 105 Central Square.



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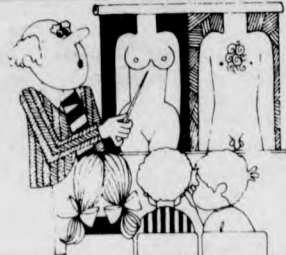
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Symposium tries to unravel Middle East

By Paul Stuart As the world breathlessly watched the progress of the Israeli-Egyptian peace-talks, a timely U of T symposium entitled, "What's What in The Arab-Jewish Conflict," examined the issues which have made the Middle East a powder keg.

The symposium, held February 1, saw renowned Jewish philosopher Emil Fackenheim - whose lecture "Anti-Semitism and Western Consciousness," climaxed the evening - tell a hushed audience of 600 how the Soviet secret police, the KGB, confiscated papers from his wife and himself at Moscow airport in May 1977.

One of the inscriptions, translated from Arabic into English in the visitors' book, urged the Russian people "to join with us in the struggle against Zionism wherever they may be found."

But before Fackenheim spoke, two other speakers launched the symposium. The first was U of T's visiting professor from the University of Haifa in Israel, Gabriel Warburg. After providing a historical back-grounder, Warburg set forth his analysis of the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

He divided the PLO into "extremists" and "so-called moderates." The aim of the moderates being to "establish a Palestinian homeland" as a base from which "to carry on their fight to liberate all Palestine."

Warburg ended his talk on a pessimistic note, pointing out that PLO is the only leadership of the Palestinians recognized by the Arab states. "As long as this decision holds, I don't think any Israeli government would agree to a Palestinian state, with its close ties to the Soviet bloc and its commitment to the destruction of Israel," he said.

Next at the rostrum was McGill law professor Irwin Cotler. A press release from the symposium's organizers, the Toronto Student Zionists, stated that "Cotler was reported to have been the bearer of an important message" from Begin to Sadat "just prior to Sadat's visit to Jerusalem."

The core of Cotler's talk consisted of his setting forth of the six Arab conditions for peace which, he contends, Sadat will propose, in addition to the well known Arab demands that Israel abandon the territories it occupied during the '67 war and recognize the right of Palestinian self-determination. These conditions are:

- That Israelis agree to withdrawal and Palestinian self-determination not after negotiations, but as a precondition to further negotiations.
• That the normalization of relations not be "a true state of peace," but simply the termination of the technical state of war between Israel and the Arab states.
• That Israel negotiate with Egypt on considerably more than the question of the Sinai, since "if Egypt negotiates for all of the Arabs, concessions on the Sinai may not be enough."

Cotler said that Arab aims stem from "deep belief systems." Basing his views on trips to Syria, Jordan and Egypt in the past three years, he

said the attitudes of the officials and intellectuals he talked to did not stem "from anti-Jewishness, but from understanding Jewishness in a certain way."

For Cotler, the Arab understanding runs like this: "Judaism is not a people but a religion... therefore Jews do not have the right to self-determination... therefore that state is illegal and Zionism is a false ideology which has subverted 'Judaism'."

Cotler visited Cairo just after Begin's election and encountered the view that his ascent would split American Jews and weaken support for Israel. He said the Egyptians felt the Begin victory would "make the Arab war option a more credible one," and that "if we break Begin we break Israel."

Injecting a note of pessimism concerning the Israeli-Egyptian talks, he forecast that they "may break down again and again". But he added that the Mid-East "which has exploded into war, may yet explode into peace."

He made a distinction between the Arab and Egyptian desire for peace, saying that "in Egypt there is a genuine desire for peace."

Fackenheim began his talk with a quotation from Sartre's 'Anti-Semite and Jew', about the democratic friend of the Jew, who reproaches the Jew for "wilfully considering himself a Jew."

Fackenheim said that this sort of democratic friend has, since the time of the French Revolution, led left-wing Jews to demand that the "Jews and Jews alone dissolve themselves into mankind."

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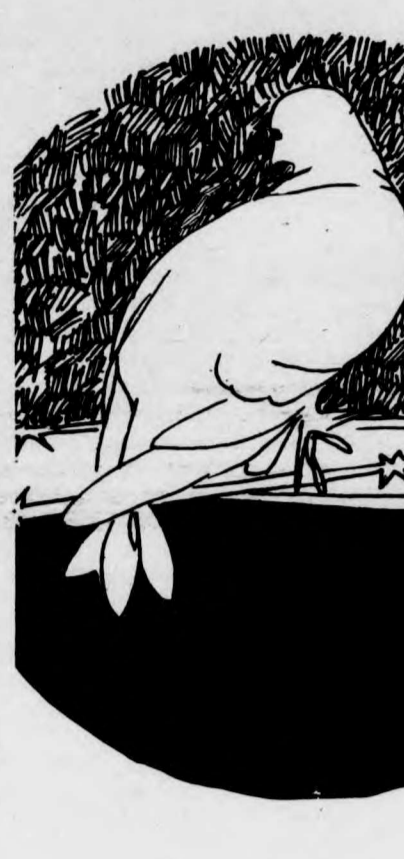
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Feature

In March, women march for "bread and roses"

"As we go marching, marching in the beauty of the day, a million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill lofts gray are touched with all the radiance, that a sudden sun discloses. For the people hear us singing: Bread and Roses! Bread and Roses!"

For over 50 years March 8 has been celebrated by marches, meetings and protests. Today the tradition of our day is re-emerging as the symbol of international solidarity. The celebration is becoming a thread in our history of struggle.

This day came about in the early 1900's when the demand for women's suffrage was becoming loud and clear. In order to make the campaign for the vote most effective an international campaign was built and organized. In 1910 Clara Zetkin, a leader in the socialist and women's movements, called for an international day of action demanding international female suffrage.

This day was chosen to commemorate the garment and textile women workers who struck in New York in 1908 when the 8 hour day was still a dream - an event in history about which the song 'Bread and

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY '78



Activities celebrating International Women's Day Wednesday March 8, there will be a rally at York from 12 noon to 2 pm at Moot Court in osgoode. Also March 8, a women-only feast and rally from 4 pm to 6 pm at 519 Church St. Saturday March 11, starting at 1 pm. from convocation hall at the U of T, there will be a march.

action was the straw that began to break the Czar's back and marked the first day of the Russian revolution. March 8 celebrations continued on all over the world, but as the quiescent 50's approached, the day's history faded in the sluggishness of the woman's movement. The economic boom

But will men watch the Leafs instead?

Cleveland and Los Angeles play boring hockey. Hopefully that will mean good things for International Women's Day actions across Canada, or at least in Ontario.

What does hockey have to do with IWD? Well, March 8 and March 11 are the two days when IWD is going to be celebrated this year, and on the eighth the Leafs play L.A., and on the 11th they play Cleveland. The games are not crucial, they'll probably be dull, so it might be easier to persuade a few men to participate in and support IWD actions instead of watching the games.

And there are many reasons why we men should support International Women's Day. First of all, because it's going to be inspiring. This will be the biggest IWD celebration in Canada in many years. Canadian society is in one hell of a mess, and while the system's crisis is hurting all of us, it is really hammering women.

To begin, with many women have forgotten what it's like to get a good night's sleep. 40 percent of women over age 14 are wage-workers, and a

are traditionally the lowest paying ones, and these days, even these are hard to get. Unemployment is hard on men, but it is devastating for women wage-workers. This is obviously true for women who head single-parent families (and 60% of all such families are headed by women) but also for those in 2-parent families. Those "second" incomes earned by women are not used for luxuries and "extras". With prices like they are today, nine times out of ten they're a god-damned necessity.

Talk to the wives of the 1200 (mostly) men who were laid off two weeks ago in Sudbury. Those earning "second" incomes now aren't using their pay to buy caviar! Given all this, it's no wonder there's a women's movement, and no wonder that March 8, International Women's Day traces its history back to 1908, to the streets of New York's lower East Side and a demonstration of women garment workers, women wage-workers.

Because there is a feminist movement, we know a little about what our society does to women. It tells them to be mothers and housewives, to be submissive and passive, to service the needs of men in the home and, in the workforce, to take jobs of service and support to a male-dominated world. Women are told that the public world of work and power is for men and that their role is to service men's needs.

They are told that they are to accept being excluded from the public world, and to be alone responsible for seeing that the personal, private world of home and relationships keeps functioning. But if men are allowed sole right to the public domain of work, power, domination and control, we know from nothing when it comes to the private world of love and relationships. That's supposed to be women's problem and responsibility. Somehow, relationships are supposed to happen and grow without our help and effort.

International Women's Day and the women's movement it represents is serving notice that women are reclaiming their right to that half of being human that our society says



good number of them also hold another (unpaying) job as housewives.

Holding down two full-time jobs five days a week, and one on the weekend does not leave time for too many nights of seven, or even six hours sleep.

On top of this, the jobs women get

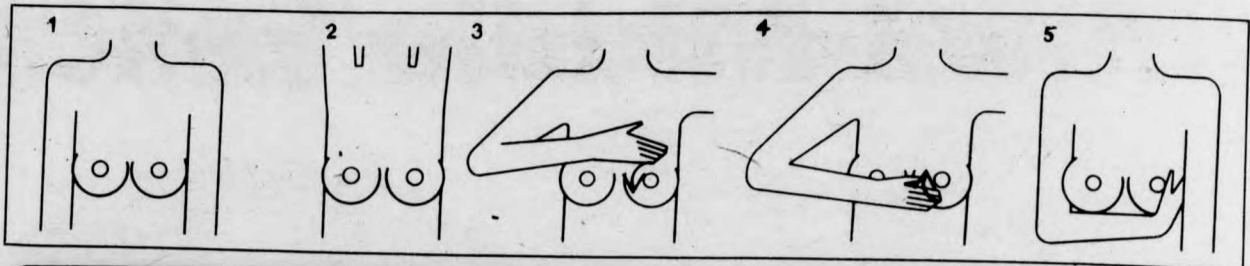
sapped the strength of March 8 as a day of protest.

In this decade, with the women's movement coming to life on a global scale, International Women's day is rising again. It was celebrated in 1970 in Uruguay by an all-women jailbreak organized by the Tupamaros.

All over the world, women are reclaiming our day, using it to build our struggle. On March 8, 1977 in Spain, over 8,000 factory workers demonstrated to demand equal pay, contraception, abortion and amnesty. Seven thousand people marched in Belgium.

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**Harbinger's Column**  
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Tits. Knockers. Boobs. Chest. Known by many names and euphemisms, breasts are one of our most powerful sexual symbols. And with all the cultural preoccupation with size, shape, proportion and display (of our own breasts or someone else's) come strong taboos which help define our relationship with these breasts (our own or someone else's).

Prevailing norms confine touching breasts to the bedroom. It's okay within the context of sexual encounters. Lovers touch and caress your breasts, and once a year doctor gets to do it (which makes lots of women uncomfortable).

The upshot of years of cultural conditioning is that most women don't feel right about touching their own breasts. It's as if breasts have status only as sexual symbols; and are disassociated from the rest of your body.

But breasts are functioning parts of our bodies that need health care attention. They are composed of different types of tissues, mostly fatty tissue and milk ducts. The muscles around the breast are their main support — breasts have no muscle structure themselves. Breasts are affected by hormone changes in the body, most noticeably building up fluid and fibrous tissue each month in preparation for possible pregnancy.

When conception does not occur, the excess fluid is drained through the lymph system, and reabsorbed by the body. Often, these fluids are not drained completely, and lumps may form. 80 per cent of lumps noticed in the breast are caused by this retention of fluids. These lumps called cysts or fibroadenomas are usually round and move fairly freely under the skin. They are not cancerous. Quite often, they disappear after a month or so. If, when doing regular breast self-examination (BSE) you noticed a lump which stays around for more than a month, you should get your doctor to check it.

At first, BSE should be done every few days for the first two months, so that you get to know how the structure of your breast feels at all parts of its cycle.

Later, it should be done once a month, about a week after your period. Below is a list of steps to follow for complete self-examination.

When you go to a doctor, be sure to get both a breast examination and instruction in BSE if you don't already do it regularly. Once a physician has examined your breasts, don't assume that you are protected until your next visit. To be effective BSE must be done monthly. You are the only one who can keep track of the changes in your breast tissue. Most breast cancers are discovered by women themselves, rather than by doctors.

Men are affected by breast cancer also, and should make a habit of noticing any changes that occur in the nipple, or in the skin around the nipple. If lumps or changes in skin texture or any discharge from the nipple occurs, get a doctor to investigate.

1. Sit or stand in front of mirror, with your arms relaxed at your sides. Check your breasts carefully for any changes in shape, for puckering of the skin, for a flattening or bulging, or any discharge from the nipples.

2. Raise your arms over your head, and check for the same things.

3&4. Lie down. (On a bed or couch, or in the tub with soapy fingers.) Raise your right arm above your head, or put your right hand under your head, with the elbow lying flat. Feel your right breast gently and firmly with the fingers of your left hand held together flat. Press with small circular motions, covering the whole area. The most common location of tumors is between the nipple and the armpit, so give special attention to this area. Any lumps or thickening of the tissue should be noticed. On the lower part of your breast, there is a ridge of firm tissue. This is normal.

5. Now bring your left arm down to your side, and still using the flat part of your fingers, feel under your armpit.

6. Use the same procedure on your left side. Remember to go slowly, covering one section at a time.

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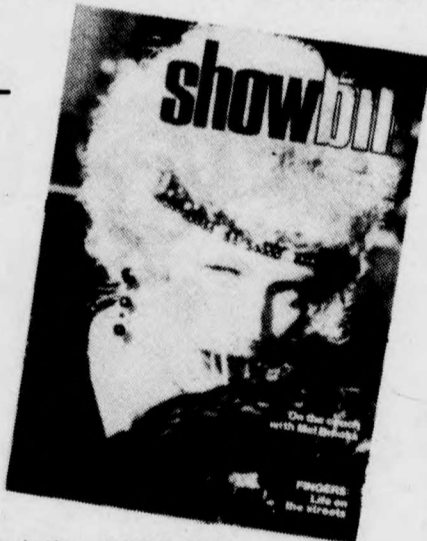
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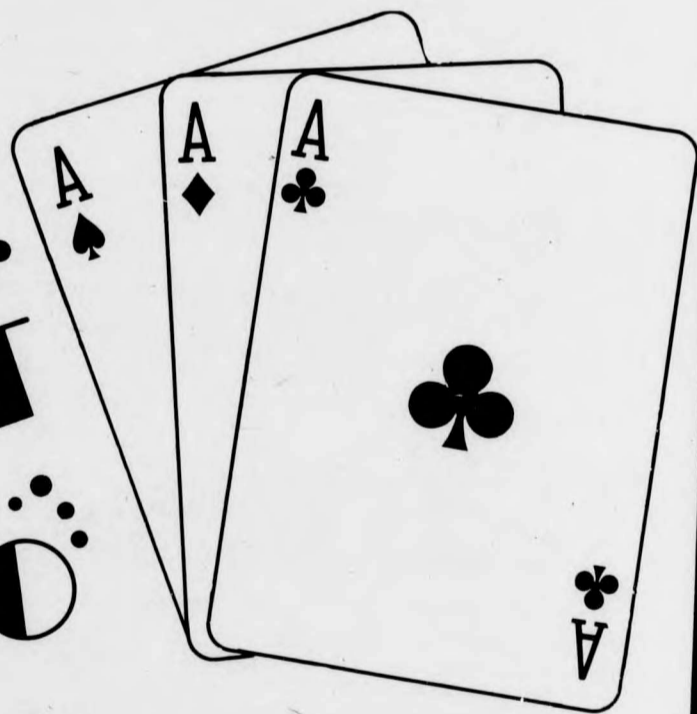
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# If you bank on campus, you're banking in South Africa

By Hugh Westrup

Canadian citizens are unwitting supporters of racial oppression in South Africa.

Money that they have invested in four Canadian banks - the Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank, the Toronto - Dominion Bank and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce - is currently on loan to South African business and government.

Public knowledge of this association between the banks and South Africa has led to protests by churches, trade unions and academic communities.

A public meeting to discuss the Canadian banking connection was held in Bethune College on Wednesday, February 8th.

John Saul, professor of social sciences at Atkinson College, explained that financial involvement in South Africa's economy supports a system that is premised on the exploitation of cheap black labour.

Saul also attacked Canada's foreign policy.

"If you're looking for hypocrisy," he said, "it's here in Canada. The federal government's policy toward South Africa is window dressing of the most demagogic kind. It's a rhetorical facade."

The Canadian government has officially denounced apartheid, but

continues to allow Canadian companies to maintain strong business ties with South Africa.

Most recently, Canada helped veto a United Nations resolution which would have imposed economic sanctions upon South Africa.

Although other Canadian corporations, among them Alcan, Falconbridge, Ford, the Hudson Bay Company and Massey-Fergusson, have connections with South Africa, the banks are the primary targets of attack because, "The money lenders are the centre of power in Canada," as Saul says.

According to Saul, Canadian banks are loath to reveal their involvement in South Africa. They plead "client confidentiality." But documents leaked out have shown that Canada's banks are part of a global network of 40 banks that have aided South Africa with \$3 billion in loans.

South Africa's dependency on foreign support is ever increasing, according to a second speaker at the meeting, Sam Nolutshungu, a faculty member of Ibadan University in Nigeria.

Nolutshungu, a South African exile, gave a close-up view of recent events in his homeland. Since the Soweto student uprising in June of 1976, demonstrations against white supremacy have multiplied. In response, government forces have

killed more than 500 blacks and wounded or imprisoned thousands more.

At the same time, the South African economy has become increasingly unstable with growth rates falling and unemployment rising. As a result, South Africa is more reliant than ever on outside assistance.

The current Canadian campaign was described at the meeting by Leo Casey, a graduate student at U of T.

Casey is a member of the Toronto Committee for the Liberation of Southern Africa (TCLSAC) which has been aided by representatives from trade unions, universities, churches and the NDP party. Casey reported that the U of T graduate students union has withdrawn \$100,000 from the Royal Bank.

Griff Cunningham, acting master of Bethune and member of TCLSAC, discussed some strategies that members of the York community might take.

He pointed out York's strong connection with the TD bank which not only has two branches on campus, but its director, Allen Lambert, sitting on the Board of Governors.

Lambert, incidentally, maintains close ties with Ottawa as Chairman of the federal government's Advisory Group of Executive Compensation which functions to equalize the salaries of top level civil servants with those of their counterparts in the private sector.

"The board is an interesting point of contact," said Cunningham. "BOG has a very skewed membership, primarily from the corporate sector. We should examine whether the actions of the big businessmen are in contradiction to what York stands for."

**In South Africa Today**

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## Slow down, says BOG

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possible demise of the tutorial system, and poorer research as full-time faculty take on more teaching commitments. According to Axelrod, only one percent of the university's budget is paid to part-timers.

A suggestion that York should keep its staff cuts to the same proportion among full-time and part-time faculty was not followed up by the board.

Because they would cost York about a third as much as full-timers, said board member H.N.R. Jackman, keeping part-timers would make, "eminently good fiscal sense."

Faculty member Michael Creal said he does not want a permanent arrangement in which one group would undermine another.

The board's other faculty member, Thelma McCormack, said some full-time faculty members might be willing to retire early, "if given a good retirement deal".

But ultimately, the decision to keep part-timers is an "academic"

one, she said, since part-time teachers are not evenly spread through the university.



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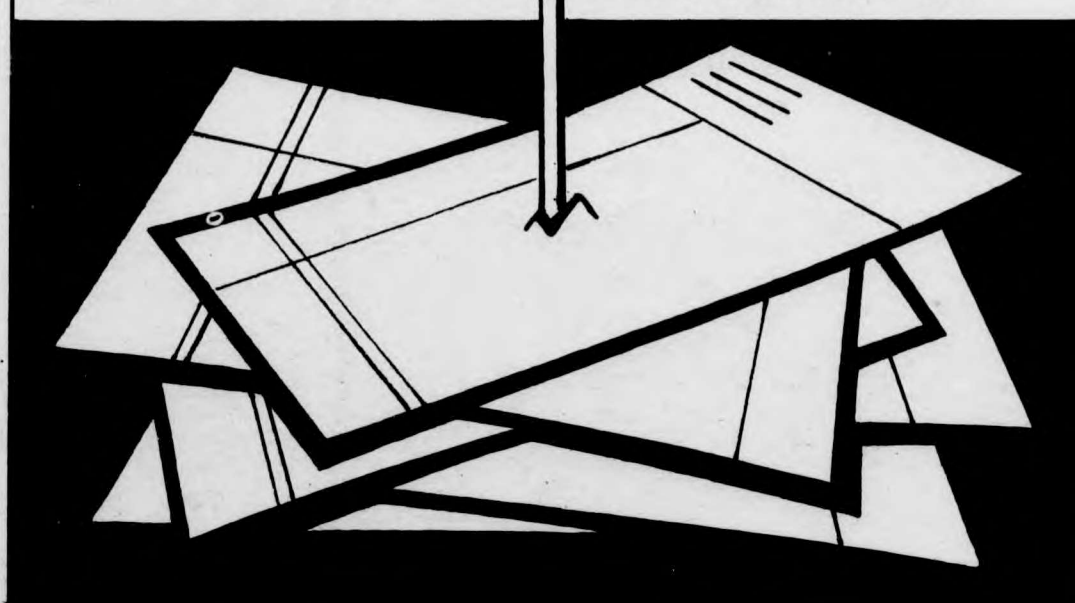
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# NDP convention shifts left

By Mark Boudreau and Andrew Cardozo  
 "I'm a grass-root NDP" said buttons on the delegates at the Ontario New Democratic Party Policy Leadership convention held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel earlier this month.

The selection of policies and leader clearly hammered home that this was in fact a very "grass-roots" convention.

The delegates were determined to have a say in defining the grounds on which the NDP would fight the next provincial election. When it was over there was a distinct socialist turn in the party.

The stress on economics and the tough mood of the delegates signaled this a turning away from the human and social issues that Stephan Lewis had pursued.

On the economic front the NDP took a hard-line position that will certainly widen the gulf between themselves and the two other provincial parties. And this was the whole point behind the policy convention. As one delegate stated; "It's time to stand up and say who we are". Many of the New Democrats believed that Lewis had bartered away socialist principles trying to win power.

A policy for an Industrial Strategy for Ontario was adopted which emphasized a "planned economy" in order to develop, protect, and sustain a strong manufacturing sector of the economy.

In this overall economic strategy a resolution was overwhelmingly passed calling for public ownership of the resource operations of INCO, Falconbridge, Rio Algom and Denison mines.

The delegates reaffirmed the party's controversial stand in support of a \$4 hourly minimum wage, establishing a formula by which it would increase in step with the provincial composite wage index.

The leadership race was won by Michael Cassidy despite the fact that he is least photogenic, furthest from the realm of charisma and pin-stripe suits. But then that seems to have been what the majority of delegates wanted in the final analysis.

Of the three candidates, Cassidy was certainly the most "policied" man, who talked the kind of economics that the "grass-roots" delegates wanted to hear.

More important, Cassidy, the most left-wing of the candidates, was a reflection of the new socialist turn in the NDP.



Mark Boudreau—photo

Victory of an underdog: New NDP leader Michael Cassidy may steer New Democrats to the left.

Throughout the convention he emphasized that the party would have to concentrate on jobs and the economy if the NDP were to win power in Ontario.

"We must achieve the same credibility on economic issues that the New Democratic Party under Stephan Lewis has developed on human and social issues over the last seven years."

However, Cassidy's problems as a new leader are considerable. To begin with he entered the race with the support of a mere three of 33 caucus members, while Ian Deans had 17 and Mike Breugh had 7.

In addition Cassidy had the least labour support. This is crucial at a time when the NDP and labour are not exactly bedfellows.

A "grassroots" victory it was and for this Cassidy deserves credit. But the fact of the matter is that in representative democracy he will have to tone down his arrogant and abrasive character if he is to jive with the big guns of the party. His intellect and ambition should enable him to solidify his support.

What remains to be seen is whether this new shift towards socialism, reflected in the new leader, can overcome the conservative mood of Ontario

## Blue Faces; White Death

By D. Ian McLeod

When faced with the terror of a Canadian blizzard, one is reminded of those Reader's Digest articles (you know the type): *I Was Chased By a Bull and Met God, or High Tension at Rapid Creek.*

I feel that *Five Hours on the TTC* would make an equally gripping tale.

There we were, a group of weary travellers — cold, starving, many of us breaking out in running sores (well, not quite, but I believe that high drama is the spice of life). In any case, things seemed quite hopeless as we waited for a bus that would perhaps never arrive. I held a secret envelope of Lipton Cup-A-Soup to my breast, praying that the smell wouldn't give me away. I was reminded of that nurse up north somewhere who, upon dying in the snow, was whipped up into some kind of Stroganoff before you could say 'Jack Rabbit' (in absence of same).

Thinking retrospectively, I don't know what I thought was the value of freeze-dried chicken-flavoured powder, sucked from a foil pouch, in the middle of a hurricane, but such are the indiscretions of the artist during times of stress.

Looking to the glorious 'Fine Arts Building', I noticed to my horror that it seemed to be falling over (but of course, it always does.)

Some comfort was derived when, inspired by the sight of a nearby Canadian flag, I led the gang in a few choruses of 'My Eyes Are Dim', an old favourite from Camp Kawabi. I will admit that it did little for one girl, who feeling nothing from the thighs down, was contemplating a life selling pencils at Bloor and Bay. I told her reassuringly that Reitman's was having a sale on half-slips. She was not amused.

With my love of the exotic, I am saddened to say that we were all saved. I would have preferred to say that we were all picked up by a police helicopter, and whisked off to the Ramada Inn for an all expense paid period of health restoring Saunas and Eucalyptus whirlpool treatments. But such is not the case in a city where Tupperware Parties and Fabricland discount sales arouse more attention than the plaintive moans of we, 'seven students in search of an ambulance'.

Study hard and make your mothers proud.  
 I sign off tearfully,

D. Ian McLeod.

(P.S. "Who is Carmelita Pope, anyway?")

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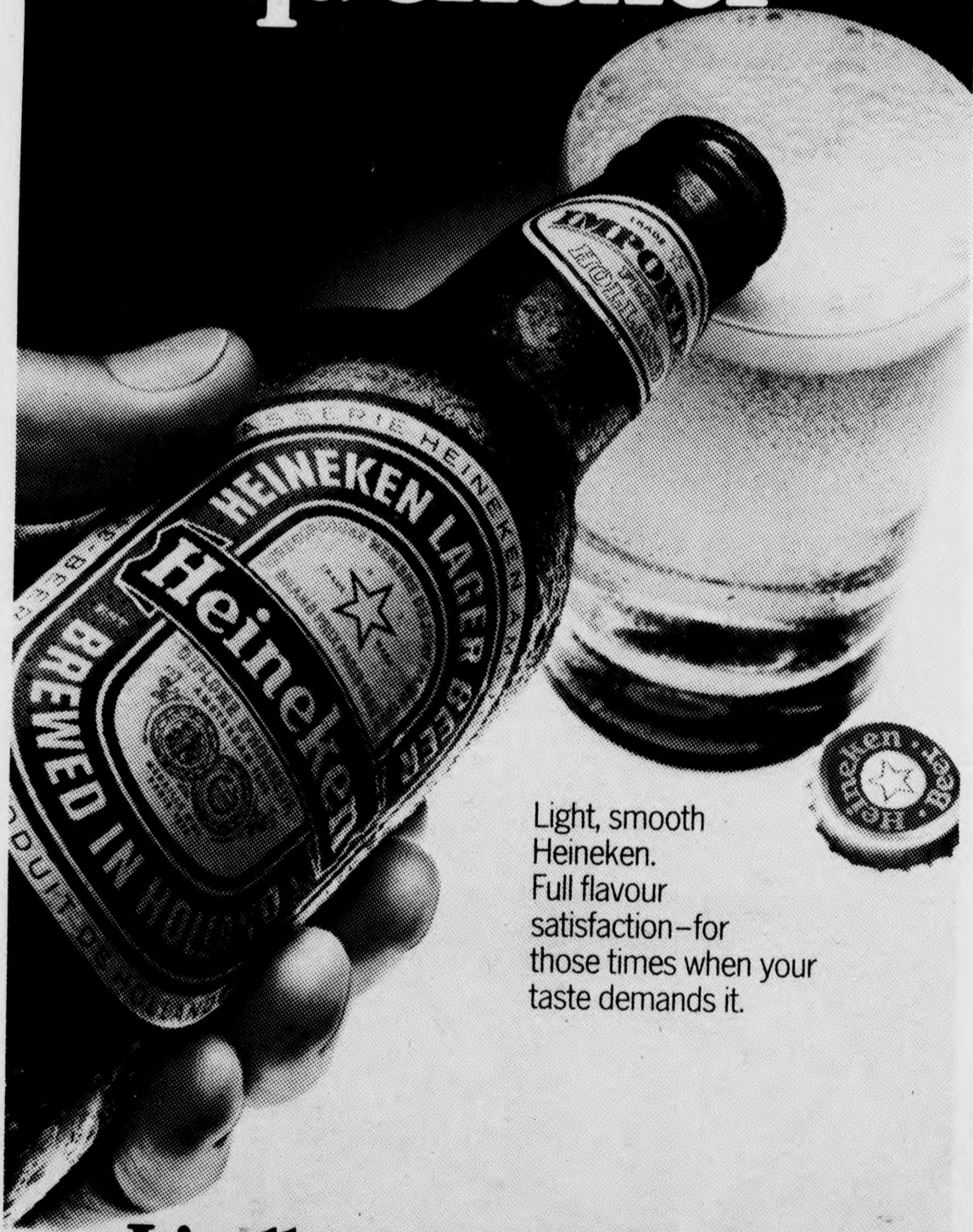
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# entertainment

## Wertmuller muddles

By Michelina Trigianni

The snag in Lina Wertmuller's new film is that we must tolerate the tidbits fed to its American audience and accept from an inventive director a mediocre film which has been chiselled acceptable for the U.S. market.

*The End of the World in our Usual Bed in a Night Full of Rain* opened twelve days ago at the Hollywood Theatre. It stars Wertmuller's favourite leading man, Giancarlo Giannini (*The Seduction of Mimi*, *Swept Away*, *Seven Beauties*), and American actress Candice Bergen (*Carnal Knowledge*, *The Wind and the Lion*).

The plot is elementary. A man and a woman — he an Italian journalist, she the daughter of a rich American — meet, fall in love, he pursues, she succumbs and marriage follows. We are presented with flashbacks, projections, incidents and the scenery of a ten-year relationship.

They meet in a tiny town in Calabria in 1968 — the height of the student demonstrations in Europe. Why they are both in this particular village is never clearly revealed. Giannini probably lives there. Bergen's presence remains a mystery. Quite possibly, Wertmuller could not come up with a feasible explanation of the encounter. What is important to American audiences is that Bergen, as the liberated American woman, disrupts a local holiday and is then saved from a mad crowd by her Latin-lover.

He whisks her away to a haunting, medieval church and this

Romanesque setting houses dialogue indicative of the rest to follow in the movie:

"You Italians are all crazy," she says.

"What do you think when you hear the word love," he retorts.

"I think you're a schmuck," she answers.

Communism, Catholicism and the Viet Nam war are also debated while he attempts a speedy seduction in a confessional.

Of course, he fails with an American woman and we realize at this point that theirs will be a serious relationship. He follows her to San Francisco, seeks her out in a black Volkswagen and finally triumphs in its red interior during an evening downpour.

It is hard to swallow Wertmuller's accompanying morsel of Americana — a friend of Giannini's chanting *Singing in the Rain* with an Italian accent.

Of course, the director may be poking fun at American society but she does not carry it through the length of the film. This results in a general ambiguity. The scenery, the characters, the theme — all fluctuate between the old and this new Wertmuller.

Whereas flashbacks reinforced the unifying theme of survival in *Seven Beauties*, and the validity of the political dialogue in *Swept Away* is exemplified by the island sojourn, in *A Night Full of Rain*, Wertmuller throws all into the arena, adds a pinch of American salt, shakes well and emerges with a muddled version of her earlier films.

It is just what we expected with the signing of a three-picture contract to Warner Brothers.



Estrogen and Testosterone (Ingrid Birker and Alan Sinclair) look irked as Lucky (Sarah McCallum) studies them. Proffo (Peter Rosa) looks on, clearly in command in this scene from *Waiting For Parot*, the next Cabaret, written and directed by Alan Fox. *Parot* plays in Mac Hall Thursday and Friday at 9 and 10:30 and is licensed with Free admission.

## Passport

by Brad Meslin



This is the third installment of *Passport*, the tales of travel and adventure from Excalibur's only roving reporter, Brad Meslin.

When we last left Brad, he was in Afghanistan, encountering illegal intoxicants and bumpy bus-rides among other things.

We catch up with him now many months and many thousands of miles later in Sri Lanka [formerly Ceylon]. The column we received was dated January 24, and Meslin told us that it was the sixth in his series, although it was only the third we had seen.

Somewhere between Afghanistan and Toronto, three of Brad's columns are collecting dust, and we may never see them. If we do, we'll print them, and Brad can fill us in on what happened between the Middle East and the Far East, and a few travel tips for those who might want to try a similar journey.

Meanwhile, back in Sri Lanka...

A black dorsal fin drifted slowly past me, perhaps 30 yards away, while directly beneath my stomach, a clam opened its three-foot jaws as an approaching wave pushed me safely out of reach. Through my mask, I could see spiny black sea urchins ledged comfortably among the coral, waiting for lunch to swim by.

I felt like I was watching Jacques Cousteau diving in some exotic part of the world, but for a change, all the colours and textures and sounds were real. This was Ceylon, and I was diving in the Indian Ocean. Having just come from five months in India, Ceylon (or Sri Lanka, as it's now called) seems like a tropical paradise. Eight different kinds of bananas grow by the side of the road, tall coconut palms dominate every view, street vendors sell fresh-peeled pineapples for 3c, and the sea is never more than a few miles away. In Sri Lanka, it's hard to spend a dollar a day, even if you surf, skin dive, and eat like a king.

Being about six degrees from the equator, in the middle of the tropics, things are taken for granted which would certainly surprise most Canadians.

Ever look out your bedroom window and see a 12-foot tall elephant dragging a coconut palm down the road? How about having a 40-lb. chimpanzee jump on your back and grab a banana from your hand? No? Well, when's the last time you saw a 13-year-old boy playing a flute with two king cobras rising out of a wicker basket in accompaniment?

I know this may sound like a glorified travelogue, but it's really true, and for anyone looking for a place that's definitely out of the ordinary and still largely un-

## Playing Cousteau in Ceylon

discovered, this is it.

For me, it's a great place to relax, especially after spending the last two months motorcycling through India. Although one sees much more of a country like India on a bike than by public transportation, it can at times be very gruelling. While our Enfield 350cc bikes took the strain of 4000 miles of Indian roads (and drivers) beautifully, our bodies complained often. So, since the introduction to this column says something to the effect that it should offer suggestions to potential travellers, I suggest to anyone who may consider this idea that they be in very good physical condition. If you're not, you soon will be!

Seeing the country by motorcycle brought us face to face with the "real" India, the India of mud huts, of teams of oxen pulling rice-filled carts down dusty highways; of busy outdoor markets filled with thousands of talkative peasants, and also of huge modern skyscrapers of educated and articulate businessmen, teachers, labourers, students, and shopkeepers, and of mile after mile of fertile, unpopulated land.

It seemed to me that India today has everything *except* what we visualize it to be through the media. India is not a poor country, nor are its people starving. While its average standard of living is undeniably lower than Canada's, it is growing and modernizing much faster than we are prepared to give it credit for.

I get the feeling that India, as the largest representative of the "Third World" is, intentionally or by chance, leading the west to believe that its degree of progress and number of assets are considerably less than we would like to think. Or perhaps it is the leaders of western governments who, knowing the truth, are not prepared to tell their electorates that the time is fast approaching when the so-called "developing nations" will demand their fair share of the world's wealth. I guess no politician wants to become the scapegoat when the shit hits the fan.

For me it was a fascinating country — I could have easily spent a couple of years there and still not seen half of it properly. But there's so much more to do before the money runs out. For the time being, learning to surf (impossible), skin-diving for the rare 300-lb. tortoise that inhabit these waters (improbable) and stuffing myself on huge shark steaks for 20c each (incredible), is requiring all my energy!

## Serpent's Egg is befuddling Ingmar and Dino a poor team



By Colin Smith

Ingmar Bergman's first American film, *The Serpent's Egg* (produced by Dino Di Laurentiis), is bound to befuddle a few heads.

Bergman aficionados will find it hard to take, what with its atypical directorial touches and uneasy welding of Bergman - De Laurentiis trademarks. Fans of traditional drama will find it a straight-laced reworking of *Cabaret* with odd, incongruous fringes. To just about anyone, it will be a major source of irritation.

*The Serpent's Egg*, simply, is a problem. Bergman has concocted a horrific little drama about the coming of age of Nazism in 1920's Berlin that, in its best moments, strikes out with visceral power and that, in its worst passages, betrays the strain of a director uncertain about his material.

The plot, for 122 minutes of film, is pretty slim. Abel Rosenberg (David Carradine), an American Jew in the circus, is in Berlin between engagements. In the opening scene he discovers his brother Max (his partner) dead of violent suicide in their dingy hotel room. He gets a thorough going-over by a police inspector (Gert Froebe) who suspects him of a rash of other unusual deaths in the immediate neighbourhood. He develops a ragged dependence on his brother's widow Manuella (Liv Ullmann) and begins living with her. Skulking around in the background is a creepy doctor (Heinz Bennet); an acquaintance of both, he is tied up in some ominous experiments at a local clinic where Manuella eventually begins working. The straggling storyline finally reaches a decently

grotesque peak with the revelations of clinical atrocities.

There is much in the treatment of this that can be objected to. The script is full of melodramatic touches that cheapen the film, notably the denouement. The cabaret sequences border on superfluous, and there is a warehouse scene that's as repulsive as it is extraneous. There is an unnecessary commentary. Overall there is a lack of integration.

On top of that there are a couple of devices that will prevent any audience from cuddling up to it. The protagonist, Abel, is a sulky, stupid young man who spends the entire film throwing fits, frequenting cathouses and getting drunk every night with whatever money he can get his hands on. The fact that he's dramatically correct makes him no easier to manage. This is compounded by Bergman's use of restless camera movement, quick zooms, and cutting on motions that

define well the transience of the time, the feeling of things whipping out of control. This frenetic styling also exhausts the cast's efforts at making impressions and puts barriers between the screen and the audience. A distant picture, *The Serpent's Egg* has to be tunnelled into to be appreciated at all.

There are some elements more easily worth noting. Froebe and Bennet contribute fine shadings to slim roles, and Ullmann holds her own, occasionally rising above the tawdry melodramatics of her character. Caradine, to give the man his due, is not completely unwatchable as Abel, but neither is he at ease with his role. Sven Nykvist's camerawork is richly atmospheric, and the images of violence (the disembowelling of a horse lying in the streets; a man having his face bashed into pulp on a tabletop) underscore the horrors of the age brought to nasty fruition in the ending sequence.

## Breakthrough's out

By Rhonda Salsberg

*Breakthrough's* financial situation often resembles the Perils of Pauline — at the last minute, someone saves them from ruin.

This time, it's the York Women's Centre. On the basis of a \$300 grant to be given to them by the Women's Centre, *Breakthrough* printed their current issue, which may very well be their last.

*Breakthrough* is planning for a summer issue, and any issues after that are an uncertainty. Even the summer issue may not be produced, since *Breakthrough* has no funds at the moment. College councils, cut in their own budgets, have cut back their funding to *Breakthrough*, and some have ceased funding altogether.

The current issue of *Breakthrough* has a statement by Women Against Violence Against Women, and an article on the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre, as well as photographs, poetry, and book reviews. It is available from Harbinger, Information York, the CYSF office, and *Excalibur*, as well as many other places on campus.

Anyone who picks up the February issue should hold on to it. Unfortunately, it may become a collector's item.

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## Women swimmers do so-so

By Lisa Woo

Individual achievements were the highlight of the Yeowomen's swim season this year. At the OWIAA finals last week, Chris Lovett-Doust, Anne Querengissor, and Liz and Bernie MacGregor were in top form.

Chris Lovett-Doust came second in the 200-fly, behind Anne-Marie Latta of the University of Toronto. She was third in the 100-fly with 102.6.

Anne Querengissor just missed the national qualifying time by a bare .3 seconds in the 50m freestyle with 27.2. She swan an excellent time in the 100 freestyle with 100.8.

Liz MacGregor was 11th in the 800 freestyle and 8th in the 400 freestyle. Coach Carol Gluppe said she would have done better "had her goggles not fallen off".

Bernie MacGregor did well for a first year swimmer, finishing 12th in the 200 breast and 11th in the 100 breaststroke.

Though the York team as a whole

finished in seventh place out of twelve with 91 points, Coach Gluppe says the fact that everyone on the team (except Chris Lovett-Doust) swam their personal best times this year, is satisfying in itself.

Chris Lovett-Doust was the only to make the national championships to be held in March, and it is expected she will swim her best times then. While the other team members were "tapered" for the Ontario meet, Chris was tapered for the Nationals.

Coach Carol Gluppe said competition this year was "exciting but of a tough calibre". The team consisted mostly of rookies, "young and experienced," competing against Olympic and club swimmers, but if "everyone returned next year, the team would be in a good position with the addition of new swimmers as well."

Two of the weak points of the team were the 100 and 200 backstroke events including the individual medley, and the diving team.

## Sports in brief

The basketball Yeowomen's final game against U of T was characteristic of the struggle the team faced all year, summed up by Coach Skip Letheren's words, "We were competitive, but not winners."

In the first half of the game, the Yeowomen kept ahead of U of T, and they retained their lead going into the second half. With 70 seconds left in the game, the two teams were tied at 60-60. In the last minute of play, U of T gained the advantage from York's fouls and edged them 68-64.

The game was "probably the most exciting women's game ever played in Toronto", said Letheren. Although York bettered U of T in field goals (58-44) they suffered seriously from fouls.

The York team plays aggressive defense to compensate for their lack of height and takes the risk of fouls. U of T took the game after "silly fouls" on the part of the Yeowomen.

The team's season record was two wins and twelve losses, and they tied with Carleton for last place. Tough competition dropouts and injuries made it a difficult year.

The players whom Letheren felt deserved much praise were Bida Turuta, a first year, and Sharon Bedard, who was "tremendous and hardworking."

Lisa Woo

The York Yeowomen ice hockey team completed their season last week losing the last three regular scheduled games to McMaster 7-2, Toronto 5-4, and Queen's 6-2.

The Yeowomen placed fifth in the OWIAA (Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association) league, failing to make the playoffs.

In league play the team's record was 1-9-2. In exhibition play York was 6-1. Among the highlights of the season was the winning of the Bishop's University Invitational Tournament, with Dana Phillips and Carol Trewin receiving all star status.

The York Yeomen fencing team handled tough competition Saturday February 11 at Western in the OUAA finals.

The men placed fifth and sixth in the foil division and seventh in sabre. The over-all team championship went to Western, followed by U of T and Waterloo respectively. Windsor's Ron Taggart took first place in individual sabre while Tony Remy of Waterloo, the favourite going into the competition, pulled off a first in the foil. A total of ten universities were represented in the competition.

Although a rather disappointing climax, the all-round standings were an improvement from last year's results. Says coach Richard Polatynski, "we are getting more

and more competitors into the finals."

This weekend the Yeowomen meet at McMaster for an OWIAA competition.

Last Friday, York's faculty hockey team, headed by H. Ian Macdonald, hosted their second annual inter-university faculty members hockey tournament against teams from McMaster, Queen's and Trent. The York faculty, a well-balanced team, upset Queen's 8-4 in the final to win the one-day championship.

The results were:

York 5	McMaster 1
Queen's 4	Trent 2
Trent 5	McMaster 3 (consolation)
York 8	Queen's 4

York faculty members included: H. Ian Macdonald; Gord Albright, Computer Science, Atkinson; Eric Willis, Physical Education and Athletics; Steve "Bobby Orr" Fleming, Psychology, Atkinson; Jim Laxer, Political Science; Clarry Lay, Psychology; Dan Cappon, Environmental Science; Mike Creal, Humanities.

Although 13 points were allotted to both McMaster and York at the York Squash Invitational held February 11, the Maraudettes squeezed out the Yeowomen for first place.

In the case of a tie, the results of games played between McMaster and York decided the champion. McMaster won three matches over York's two.

Queen's came third with 12 points and Toronto came fourth with 11. Waterloo was left far behind with one.

Second-seeded Diana Dimmer and third-seeded Joanne Stone won their divisions, Dimmer taking four matches out of four and Stone taking three.

First-seeded Lily Durzo, fourth-seeded Pat Sinclair and fifth-seeded Diana Loucks each won two out of four matches.

The Ontario University Figure Skating championships was held last weekend at the University of Western Ontario.

York's team was slightly decimated, but still managed a first in the women's senior interpretive and a second in the women's senior dance, both earned by Lindsay Hisrop, a first year law student at Osgoode.

Western won the competition with strong skating especially in dance.

The highlight was without a doubt the similar pairs event, one by identical twins, Carol and Alna McCormick of Western.

**B-ballers roll up 3 more wins**

By Bruce Gates

With two basketball wins over the University of Toronto February 7 and 10, and an 80-59 plucking of the Carleton Ravens here last Friday night, the second-ranked York Yeomen have built up a 10-1 league record. They need only to beat Ottawa here tomorrow night to lock up first place in the OUAA East section.

Inconsistent shooting plagued the Yeomen in all three games — especially in the first halves and if York is to go any great distance in the playoffs against teams like Laurentian, Waterloo and Manitoba, they will have to put together two halves of consistent basketball.

Against the U of T Feb. 7, York started slowly by missing all kinds of routine shots and were having terrible luck under the boards. Had a similar fate not befallen the U of T, Yeomen could have found themselves in trouble. As it was, York held a 37-25 halftime lead.

York did have control for most of the game, and they maintained their 12-point halftime spread until the end when the U of T managed to cut the lead to 11. York won, 72-61.

The return match at Tait McKenzie Feb. 10 produced the same kind of ball game between these cross-town rivals — a deceptively close 82-71 York win.

The Yeomen started slowly, and Toronto built up a small lead but York gained momentum as the first half progressed and held a 51-36 halftime margin despite inconsistent shooting.

Toronto outscored York 35-31 in the second half, but they could not

overcome a stronger Yeomen team that seemed to play only well enough to win.

Against Carleton here last Friday night, Yeomen used their greater size and talent to advantage and

crushed the Ravens 80-59.

York controlled the game defensively and cleaned up around the boards against the shorter Ravens. Lonnie Ramati was especially effective, using his

towering 6 ft. 9 in. height to block, steal or bat away close-in Raven shots. At the half, York led 42-29.

Hot outside shooting by Bo Pelech (23 points) and Dave Coulthard (18 points) and some

good work inside by Ramati put the game away for the Yeomen in the second half. York shooting was more consistent this half, despite the team's overall 49 per cent field goal average.

**Wrestlers miss 3rd by an ankle**

By Jeff Rayman

Last Friday and Saturday, the York Yeomen wrestling team hosted the Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) wrestling championships.

Participating in the meet were teams from 11 Ontario universities, finishing first, (113 pts.) followed by Guelph (105), U of T (52) and York (43 1-3).

York would have taken a hoped for third place, but one ranked second in country wrestler did not show up for his last match because he did not want to fight the wrestler from Guelph.

The wrestler who had injured his ankle in his previous bout, felt that he was unable to wrestle. Coach John Pickard did not agree, and he left without Pickard's approval. He was disqualified, and his 3rd place standing was lost, as all other competitors in that weight group (134 lbs.) moved up one position.

If he had shown up to his match, even if he had lost, York would have ended up with 51 points and U of T would have had 50. Therefore, York would have placed third in the competition.

Pickard, who was very disappointed said: "He let the whole

York team down, it was a team effort to get 3rd and we lost it because of him".

On the other hand, Pickard was very pleased with the way the rest of the team wrestled. Jim Stitt, who fought at 118 lbs., was defending his championship title from last year, and pinned all his opponents. Stitt was the only wrestler in the tournament who managed to win all his matches with pins.

Bob Brandbury, who was fighting at 190 lbs., placed second in his weight class. This means that both Stitt and Brandbury will wrestle at the Canadian university championships to be held next weekend in Kingston. Jim Stitt will be defending his Canadian championship title.

Other outstanding performances were given by: Mike Palmer, Carlos Moniz, Dave Carmichael, Tom Mastantuono, Ted Hayward, and Brian Farris. Coach Pickard said: "I was proud of the way these boys wrestled, they all fought very well".

Another surprise at this weekend's tournament was the announcement that John Pickard was voted coach of the year by the other coaches present. This is the second year in a row that this honour was given to coach Pickard.

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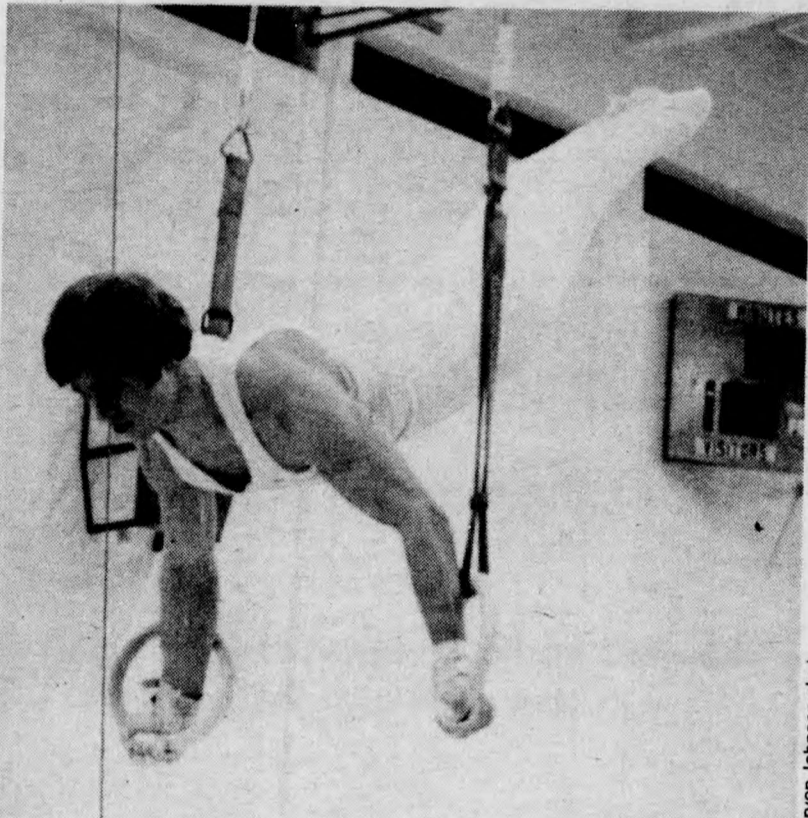
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## Steeper no. 1

By John Brunning

This weekend the Yeomen gymnasts are going west, Winnipeg to be exact, in a bid to defend their six-year reign as Canadian College champions. After winning the Ontario University Athletic Association championship, with an overall point standing 233.40 to University of Toronto's 213.95 and Queen's 163.70, the team is confident that their national title can be retained.

"Even though the teams from the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary are strong this year, I'm confident we can make it seven national championships in a row", said head coach Tom Zivic.

Assistant coach, Maosaki

Naosaki, confirmed this belief. "Our chances are very good," he said. "We went to Penn State recently and although we didn't win, we were quite successful, considering the Penn State team is one of the best, if not the best, team in the States."

Much of the team's success can be attributed to the performances of David Steeper and Mark Epprecht, both of whom are members of the Canadian National team.

Steeper captured the O.U.A.A. individual championship two weeks ago, by winning three events and tying for first with teammate Epprecht in one. Along with his tie, Epprecht won two events, good enough for second place overall.

## Playoff berth for pucksters

By Ian Wasserman

Over reading week the hockey Yeomen were busy both at home studying and on the road playing hockey. Last weekend the Yeomen guaranteed for the eighth straight year a playoff berth, as they swept the season series from U of Ottawa, downing the Gee Gees by 4-1 and 3-2 scores.

With those two wins the Yeomen wrapped up second place in the OUAA east with a 10-win 8-loss 2-tie regular season record. The Yeomen now advance to the OUAA quarter finals against the Laurentian Voyageurs. That game takes place at York's Ice Palace on tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

In Ottawa, the men from York needed to gain at least one point out of the two games to assure themselves home ice advantage in the playoffs. In taking on the Gee Gees, a team doesn't know what to expect, as coach Bob Charlebois will pull any trick out of his hat to throw his opponent off.

York Coach John Marshall was ready and had his charges chomping

at the bit to get out and put it to the Gee Gees.

York, with its travelling fans, and their sirens, were all over the Gee Gees, never letting up for a minute.

Captain Dave Chalk opened the scoring on a nice tip-in. Then Bob Fukomoto rushed the puck the length of the ice to put York up by two. Glenn Wagner opened the lead to three before Ottawa got its lone marker. Bob Schnurr ended the scoring to wrap up the victory for the Yeomen.



Gord Borland

In the Sunday matinee game, York wasn't really up for the game, knowing that they had wrapped up home ice for the playoffs. Coach Marshall decided to rest some of the key players for the team and give some other players a chance.

Ottawa coach Charlebois tried all kinds of stunts in this game as he dressed his number one goalie as a forward, his trainer as a back-up goalie, and at times had seven players on the ice.

Going into the playoffs, York has won five of their last six starts with a victory over U of T and wins over Queen's as well as three from the Gee Gees. So it looks like the Yeomen are on the right track to challenge for the OUAA Crown once again.

**Puck Patter.....** This year's edition of the Yeomen surprise just about everyone, this being a rebuilding year.... Bob Schnurr lived up to preseason billing as an all-around player.... This year's team will be next year's team as most of the players still have a lot of hockey and schooling here at York.

## Swimmers third to U of T, Waterloo Neil Harvey takes home four golds

The Yeomen swimmers swam to a third place finish in the OUAA championships, at McMaster February 18, which coach Byron MacDonald fully expected before the competition began. "We have the outstanding individuals to take Waterloo and Toronto on one-to-one and beat them, but we lack the overall depth to outscore them in this type of competition, where each school can enter 18 men to score".

The final tally had U of T the

victor for the 18th straight year, with 538 points, followed by Waterloo with 489, York with 305, and Western with 261 out of the 10 schools that participated.

The outstanding individual performer for the Yeomen was Neil Harvey, who won four gold medals. "Neil won everything he swam — what more can a coach ask?" said MacDonald.

Gary MacDonald and Mark Erin also recorded gold medal per-

formances; MacDonald's coming in the 100 metre freestyle, and Erwin's in the 50 metre freestyle.

Both freestyle relay teams gave "crowd pleasing" performances as coach MacDonald called it, for they both came from behind to win. The 4 x 200 metre relay team of Cam Rothery, Graham Sutch, Harvey and MacDonald was over 11 seconds behind at the half way point and went on to win by four full seconds, while the 4 x 100 metre relay team of John Bevan, Erin, Sutch, and MacDonald were marginally behind when anchor man MacDonald hit the water, but went on to win handily by over two seconds.

Finalist George Trenton turned in the best personal performance of the meet, according to coach MacDonald, as he dropped several seconds off his best times and placed in the top 12 in both butterfly events to score valuable points for the Yeomen.

Other men garnering points for the Yeomen included George Skene and Andy Manahan in the middle distance freestyle events, Patrick Siu in the breaststroke, Lee Colby in the diving, and Peter Tiidus and Leon Plona in their relay swims.

The nine Yeomen that have made the stiff qualifying cut-off times to enter the CIAU championships are busy preparing for the meet next week, in hope of upsetting both U of T and Waterloo to gain no. one swimming honors in the country.

## Synchronized swimmers make their mark

On February 10 York's synchronized swimmers burst into the spotlight with a second place finish at the Ontario championships at Queen's.

Although they did not threaten Queen's, the Yeowomen's 32 point accumulation firmly secured the silver medal.

Queens came first in the 10 team competition with 54 points and McGill third with 21.

Star swimmer for the team was Betty Anne Brennand who brought home gold in both senior figures and the solo competition. Pam Hague placed second for York in novice figures and Elaine Hutton came fourth in senior figures and the solo event.

Also chalking up points for York were the sixth-place duet of Gayle Brocklebank and Jennifer Lloyd and the 8th placed duet of Hague and Hutton.

York was eighth in the team event.

Coach Pat Murray is looking forward to a bright future for the team after its surprise performance in Kingston.

"We're getting closer to the powerhouse (Queen's) every year," said Murray.

The Yeowomen will continue to practise for the rest of the year in preparation for their shot at the title next season.

## York team may ski Can-Am



The York Ski Team placed well in the season's standings, tying for third place out of twelve teams in the Ontario universities ski circuit.

York started the season slowly, with two sixth place finishes, but jumped into contention with second, third and fourth place finishes in the last three races. This great end-of-the-season showing may enable York to participate in the Can-Am races to be held in Lake Placid NY, starting March 5, 1978.

Contributing to the team's success were Rudy Tomiczek and Martin Kratochvil, who finished eighth and ninth respectively in the overall individual standings for the season.

Seats are available for the Osgoode Ski Trip to Blue Mountain, Friday February 24. \$10 includes bus, lifts and beer. Contact Bob Haguman, 661-4729.

## Did red card cause York's volleyball defeat?

By George Trenton

The women's volleyball team undefeated in regular season play, were upset in their bid to make the OWIAA playoffs last February 10 and 11 at the OWIAA pre-final held at Brock University.

After a series of controversial, penalty-filled matches, the team placed second overall. The University of Guelph won the tournament, despite protests from York coach Sandy Silver.

The tournament was set up so the bottom three teams from the first division played the top three teams in division two.

The top three teams in division one (Western, Waterloo and Queen's) received a bye into the finals.

On Friday the first two matches saw York defeat Brock and Windsor quite easily. In the third match York took McMaster handily.

In the first game the Yeowomen put it together and won 15- to 3. In the next two games McMaster was able to increase their points but still lost 15-10 and 15-10.

The next day York again faced the McMaster team in the semi-final. The first game was one-sided with York winning 15-4, and took the next three 15-12 and 15-2, and 15-7.

In the first game of the final match York steamrolled over the Gryphons 15-5.

In the second game it seemed as if the Yeowomen had to play against the referee as well as Guelph.

With the Yeowomen down 14-11 in the second game the referee stopped the play in the middle of a volley and accused one of the York players of swearing at him.

He then called a red card which constitutes either a loss of serve or awarding the other team with a point.

The referee chose the latter so Guelph won the game 15-11.

York coach Sandy Silver immediately filed a protest. The Yeowomen lost the next two games by close scores but it seemed evident they were upset by the poor refereeing.

In the fourth game York was down 14-11 when the referee again called a red card. This time he chose to take away a York serve.

Guelph scored and won the game 15-11.

Silver again filed a protest but got nowhere. The league took sides with the referee and disallowed the protest.

"The red card is very uncommon in volleyball," said Yeowoman Sandy Hart. "We never lost to Guelph all season. We were the better team and it is too bad we couldn't play in the playoffs."

The Yeowomen will advance to division I along with Guelph as a result of their fine play in the tournament. They will continue to practise twice a week and compete in several Ontario volleyball association Senior Double A league matches before season ends in April.