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# YFS champions YES coalition

by Natalia Smith and Brent Poland

The York Federation of Students (YFS) has thrown its support behind the YES-Coalition's drive for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

"I think we need to realize that York students can't battle chronic underfunding alone, therefore it is essential for them to join in lobbying the government," said YFS president Jean Gho-

The coalition, headed by Ghomeshi, has been campaigning for persuading York students to "Vote Yes!" for York's CFS and OFS membership.

According to Ghomeshi, the root of many problems at York, including annual increases in tuition, overcrowded classes, long

line-ups and inadequate facilities are due to consistent underfunding by the government.

So far the YES-Coalition has received support from a number of student groups including Calumet, Bethune, Vanier, McLaughlin, and Osgoode college councils

Not all student councils, however, have supported the YES-Coalition

"I put forward the motion to

support the coalition but it was defeated," said John Curie, president of Founders student council.

According to Curie, the council felt its responsibility in this issue was to act as an information source to Founders students. The council wanted to remain impartial to carry out this mandate effectively.

Although Founders council has remained neutral, McLaughlin's student council endorsed the YES-Coalition.

"York students need to unite together to effect change," said McLaughlin council president Rob Centa.

Centa believes the CFS and OFS have solid policies which allow them to voice post-secondary issues loud and clear to both the federal and provincial governments.

Although there is no evidence of any significant opposition to the YES-Coalition, students who are knowledgable about York's separation with OFS in 1988 want to hear the "other side" of the issue.

"A lot of senior students remember that when York withdrew from the OFS, there were a lot of mixed feelings," said Curie.

The OFS and CFS are student lobby organizations which represent 250,000 Ontario students and 450,000 Canadian students

respectively. There are 72 postsecondary institutions belonging to the CFS, 34 of which are members of the OFS.

Significant exceptions to CFS membership are the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the University of Toronto.

"The problem that UBC students have with the CFS is their concept of democracy," said Jason Brett, co-ordinator external affairs at UBC student council. "The CFS believes in one school one vote."

Brett argued that larger schools have to pay more money for membership, therefore they should be entitled to a larger voting block.

Voting rights are also a stumbling block at UofT.

"The amount of money to join, should be reflected in voting weight. Another factor is the progressively less realistic policies of OFS/CFS, such as free tuition," said Paul Hirst, university affairs commissioner at SAC.

After a heated debate at the University of Waterloo in 1989, they joined the OFS/CFS in the spring of 1990.

"The issue of weighted voting can be solved; the problem is that large schools refuse to join and produce change from within," said John Vellinga, president of Waterloo's Federation of Stu-



Former chair of the board of directors, Paul Conroy, will be taking over the position of station manager at CHRY.

# New top dog at CHRY

by Linda Kingston

CHRY has a new captain at the helm.

Paul Conroy, former chair of the board of directors is taking over the position of station manager at CHRY.

Conroy will be replacing Dani Zaretsky, who plans to resume his law career.

Conroy, a recent York graduate with an Honours B.A. in Economics, is now enrolled part-time in the masters program.

"It was strange being a mature student, so I wanted to get comfortable with the school," Conroy said. "And the station offered a way to get invoved."

Originally attracted by an adfor somone with a technical background. Conroy has been working at CHRY since 1987. He came to York in 1986 after 10 years on the workforce in mineral survey, electronics, and technical work, and having completing a technical programme at George Brown College.

"I see myself as a manager trying to be involved with everything; financial, technical, internal operations," Conroy said. "Hopefully we'll expand on our external outreach, I think that's a big role that perhaps I can play." As a sports columnist for Excalibur, he eventually became a sports announcer at the station. This helped deepen his interest in community radio. Placing an emphasis on reaching out to the community. Conroy hopes to maintain the standard that the past station managers and staff have set

"There's a feeling that community radio is a bit ad hoc and I think our radio station is getting noticed as being a station that is setting a new standard for community radio, as well as being noticed within the commercial radio community."

According to Conroy, CHRY plans to achieve this by doing more locations and remotes (such as the Driftwood community centre at Jane and Finch). He plans to cover high school sports events and continue live broadcasts from the Carabana.

"We'd like to do more so that people realize we're not just a voice." Conroy said. "I think its time we start going out and making people notice us in the community at large."

The outgoing station manager, Dani Zaretsky, had been working at CHRY since the station was only eight months old. He has seen its development into the professionally run organization it

Trying to continue in the tradition of station co-founders Mel Broitman and Kaan Yigit, Zaretsky focussed on shaping the station as a radio/social service agency, in addition to its popular style of musical programming directed to groups under-represented in mainstream media.

"What I'd always hoped was that the university's resources could be used in collaboration with radio." Zaretsky said. "In this university. I saw both potential. and potential unrealized."

As station manager and president since July 1988, he intended to enhance social development in the community, through radio.

Zaretsky's resignation will be effective Nov. 1, 1990.

Other staff changes include combining news and current affairs under new "spoken word" co-ordinator Denyse Stuart.

Stuart will be assisted by Kelly Rico and Karlene Nation, and producers Aila Ali, Nadira Baksh, and Colin Phillips.

The position of music director Ed Skira will be taken over by co-directors Gary Verrinder and Gary Wright, who is also the new volunteer co-ordinator.

# Students receive controversial award

by Brent Poland

Five graduate students have been chosen for the controversial Graduate Fellowship for Academic Distinction (GFAD) award.

The award is funded by the Japanese Shipbuilding Industry Foundation (JSIF) founded by the self-proclaimed world's richest fascist and alleged World War II criminal Ryoichi Sasakawa.

Out of the five students who received the award, only two would allow their names to be released.

Meinhard Dolle, a graduate student studying environmental law was one beneficiary of the award. He was absent from the university last year and was not familiar with the controversy surrounding the award.

"It was the responsibility of the graduate program directors to ensure each recipient was aware of the donation's origin." said Pauline Callen executive officer for graduate studies.

Dolle said that he only knew that Sasakawa manufactured equipment for Japan during World War II. He was not aware that the U.S. government labelled Sasakawa a class A war criminal and that Sasakawa has been tied to the Japanese criminal underground.

"My acceptance of the award

would not have been different if I had been given the correct information."

"Would it be better to give the money back?" Dolle said, "What better way is there to hurt a fascist than to take money from him."

Dolle believes that the JSIF is a method of redemption on behalf of Sasakawa. He cited the many donations that the JSIF has given to such charitable organizations and other universities.

Jim Cogill a graduate student in international business also received funding from the GFAD award.

"The JSIF is trying to set up an organization that will contribute in an ongoing manner to international charitable organizations

and global relations."said Cogill.

He accepted the award after consulting both the university faculty association's newsletter and literature in the scholarship

Dean of Graduate Studies Sandra Pyke was not available for comment.

"If Sasakawa had been a Nazi' war criminal or a war criminal of European descent would the university have accepted the award?" asked professor Bob Wakabayashi.

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# -EDITORIAL

# Vote or vegetate

Are you going to vote on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday?

Idon't care if you vote YES or NO. I just want to know if you're going

It's probably a good idea unless you're planning to keep your mouth shut for the rest of the year.

You see, when ole' York gets up on Friday morning, we'll either become an integral part of a larger student movement or we'll still be isolated up here in the heart of nothing - lovely North York

Here's a reality check. Lobby groups are in vogue these days.

I'm not sure if it's just because they come with custom designer labels or because they are truly efficacious, but politicians have come to except pressure from special interest groups (like university students). Governments listen to large groups more than they do to individual people

Everybody's doing the lobby. Maybe we oughta try it as well.

Consolidating power is always a worthy goal. Having every university and college belong to a central democratic organization is both noble and practical

OFS and CFS are not the best thing going, but they are going, and that's more than we have now here at York.

If we take the Davey and Goliath story, we can cast the students and government in the lead roles. If students are helpless, then they need to pick up a sling close at hand (their student government), arm themselves with a couple of far-reaching projectiles (something like OFS or CFS, perhaps?) and aim right for the forehead (Minister of Colleges and Universities)

If you're a little guy, you gotta team up with other little guys to deal with big daddy. If that paternal figure happens to be a government which has learned to push through its agenda, stopping only to listen to pressure groups (and we know how many thousands exist), then you need to yell very loudly. In fact, you need a megaphone.

OFS is the megaphone for Ontario. CFS is the PA system for the country. Sometimes the wiring breaks down, but people know it's there. End of analogy

Whether it's token participation or not, provincial and national governments go to the OFS and CFS to get the student perspective about their policies and, of course, to make the whole democratic process look good.

Speaking about democracy, you'll notice that this issue of Excalibur is running a two page pro-con analysis on the referendum. For those of you who have been grumbling about the lack of a balanced perspective on this subject, we've brought you the YES side vs. the NO side in a head-to-head debate

Read it before you vote

The decision to accept or reject OFS and CFS shouldn't come from 10 or 20 or even 25 per cent of the students. We should have a YES or NO verdict made by a majority of the student population, not just a few eager beavers or a couple of sour grapes. That's right, I'm appealing to you: that large, apathetic portion of people on campus who are too busy to participate in important decisions, but feel justified in complaining about them later.

If you don't vote on Tuesday or Wednesday, you don't give a damn. And if you don't give a damn, that's fine.

I just don't want to hear any moaning later this year about the results of the referendum.

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# 3 cheers for Pete

To the editor.

Three cheers for Excalibur editor Peter Stathis

It is, to say the least, refreshing and encouraging to see some objective thought on the OFS/ CFS referendum

There has been a dire lack of objectivity on the part of YFS. Instead of acting as a student representative body, they have unilaterally decided what is best for York students.

As a result of a highly slick campaign on the part of YFS/ OFS/CFS, the students of York are being fed a single perspective. This is more befitting of the federal Conservatives and the

To answer one of the questions raised in the Oct. 17 editorial, NO. we are not going to be able to make a truly informed decision at the referendum ballot box. I strongly agree with Mr. Stathis' statement that, "our student representatives have overridden the democratic process.

In the interests of making an informed decision, I urge the students of York to go to YFS and ask to see the External Affairs Committee Report on The Ontario Federation of Students and its Relationship to the Council of the York Student Federation. YFS might even consider posting for students to see

As well S.A.C. Vice-President for External Affairs (UofT) Tom Brown released a report after UofT's one year trial membership. It too makes very informative reading. (As a side note, after UofT students had their one year trial to evaluate OFS they voted themselves out and have remained out since 1989).

Before voting, ask yourself, ask others, ask YFS what a provincial lobbying organization will really do about line-ups and the price of parking here at York? Ask, while CFS may provide services such as SWAP, Travel Cuts, ISIC cards and so on, what services does OFS provide? Ask what universities don't belong to the OFS and why? Ask what York students have received for the over \$450,000 they have already given to OFS? Ask how much money (student money) is spent on salaries and how much is spent on campaigns (I assure you this one will really shock you).

Before voting to spend yours and other students' money, please BE INFORMED!

Dwight Daigneault former CYSF External Affairs Commissioner

# No respect for Debord

To the editor

Apologies are in order to Mr. Guy Debord for your misuse of the tilte of his book Society of the Spectacle as a subtitle in your article on the "Die-in at Marriot."

The phrase induced me to pick up the paper, expecting to read a Situationist analysis of the situation (for lack of a better word).

I was truly disappointed to find nothing of the kind: no respect at all for the subjectivity of Mr Ron Kelly and PLWA's as against the totalitarian management of Marriott. No recognition of the die-in as an attempt to realize art and reconstruct everyday life - as an attempt to Smash the Spectacle.

And that was indeed what it was. In beautiful proportion. Death in the kitchen. An interruption of Lunch. Brilliant chalklines on the floor. People festively chanting for life as against mere subsistence and death. Eminently justified and justifiable. Ethically and aesthetically

By allusively associating the name of Mr. Debord with an article which effectively condemned the protest in a manner inconsistent with situationalist principles, you have done him a great disservice.

> Sincerely Michael Gigilio

# **Facts wrong** about Marriott

To the editor.

Over the last several weeks, there have been a number of factually incorrect allegations and misinformation circulating on campus about Marriott Corporation's policies regarding its employees and about the corporation's position on certain legislation in the US. It's time to set the record straight.

Marriott Corporation did nt take a position on the Chapman Amendment to The Americans With Disabilities Act when it was being considered in the US.

Marriott Corporation wrote regarding the Chapman Ammendment to the co-chairs of the Sixth Annual International Conference on AIDS held earlier this year in San Fransisco. The letter, dated June 14, 1990, said, "We will not take any position on the Chapman Ammendment unitl those issues are resolved.

"In the meantime, I can assure you the Marriott Corporation has continued on page 3

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a non-discrimination policy for people with AIDS and for those who are HIV-positive. We have always believed in treating our employees fairly and without discrimination of any kind. We will continue to adhere to that philosophy."

Marriott Corporation never did take an position on the Chapman Ammendment.

The company employs 200,000 people around the world. The company has a long-standing track record of support for disabled employees, including those diagnosed as HIV positive. In fact, Marriott is the second largest employer of people with disablities in the US.

We are committed to non-discrimination, and have developed policies to that end. For example, our policy on Life Threatening Illnesses, under which AIDS and HIV are covered, specifically states that as long as employees are able to meet job performance standards, they are treated just like any other employee

Based on these facts, we hope the unsubstantiated and inaccurate rumours can br put to rest.

Sincerely, J. Peter Meyer VP Human Resources, Marriott

# No sympathy for drivers

To the editor.

Re: Parking Fees Cause Uproar. I think that owning and driving a car is a privilege, not a right, especially in these times of growing environmental destruction.

I appreciate the lip-service paid to this ecological aspect in the letter by the student politicians, but do you actually expect a non-car owning, commuting student to feel any compassion for the thousands of you who choose "your own way" to travel to and from school?

Granted, there are those for whom public transit is out of the question (1.5 hour commutes, etc.). However, the last thing our student councils need to do is promote car use on campus, where there are already too many alienating parking lots.

York student leaders must promote public transportation, not allow more single occupant cars. Has anyone ever asked themselves why York's 50,000 people (one of the city's top employers) is so inadequately served by transit?

Finally, it's ridiculous to argue that increased parking rates will somehow stand in the way of equal access to education. Tuition fee hikes, higher book prices are threats, but I find it amazing that students can budget weekly gas price increases and then find that yearly parking increases are exorbitant.

exorbitant.

If you can't afford to park, move closer to school.

Housing is tight, but not as bad as the tents that some Guelph students are forced to live in this year.

We have to rethink our ways, and I do feel that the present student council is a refreshing change. However, leading a revolt against increased parking rates is a short-sighted use of student power.

Does the greenhouse effect ring a bell?

# NEWS

# Allen; new NDP universities minister

by Patrick Follens

With all the recent talk concerning surprise deficits, clouds of recession, and a "rookie" NDP government, post secondary students may be relieved to find that there is little debate concerning the appointment of Richard Allen as the new Minister of Colleges and Universities.

Allen, MPP Hamilton West, has had extensive experience teaching at the university level and is familiar with the problems that exist in post-secondary institutions today. Allen has also been instrumental in the development of the NDP's current policies concerning education.

"Of all the people in the NDP caucus, none would be more appropriate than Richard Allen," said York president Harry Arthurs of Allen's appointment.

Tim Jackson, chair of the Ontario Federation of Students, also favoured the appointment.

voured the appointment. "It's an indication that Mr. Rae is putting some emphasis on post-secondary education by appointing a senior member of his caucus," Jackson said.

The NDP's decision to reverse the former Liberal government's grouping of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities with several other portfolios has also met with favourable reaction. "We're very, very happy that a separate ministry has been established," said Arthurs.

Allen was reluctant to discuss the policies that he plans to implement as some had not yet been discussed with the rest of the party. He did, however, indicate that "a review of the entire OSAP system" was high on his list of priorities.

Several of the NDP's long term plans, as outlined in the NDP policy manual, call for drastic changes including the elimination of tuition fees.

"We have a great deal of lobbying to do to ensure that the NDP puts its rhetoric into practice,"

said YFS president Jean Ghomeshi. "The passing of just some of them [their promises] will be a positive step."

Likewise, Jackson stated that "while they're [the policies] ambitious, we could start moving toward them."

"There were never any long

term plans for universities in this province," said Jackson. He cited past examples when the Liberal government had announced funding for increased admissions only to cut off these funds after the extra students had completed their first year.

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Wakabayashi resigned as Coordinator of East Asian Studies last year to protest the acceptance of the JSIF donation. Wakabayashi and other East Asian Studies faculty were concerned with York's reputation if it accepted the tainted money.

"No one was consciously racist, but in accepting the money it shows a degree of insensitivity that might be construed as racist."

Last year, faculty and students from York and other Canadian universities presented President Arthurs with evidence of Sasakawa's past and present criminal and subversive activities. Faculty and students argued that accepting the money would affect York's academic integrity, freedom and neutrality

Despite news coverage from major Toronto newspapers and protests from the York community. President Arthurs insisted that the money did not come from Sasakawa himself, but from the JSIF which had contributed to many high-ranking universities and other worthwhile causes such as UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

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Umeå University in Sweden October 31, 1990 Room 169 South Ross 3:00 - 4:00 pm.



University of Calabria in Italy November 1,1990 Room 171 South Ross 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

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Fédération des étudiant(e)s de l'Ontario

by Kate Collins

and Jean Ghomeshi

Strength in numbers

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York student?

of school.

(Members of the YES-Coalition)

OK . . . We've been at York for

over four years now, and we feel

at least marginally qualified to

identify what we see as the major

Let's face it, we all know about

tiresome line-ups in Scott library.

having to sit on the stairs in an

overcrowded Curtis lecture hall

and over-priced texts that we're

These concerns are, of course,

matched by unbearable yearly in-

creases in the costs of tuition to

attend our crowded — second or

third choice - classes (we won't

mention parking fees, residence

costs, and our profit-oriented ad-

So to state the obvious ques-

tion: why such hassles? Well, if

there is one point upon which we

agree with our esteemed Presi-

dent Arthurs, it is that these prob-

lems are predominantly a pro-

duct of chronic provincial and

federal government underfund-

ing to post-secondary education

York students are not alone.

Government underfunding has

created similar conditions on

and country. Massive cuts in fed-

eral transfer payments and a cor-

responding reduction in PSE

operating grants as a percentage

York and other universities in a

problems that we face as stu-

by Tim Evans and Andrea Shettleworth

Unless you haven't noticed. York is in the process of a referendum.

The YES-Coalition has been actively and blatantly promoting the concept of joining OFS and CFS to anyone who will listen.

Disappointingly, what has been missing is an active NO side. This is not surprising, however, given the amount of money that any NO side would need to be effective (considering OFS and CFS are donating thousands of dollars in cash and services to the YES-Coalition)

Therefore, to provide a counterpoint, we will critically analyze OFS and CFS to allow students to make an informed decision.

We realize that many of you may not be familiar with the recent history regarding York's relationship with OFS, so perhaps a bit of background is in order. When OFS was originally founded in 1972. York was one of the founding members. During the period that followed, there were three referendums in which students voted in favour of staving with OFS.

When CYSF decided to pull out of OFS in 1988, there were a number of points affecting its decision

- 1. That OFS was not worth the \$30,000 annual fee that was being paid to it.
- 2. That their name recognition and consequent legitimacy was low among students.
- 3. That their legitimacy was questioned by the government and media alike.

We will criticize the reasons for voting YES by examining the Coalition's own brochure entitled

"Strength in Numbers. The brochure begins by explaining the "evils" that students

inflation, cuts in student services an inadequate OSAP system. lousy equipment, over-crowding." It ends by asking if anyone is doing anything about this and concludes that something is

Leaving aside the question about these groups' efficacy when there have been so many problems, the Coalition goes on to propose that they were effective in lobbying the provincial government and the federal government. Let's analyze the claim that they affected government

Claim: "In part due to cuts in federal transfer payments for postsecondary education, the Ontario government, in the spring budget, contemplated increasing

# There is no mention in any proposal to increase tuition

tuition 15 per cent. After lobbying efforts, spearheaded by OFS, and mass demonstrations by students, the increase was held to eight per cent.

Truth: First, if you check the spring budget, there is no mention in it of any proposal to increase tuition. In fact, after contacting the Ministry of Treasury and Economics, they indicated that they do not set increases in tuition, but that it is the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Colleges

and Universities. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities indicated that it is and was their policy to increase face: "tuition costs soaring above tuition the same extent that they

being done by OFS and CFS.

increase funding vis-a-vis operat-

canadienne

We realize that, according to this, the Ministry of Treasury and Economics would have an effect on tuition rates, but both ministries denied ever contemplating increasing tuition by 15 per cent. Instead, they suggested that perhaps the writers of the brochure were confusing government policy with the proposals in the Queen's Blueprint: two entirely different policies.

Second Claim: "When Michael Wilson first introduced the GST it was to apply to already burdensome tuition rates and residence fees. After intense lobbying, the CFS convinced Wilson to axe the tax on tuition and residence

Truth: This is an outright lie. The following are quotes from the 1987 White Paper on Sales Tax Reform: "Most educational services provided by non-profit educational institutions would be exempt from tax under the general exemption for charities, nonprofit organizations and govern-

ment bodies However, for greater certainty, there would be a general exemption for the supply of educational services by such organizations. This would include specific reference to the supply of education at the primary, secondary, and post-secondary levels as well as extension courses and nursery schools.

The White Paper goes further "All rentals of 30 days or more in a residential dwelling will be tax-exempt. Thus, most apartment and house rentals will not be subject to tax .... The provision of ancillary services such as cleaning, heating, and electricity (but not meals), as part of the rental charge, will also be exempt where the rental is exempt. Under the approach to taxing charities, non-profit organizations and governments outlined in Section 10, all rentals of real property by this sector would be

This was how the GST was introduced. These concepts were maintained from concept to the ultimate bill. There was no lobbying needed since what they wanted was already there. If CFS did do "intensive lobbying" for their concerns, they wasted a great deal of money How about the federations

exempt.

strong caucuses and student committees that provide a voice for groups often left out in the decision-making process."

OFS' committees currently consist of Women's Issues (7 people). Francophone Issues (not active). Native Students Issues (not active). Disabled Students Issues (not active). Northern Students Issues (9 people) Standing Campaign Committee (6 people), Race and Ethnic Relations (approximately 40 people at last symposium). Environmental Issues (approximately 24 people at last symposium), Gay and Lesbian Issues (6 people), International Students' Issues (not active) and Part-time Students

Issues (not active) This is how active OFS's committees are (keeping in mind that there are no maximums to the number of people that can be

"The OFS has two researchers who provide background material for both Federation and membership lobbying efforts. and provide material on current issues as requested by members. All research is available to stu-

If their research is as good as the information that they have presented in their brochure, then you had better not use them for

For example, their claim that the federal government provides 73 per cent of the funding for colleges and universities is incorrect. If they had properly done their research, they would have

# Neither organization is worth the money that we must give them

discovered that the transfer that covers the colleges and universi-

enues, it is impossible to deterprovince estimates that it is about 42 per cent

that CFS provides many services to its members. Services such as: / Student Work Abroad Program: but they fail to tell you

that you do not have to be a member to use this service. Travel CUTS: again, you do not have to be a member to

International Student Identity Card: last year. York issued only 800 cards. When you consider that our full-time student population is about 25.000, that is less than five

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per cent of students. StudentSaver Card: We already have KHARD.

Canadian Programming Service: again, you do not need to be a member to use this

to convince us to join by indicatng the other universities that have become members.

in the YES brochure means Graduate Students Union). University of Alberta undergraduates are not members. And University of British Columbia undergraduates are not members. If why should we have to become

that neither organization is worth the amount of money that we must give them yearly (\$140,000). They do not achieve results. For example, if OFS/CFS are so effective, where were they during

the money on a professional company that specializes in lobbying (and has better connections). Further, we are also members of MUCC (Metro University and College Caucus), which costs us nothing. Besides, there are better things we can do with our money

each club. 3. Give out 140 thousand dollar scholarships each year to var-

abled, academically gifted) 4. Use the money to fix our buildings and residences.

While the concept of national and provincial student organizations is sound, they are not worth would cost us. Quite frankly, they are a waste of our money.

thing is to vote at the referendum A low voter turnout is pitiful. We can do better; let's decide this issue on a broad-base Vote NO

If you don't, it's like throwing your \$7 away

accessible post-secondary edu-If you chose option #4, you

Hint: If you selected options #1.

#2 or #3, you have largely shut

yourself out of the struggle for

demand a better deal!

have opted to join students at Western, Queens, Carleton, Ryerson, Dalhousie, Simon Fraser and dozens of other campuses across Ontario and Canada through OFS and CFS.

Indeed folks, if you haven't guessed already, we are members of the York "YES-Coalition" pay up to seven dollars per year movements will save us bundles

Likewise, due in part to cuts in

 Say to hell with it and drop out Finally, OFS and CFS provide

A broad-based Coalition

# In the future a coalition of this strength may be very beneficial

finance counterpart to discuss the state of education.

4. Unite with other students from around the province and

intent on making option #4 a reality. While York undergrads will (with a full course load) to be members of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) — the approximate cost of one extremely average Marriott meal - the impact of adding our voices to these larger student

What does the OFS and CFS do? Examples ? When Michael Wilson (the guy featured in option #3) initially announced the proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST), the new tax was to apply to tuition and residence fees. After intense lobbying by the CFS, the tax on residence and tuition fees was axed. Alright! — a savings of up to \$400 per student

of money in the end.

federal transfer payments, in the period leading up to the submission of (ex)Treasurer Bob Nixon's provincial budget last spring. tuition was expected to rise by a nasty 15 per cent. After lobbying by OFS and mass demonstration by students province-wide, the cent — not a complete victory but still a net savings of approximately \$150. These are only two brief examples of the positive

effects of OFS and CFS lobbying. Lobbying benefits are complemented by the OFS and CFS annual campaigns set by the membership —this year focusing upon tuition, government assist ance and racism on campus campuses across the province And, both organizations have committees and caucuses lopen ing: women's issues; environof the provincial budget have left mental issues; race and ethnic relations; international students' issues; disabled students con-So what are the options for a

2. Say to hell with it and stay in tangible or "material" benefits in the form of services such as 3. Attempt - with pathetic res- Travel Cuts. International Stuults - to get in touch (let dent Identity Cards (ISIC), Stualone "do lunch") with Mike dentSaver cards. Student Work Wilson and his provincial Abroad Program (SWAP), re-

cerns; and aboriginal and lesbian

## OK. We've jotted down some straightforward information

about OFS and CFS. Let's get back to the real point of all this which is a student movement, with particular regard to York Something very exciting is

presently happening around this "YES-Coalition" which we briefly mentioned. A large and diverse group of York undergrads have come together in support of a vote for membership in OFS and

This coalition includes student governments - several endor-

sements have emerged from college councils in addition to the Faculty of Education Students Association, the Creative Arts Board, the Osgoode Legal and

And, more importantly, students in various political, cultural and social student clubs and organizations including the Women's Centre, the Economics and Business Society, the Psychology Students Association, the International Socialists, the Student Christian Movement and the Muslim Student Federation are also formally supporting the YES! side

Literary Society and the YFS.

This is the most diverse and committed group of students that we can remember uniting in our years at York (so committed that ndividuals working in the Coalition are themselves paying for the creation and manufacturing costs of "Strength in Numbers' T-shirts). Perhaps, it is because of the massive broad-based nature of this group that some have recently claimed that only "one budgets are spent, or, say, the current campaign priorities of either federation

We do happen to think that the OFS and CFS are effective lobby organizations, however, if one were to successfully argue that they are not effective, we would still call for a YES vote. Why? We believe that OFS and CFS, like any other coalition or student movement, are only as effective as their memberships. There's no point in griping on the side lines. By not being active members of OFS and CFS. York students have been missing out on guiding

tions that serve particular York student needs. Policy resolutions, the budget, and campaign focuses are all set explicitly by a majority of the general membership — of which York students would have particular advantage as the largest university in OFS and CFS — during semi-annual general meetings.

Lastly, we fundamentally believe that York undergraduates should be full members of the OFS and CFS

Remember to vote this Tuesday and Wednesday

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# Joining will save us bundles of money in the

side" of the OFS/CFS issue has been widely addressed in the

lead up to the referendum voting In contrast, we see it as a positive measure that so many different York students and student organizations have banded together with a common goal. In truth we should celebrate!

Any notion that wide-spread grassroots advocacy of the YES side is "overriding a democratic process" is absurd. Many York students are uniting for what we believe is a progressive step for our future.

form a similar Coalition on the so-called "NO" side of the issue. but we chose not to. In addition the implications of an active Coalition of this size are impressive. Future for activism at York

Clearly, we all had the option to

### The "bottom-line" for a major ity of us working on this cam-

paign is not ultimately the YES vote on Tuesday and Wednes day, but the efficacy of a strong student movement (coalition) at York to effect change after the referendum is over. This effective activism will not

just manifest itself within the provincial and national federations (should a majority of York undergrad voters support membership in OFS/CFS), but also in addressing issues that we face specifically at York. Doubtless, when there is a need for York students to have their voices heard in any area of concern in the future, a coalition of this strength may be very beneficial.

### Not claiming utopia Let us be very clear. We are not

arguing - nor have we been at any point in recent weeks — that the OFS and CFS are flawless institutions that we ought to worship. York students have every right to express interest and concern about how the OFS and CFS

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An informal discussion with Dr. Stuart Schoenfeld, Professor of Sociology and Jewish Studies at Glendon College, author of the report on intermarriage and Jewish identity, commissioned by the Ontario Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

ties also covers health care. Since the province simply puts the transfer into general revmine how much goes to health and how much goes to colleges and universities, although the

The YES-Coalition also claims

use this service.

service. Finally, the Coalition has tried

University of Toronto undergraduates are not members (the G.S.U. after UofT three of the largest universities in the country are not members.

The most obvious reason is

the recent election? If lobbying is what we require then we would be better to spend

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ious groups (ethnic, financially underprivileged, dis-

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Above all, the most important

the country, organize, and



With their 2-0 shutout over Toronto, the Yeowomen shook off their only loss so far this season, a 3-1 setback to Queen's.

Clive Cohen photo

# Soccer Yeowomen shake off those pesky Blues

by Riccardo Sala

Nothing cures a loss like a win.

The soccer Yeowomen made this clear last Tuesday with a 2-0 win over UofT.

During the UofT match, they showed no ill effects from a loss suffered two days earlier at the hands of the Queen's Lady Gaels.

York coach David Bell blamed the loss to Queen's on injuries to

key York players like Kristin Bell and Portia Barriffe.

"Queen's really played their hearts out. They needed a win. We weren't as hungry." Bell said.

Offered a chance for redemption against UofT, the Yeowomen didn't pass up.

York played this one tough from the start. Using their speed and coordination they drove the ball into Toronto territory, but were met time and again by the disciplined defenders.

Their passing, which they have used to devastating effective ness against weak teams, became less of a factor against Toronto.

The pressure paid off for York however, when Barb Sajben put a soft header past a diving Blues goalie.

A weak ground shot by Philomena Nevin provided York with their second goal soon after.

In an earlier game against York it was also shaky goaltending finished off UofT's hopes.

Likely realising that they shouldn't expect any clutch performances from their keeper, the UofT defence battened down the hatch in the second half.

Anytime UofT tried to get some offence together, the York defenders proved equal to the task.

York goalie Cheryl Punnett was stellar once again providing key saves the few times UofT pushed beyond York's defence.

In the end a two goal deficit was too large for the Blues to overcome and York eked out a 2-0 victory.

# Hockey squad gears up for Laurier

by Josh Rubin

For yet another season, the key word in the OUAA East hockey race this year will be parity.

That's the word from York Yeoman head coach Graham Wise, who expects Trois Rivieres. UofT. Concordia and McGill to challenge the Yeomen for the division lead.

While Wise isn't ruling out the Ottawa GGs, he admits that not much is known about the Queen's Golden Gaels.

Wise returns to the Yeomen after an off-season which saw him pursue the top job with the team at NCAA Division I Michigan Tech.

Wise won't be the only one returning to the Yeomen fold this year—only four members of last year's squad are going to be missing on the ice this season.

Lost to graduation are lan Ferguson, Nevin Kardum and Don Matheson, while Brad Wadsworth didn't make the cut.

But with the addition of recent

OHL graduates such as former Bellville Bull Jim Dean, the Yeomen won't be as affected by the missing players as they were last year, when they lost eight players to graduation.

According to second year defenceman Brad Jones, the new arrivals should help solidify the

"We've got a bit more depth this year," Jones said.

Jones is part of a defensive crew that while still young, is more experienced than last year's.\*

Leading the team's blueliners will once again be third year veteran Guy Girouard.

Girouard has been noticeably more disciplined than last year.

"He's an excellent defenceman," Wise said. "I think he realized we need him on the ice, and not in the penalty box."

Up front, the only sure line so far for the Yeomen is last year's leading threesome of Mike Futa, Luciano Fagioli and Kevin Bo-

Among the forwards will be Jim

Dean, who centred Brian Mac-Donald and Tim McNamara with devastating effect during the Yeomen's first exhibition match of the year, against UofT.

But taking McNamara's place currently is the feisty Pat Howie, who's also a good skater.

Perhaps the strongest position for the Yeomen this year will be between the pipes. Here Wise faces the pleasant dilemma of having two goalies who on any given night could play with the best in the league.

Battling it out for the starting position in net will be the same stellar tandem that platooned last year. Ted Mielczarek and Willie Popp

While Popp says the two will play on a consistent, rotating basis, Wise claims he still hasn't decided what to do.

"We'll be using these last few exhibitions to establish who'll be playing in crucial games," Wise said

Should Wise choose a consistent starter, don't worry: the rivalry between Mielczarek and Popp is strictly a friendly one.

According to Mielczarek, the two push each other's game to a higher level.

"Sure, you'd like to play as much as possible," Popp said. "But we're still really good friends."

For the Yeomen, the regular season gets off to a start this Thursday when they take on defending OUAA champs, the Laurier Golden Hawks. Game ime at the York Ice Palace is 7:30.

# Soccer Yeomen come up short against Blues

by Kerim Gomleksiz

muddy field and a shockingly bad start combined to give the Yeomen soccer team a 2-1 loss at the hands of the UofT Blues last Wednesday.

The Blues pounded two goals into the York net in the first fifteen minutes and the Yeomen just couldn't settle down.

As the game progressed, the Yeomen began to take the play to the Blues.

"We definitely did not play as well as we could have," said Yeoman coach Eric Willis. "We came out flat and they scored two quick cheeky goals on two defensive miscues."

Yeoman Gino Polastrone, last week's OUAA player of the week, got one back for the team just before the half to make it 2-1.Despite keeping the ball in the UofT end for most of the second half, the Yeomen still weren't able to tie it up, thanks in large part to a spartan Blues defence.

Throughout the game, the Yeomen weren't able to connect on their free kicks and corner kicks either.

Another frustrated Yeoman was Hunter Madley, who was robbed twice by a hot UofT netminder.

"We lost but I don't think it was all that detrimental to the season," Willis said. "We're definitely still in it and I think we can beat Toronto and we look forward to playing them again."

The highly-talented Yeomen won't have to wait very long to redeem themselves as they square off again with the Blues on Wednesday in the return match of this home and home series.

# Win tickets

This Thursday, the hockey Yeomen try to start their season off on the right foot when they host the Laurier Golden Hawks in a 7:30 start. If you would like to help cheer them on to victory. *Excalibur* has just the right thing: free tickets!!

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tickets to the game.

Ask for Josh Rubin or Jim Hoggett.

(HINT: The Quiz answer might be someone in the defensive end of the rink.)

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### ICE HOCKEY

Yeowomen Exhibition match at Ice Palace 7:30pm

# SOCCER

UofT at Yeomen at Soccer/Rugby Field. 3:00pm

### Thursday Oct. 25

### BASKETBALL

Yeomen at Manitoba, 7:30pm

## HOCKEY

Laurier at Yeomen at Ice Palace, 7:30pm

# Friday Oct. 26

# BASKETBALL

Yeowomen at Laurier Invitational (Oct. 26-28)

Yeomen at Winnipeg Invitational (Oct. 26-27)

### FIELD HOCKEY

OWIAA Championships at Carlton (Oct 26-28)

### SWIMMING

York at Guelph. 7:00pm

### VOLLEYBALL

Yeomen at Queen's Invitational (Oct 26-28)

Yeowomen host Reebok Tait McKenzie Classic (Oct. 26-27)

# Saturday Oct. 27

### BADMINTON

OUAA Crossover Round 1 at McMaster (Oct. 27-28)

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