

# Grads ready to lace walking shoes

Jonathan Mann

Members of the Graduate Assistants' Association have voted to walk out on Monday January 21, although further negotiations scheduled for tomorrow could lead to a last minute settlement.

Officials of the university and GAA are guarded in their optimism about Friday's meeting. In a telephone interview on Monday, Chief Negotiator for the University D.J.

Mitchell said of the meeting, simply, "I hope we settle." GAA President Michael Michie spoke with *Excalibur* on Tuesday. He remarked that he's "sure there will be movement," but cautioned that "we don't expect things to be handed to us on a platter."

According to the GAA, about 80 per cent of the approximately 200 ballots cast last weekend were in favor of strike action. The turnout represents less than one

third of the 750 member union, and it is unclear whether a strike will have the support of the entire membership. GAA officials, however, continue to be optimistic on this point. GAA President Michael Michie said that he expects at least those who were at the meeting will support the strike, as well as a good deal of those who couldn't get to the meeting.

Friday's meeting will be the key to a quick resolution of the

conflict. If the university does not show "movement on all substantial issues" in the eyes of the GAA executive, a walkout is to begin Monday. According to a motion passed at last Wednesday's meeting, this would continue for a week, to be followed by a return to work for another week (starting Jan. 28). If there is still progress, then the GAA membership will start a walkout of indefinite length.

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## Clark loses appeal at Osgoode



"But seriously folks..."

James Carlisle

Prime Minister Joe Clark was greeted by hostile questions and abusive remarks during his visit to York last Thursday.

Over a thousand students filled Moot Court and the hallways outside, where loudspeakers were set up.

The meeting began with a short speech by Clark, followed by more than an hour of questions from the audience.

In his remarks Clark outlined four areas in which his government has been active:

- The Economy—The Conservative government will "significantly reduce the federal deficit."

- Energy—The country must become independent of foreign suppliers. The aim of the P.C. government is to ensure that "the energy security of Canada will depend only upon Canadian supply."

- Parliamentary reform—The freedom of information bill will be reintroduced in the new Parliament and individual MP's are being given greater power.

- Federal-Provincial relations—

The PC's have already "cooled the tension between Ottawa and Quebec."

During the question period, Clark was peppered with queries which had apparently been planned to embarrass him. Even when directly insulted by the students, Clark responded with remarkable good humor. He skillfully employed facts to rebut his hecklers.

The first question put to Clark was from a student sporting a large 'button'. Referring to Clark's remark that he was wearing a 'Sell Petrocan' button, the student pointedly replied, "If you had stayed in school long enough to learn to read, you would see that it says, 'save PetroCan, Sell Clark'."

Later, in reference to broken P.C. promises, a querulous student asked the politician, "How can you expect anyone to believe anything you say in this campaign?"

The Prime Minister responded with a list of the five areas in which his government was already keeping its promises when they were defeated—

mortgage deductibility, freedom of information, Petrocan, cutting the deficit and help for small business. He added, "In one-eighth of the time usually given to a government, we have started on, and achieved, profound changes for the country."

When questioned about his arrogance in governing as if he had a majority, the Tory leader responded, "The Progressive Conservative Party and its principles are not for sale." He claimed that from 1972 to 1974, Trudeau stayed in office by making deals with the NDP and the national deficit went up 20 per cent per year.

One issue which Clark would not discuss in detail was that of Claude Ryan's report on federalism. Clark said only, "In my judgment, we must give Quebec a choice between the separatism of Levesque and the status quo of Trudeau." He stated that specific comment would wait until Mr. Ryan's own interpretation of the document was made public.

The Prime Minister expounded his foreign policy, which includes sanctions against the U.S.S.R. over its invasion of Afghanistan and anti-boycott legislation to be presented soon after the calling of the new Parliament.

When taken to task about his "callous attitude toward the unemployed," Clark countered with a Tory plan to overcome youth unemployment through training programmes, and the \$110 million summer job programme stopped by the government's defeat.

The Conservative energy policy is to achieve self-sufficiency, said Clark. The sale of natural gas, "of which we have a substantial surplus," is high on their priority list as it will spur exploration and bring two billion dollars into the country.

The Prime Minister, in good humour, mentioned the slight note of partisanship in the crowd. He concluded by asking the students to allow his party "to carry out the major changes we have embarked upon."

After the meeting, students interviewed by *Excalibur* expressed the view that Clark had handled a trying situation very well.

### Chiropractic college

## York bids for school

Lydia Pawlenko

The Chiropractic College has recently expressed interest in the possibility of affiliating with York. This action comes as a surprise to Brock University, which has been discussing an association with the College through a joint committee for two years.

"Two or three months ago we heard that York was interested," explained Chiropractic College President Donald Sutherland. "Although we have an agreement with Brock, we wouldn't want to close the door to any opportunities."

In 1973, an Ontario Council of Health Task Force recommended that the Chiropractic College should associate with a university. Since that time, the college has been in discussion with several universities, but had only undergone serious negotiations with Brock.

"I suppose that York has copied the Brock proposal," said

Allan Earp, President of Brock University. "It is not a matter of need but a matter of sense. It's not that we are trying to get them. We are responsive because of certain strengths we have."

Earp expressed his surprise over the College's interest in York, since "our discussions were well advanced," he said.

Meanwhile, York's Biology Chairman Ken Davey seemed enthusiastic about expanding the science program, and claimed York has been interested in affiliating with the college for several years. "We have been thinking of mounting a health science program which could be used as a training ground for the

fields of chemistry or medicine," he explained, although he expects the science program would not be very much different from what it is now.

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# Venomous students take on Clark

Neil Wiberg

"I've got my lead," Mark Phillips announced minutes before Joe Clark appeared at Osgoode Hall's Moot Court. Phillips, the CBC television reporter who has been covering the Clark tour, was about to tell the assembled press corps the opening lines of his report on the National News. "My lead will be: Joe Clark comes back to law school—for the third time."

Phillips' joke accurately reflected the mood of the students that afternoon. Many of the students were itching to publicly carve up the Prime

Minister. Phillips' reference to Clark's failures at Dalhousie and University of British Columbia law schools is a common joke among the Osgoode students.

Under the hostile circumstances, Clark performed fairly well. He retained his cheerful disposition and never lost his temper. He was able to handle the numerous hecklers with no major problems.

Clark handled the criticism of the Israeli embassy move expertly. His concession that he made a mistake diffused the issue for the remainder of the hour. It constituted a great gamble

on the part of Tory organizers to allow Clark to attend a question

## Analysis

and answer session with the York students. In the last election campaign, with Clark leading the polls, the Tories ran a controlled campaign. Clark's public meetings were restricted to those with party workers or with a local Board of Trade. One of the Tory Commandments was: Clark shall not face a university audience.

Prior to Clark's trip to York, he was trailing in the polls by up to 21 percentage points. Tory organizers privately confessed to *Excalibur* that they are in deep trouble in Metro. Risks have to be taken.

Clark's keyword in his opening and closing remarks was "change." He used the word in at least every second sentence. The audience wanted a change all right, but a change away from a Tory government.

When a student questioner provided a list of broken promises, and asked, "How can anyone believe anything you say during this campaign?", the audience exploded into sustained applause lasting over 35 seconds. Clark appeared rattled by the audience reaction, and glumly listed some promises that he had kept.

However, Clark's defence was not impressive. Arts student Cindy Wasser told *Excalibur*, "Anyone who breaks as many promises as he has, has ruined

and made a mockery of democracy in this country, because we vote on promises."

Clark realized that his major audience was not the York students, but rather the television news viewers and newspaper readers. When Clark was talking in French about the Ryan constitutional proposals, he moved a few feet to this right so that he was directly looking at the Radio-Canada television camera. The media concentrated mainly on the reception Clark received rather than what Clark said. Questioner after questioner went up to the microphones trying to dig the knife into Clark. In fact, there was only one Tory plant question and even it was ineffective. The questioner was bothered by constant hissing, and turned into a stuttering, inarticulate Tory shill.

Clark performed respectably under trying conditions. If he had lost his temper or faltered under the barrage of insults, the media coverage would have been far worse.

## Last ditch effort

from page one

Currently, there is some question about the proposed week-long return to work. In the event of a strike, a GAA meeting will be held on this coming Monday. At the meeting, the membership may vote to drop it, and begin a walkout of indefinite length immediately.

This week (Jan. 14-21) has been designated 'Information Week' by the GAA. According to Bill Johnston, GAA Vice-president, members have been instructed to spend ten minutes of their classes explaining the GAA's position. In addition, an information table has been set up in York's Central Square.

Key issues separating the two sides are:

- Job Security. Currently, Ph.D. candidates past their third year of study and MA candidates past their second year, are given lowest priority for opening Teaching Assistantships. As well, administration proposals would make it difficult for such TA's to

keep their posts. The GAA is demanding that these students be given an equal opportunity to get and keep these jobs.

- A contract clause on academic freedom. Although the academic freedom of Teaching Assistants has not been infringed on in the past, the union seeks to have this right guaranteed in their contract.

- Maternity leave. The current GAA contract does not touch on the issue of maternity leave. The university has refused to negotiate on this issue, prompting GAA treasurer Janice Newton to call their position "a slap in the face to women at York."

- Wages. The university and the GAA have still not agreed on a final wage settlement, although GAA Vice-President Bill Johnston is optimistic that one is close. In his opinion, the university's offer is "a ball-park figure."

The York University Faculty Association has passed a motion

of support for the GAA, according to YUFA Chairman Al Stauffer. Declared Stauffer, "We're giving them moral support." But he indicated that a sympathy strike is out of the question, since the union is not in a legal position to strike. Asked whether YUFA members will cross GAA picket lines, Stauffer said "that will be an individual decision on the part of our members."

In a meeting Tuesday night, the Council of the York Student Federation passed a number of motions regarding the possible strike. Among them is one which indicates that the CYSF "reiterates its support of the Graduate Assistants' Association." As well, the CYSF moved to call on the Senate and faculty councils to postpone all "academic activities... for the duration of any job action or strike by either York University Faculty Association or the Graduate Assistants' Association..."

## Strike two

Barb Mainguy

The York University Faculty Association will make a final attempt to settle with the university at a conciliation meeting to be held this Friday, January 18th. YUFA has so far been unable to reach agreement with the administration over three main bargaining points which cover salary increases. A demand for clearly outlined tenure and promotion procedures is to be included in the contract, along with increased powers for arbitrators to settle contract disputes concerning appointments to the university. Because of the upcoming

contract talks, the YUFA general membership meeting has been postponed for a week until next Wednesday, January 23rd, with a deciding vote scheduled for Thursday 24th and Friday 25th. Pending the outcome of Friday's talks, YUFA has called a media blackout, but Union chairperson Allen Stauffer did say the negotiating committee will recommend a strike vote if no acceptable agreement is reached.

A strike by YUFA would be unlikely to coincide with the GAA's, as the union would be legally unable to take action until 16 days after conciliation ends.

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# Correspondence

## Sexual harassment

The York Women's Centre is dismayed at the procedure adopted by the university administration for handling the alleged rape at York (as reported in *Excalibur*, January 7, 1980). Such a response will not encourage women to report incidents of sexual harassment (including rape). The university does not seem to be equipped to deal with such abuses of authority.

We therefore strongly recommend the formation of a permanent committee made up of the Advisor to the President on the Status of Women and representatives from YUFA, YUSA, the GAA, and the student body. This committee would serve as a board of enquiry to receive and investigate any reports of sexual harassment.

A committee consisting of informed individuals of both sexes could protect the interests of both the complainant and the accused. Thus, the matter would receive prompt and unbiased attention.

York Women's Centre

## 'Preserve York's collegial atmosphere'

The current impasse between YUFA and the administration seems to pivot on one particular problem, tenure and promotion. The current deadlock represents an issue which could very well affect the academic quality of this university.

Traditionally, tenure and promotion, as an academic procedure, resided under the jurisdiction of the senate. The senate would then make recommendations based on a self-imposed set of criteria to the President, who would then honour these recommendations. An individual's career is decided by the affirmative or negative recommendation of tenure and promotion to the President, hence YUFA's present concern.

YUFA has decided to make tenure and promotion the current issue in this round of negotiations because of tenure and promotions job implications as one of the conditions of

employment. YUFA's grievances stem from what they say are a lack of clarification of procedures, which involved compilation of the candidate's file, deadlines, appeal procedures, etc. They desire to "correct mistakes" and have the criteria for tenure and promotion written into the contract. The administration has refused this demand on the grounds that tenure and promotion is an academic responsibility and, as such, should not be subject to the arbitration procedures of contract negotiations. Senate, in fear of losing its traditional responsibility, will not compromise its academic responsibilities.

YUFA, in representation 80 per cent of faculty, has a legitimate stand in desiring to have a part in the tenure and promotion procedure. At the same time, senate's traditional stance is paramount and should not be eroded because this is an academic issue. The bargaining table is not the place for YUFA and senate to thrash out their differences. The implications to this university are too detrimental. Go back to the tripartite committee and be a bit more compromising and settle this issue within the university's collegial atmosphere which we all want to preserve.

Malcolm Montgomery  
chairman, Student Senator  
Caucus

## 'Very odd'

It is very odd that York's administration threatens to take away *Excalibur's* main staff room to rent to a commercial enterprise for the purpose of offsetting back debt, when one of its own operations, the York University Bookstore was in the black for the first time in [how long?] 1978-79. Why has such a measure never been suggested for the Bookstore premises, gentlemen?

Such inconsistencies seem to be the trademark of York University. It is the students that the University is here to serve; without them, there would be no jobs for you. And, a student newspaper is one of the most important vehicles of communi-

cation (and free expression) for the entire community of any university, as well as providing valuable training in writing, reporting, interviewing, and researching, etc., techniques for the students who choose to work on the newspaper. In other words, it is an important part of the education process that is the sole reason for the University's existence.

Diane Wallace



## 'Nyet' to Moscow Games

I am a member of the national gymnastics team which, at the World championships in December, earned itself a trip to Moscow this summer. Only the twelve best teams are allowed to compete at the Olympics and our coming eleventh was the highest placement the men's team has ever made and the first time it has ever managed to qualify for the Olympics. I am very proud to have been a part of this unprecedented achievement, however, I strongly believe that Canada should refuse to send us, or any teams, as a protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Many people and governments will naively insist that it would be useless and even counter-productive to bring politics to bear on this, the greatest sporting event in the world. Unfortunately, the Olympics are already highly politicized. The very fact that they are being held in Moscow will undoubtedly be exploited for maximum propaganda value. I have competed against, and been judged by, Russians on many occasions and know well

how important it is to them to seek national honour through conspicuous achievement. This is not some vague generalization about Russian character, but a clearly formulated government policy. No expense, financial or moral, is too great to prove to the world Soviet supremacy, and sport is one of the most favoured means of doing so. This has amazed and disgusted me in the past, and I fully expect it to be even worse when the show is on home territory.

Speaking as an athlete, I would gladly waive the privilege of being sent to such a prestigious and exciting event as the Olympics if I knew that by my country's absence a long overdue political statement were being made. The Soviets have abused our good sportsmanship in the past. In the name of friendly international relations that can be tolerated, however, when they abuse even the most basic principles of international law, friendly relations are out of the question. For us to attend the games implicitly condones their brutality and I, for one, would resent being used in such a way.

A boycott of the Olympics would undoubtedly signal the end of the games. The spirit in which they were founded, however, died long ago, so that what is left for 1980 is but a gigantic, hollow showpiece for an inhumane and obviously dangerous regime. While we can accept, although quietly abhor, Russian imperialism as long as it is confined within the borders of its present empire, we must make a forceful stand when it is unleashed against its neighbours. Personally, I would rather sacrifice a chance at the games in order to make that stand quite clear than sacrifice my life somewhere in the wilds of Asia when, inevitably, there are no peaceful alternatives left.

Marc Epprecht

## 'Co-opted by lies'

Your recent article regarding the Year of the Child programme, presented by the Muslim Student Federation leaves much to be desired. It disturbs us greatly that you were co-opted by the lies

and slanders put forth by the so-called muslim academics into reporting a totally biased view. We don't question your journalistic abilities; however, in dealing with such a controversial issue we feel you failed to recognize the need to analyze the validity of some of the statements made specifically, by Sami Hadawi. Most of Mr. Hadawi's comments are contrary to historical facts at best, and some are outright lies and slander. An individual who still believes and propagates the belief that Jews are held responsible for the death of Christ must be questioned academically, philosophically and even religiously. We view Mr. Hadawi's views and presentation as a major deterrent to peace in the Middle East and also to our common interests with the M.S.F.

David Blander  
Moshe Ronen  
Charles Lebow  
Howard Weiss

## Objection sustained

I object to *Excalibur's* headline in their covering of Meir Pail. This headline created the impression that Pail was commending the PLO for their aims and methods, when in fact he was condemning both, and claiming that the only way for Israel to change these is through recognition and negotiation.

Pail contends that once Israel recognizes the PLO in order to negotiate a peace settlement, it will be forced to disavow its aim to create a "secular, democratic Palestine"; that is, to destroy the state of Israel and send most of her citizens "home" to Poland, Russia, Argentina, etc.

I, however, fear that the only result of Israel's recognition of the PLO will be the legitimization of its aim to destroy her.

Sharon Goldstein

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## Editorial

# Security complex

On the eve of final negotiations between the administration and the Graduate Assistants' Association, we find ourselves pondering which agreement would be best to avert a disastrous strike that York can ill afford.

The central issue we've been led to believe is job security. The administration's latest proposal in this dispute is that PhD students in the upper years of study be less eligible for teaching assistantships. The rationale behind this is crudely reductionistic: because PhD students in their sixth and seventh years no longer qualify as Basic Income Units, which bring in revenue from the government, they should not be entitled to financial help in return. Given that many students don't plan their graduate careers according to funding formulas, we think it is unfair for the administration to consider such a proposal. For some advanced students, financial assistance is just as crucial as it was in their first years of study. Furthermore, such a regulation might reduce the attractiveness of graduate education at York—a suicidal disincentive to an overall enrolment that is declining faster than anywhere else in the province.

Although we dislike the administration's offer, it is impossible for *Excalibur* to support the Graduate Assistants' Association when it is unclear what their proposal is. It is not inconceivable that it could be as unacceptable as the administration's. We only now for sure that the union's motive is a poorly articulated fear of the administration's proposal. But where is the

data to support the union's side? Why did the union lead the administration into arguing over this issue and making such a crazy offer in the first place?

Much more research needs to be done by the union to assess the security of York graduate students, and how their situation compares with grads at other colleges. Are there enough assistantships to keep York's graduate program competitive with others? The union must show us the hard evidence that York grads are getting a poorer deal in terms of financial support and that upper level PhD's are being discriminated against. According to our investigations, there has been no decline in the number of teaching assistantships offered at York over the past several years. Also, the same percentage of grads (41 per cent) in years six and seven are employed as teaching assistants as in years five and below. Surely this is not an unfair figure considering that so many of the remaining PhD 6 and 7 students are part-timers who have secured high paying employment elsewhere.

We believe the Graduate Assistants' Association should approach contract developments more carefully than any other union we know. There is a large measure of support, flexibility and trust in every graduate assistantship: support in the sense that each assistant receives a guaranteed salary regardless of hours put in so that academic concentration need not be burdened by economic worries; flexibility so that grads can alternate between assistantships and other forms of support

as their fortunes and circumstance dictates; and trust that eligibility will be based on a sympathetic consideration of need, competence and scholastic achievement. Can a contract successfully incorporate these elements in legal language?

Furthermore, we are concerned about the union's increasing tendency to view themselves as workers. They are not workers, but aspiring professionals—and professionalism implies a dedication that goes far beyond the limits of contractual clauses. The increased unionization of their profession may lead to specific on-the-job-benefits, but it may also seriously erode the relations between teaching assistants, professors and students. A trade union mentality does not inspire the rapport and collegiality that should be features of a university environment.

Therefore, *Excalibur's* proposal for tomorrow's negotiations is that the entire matter of job security be dropped. A temporary loss of pride to the union (they were the ones who got themselves into this kettle of fish in the first place) may be slight in comparison to the long-lasting deficiencies of a hastily worked out settlement with the men upstairs.

The time has not yet come when graduate teaching assistants should transfer their faith from their professors and graduate directors to legal documents. A quick compromise on the issue of job security as it now is being argued, rather than an abandonment of the matter altogether, will place the members of the GAA in a lot worse position than where they are now.

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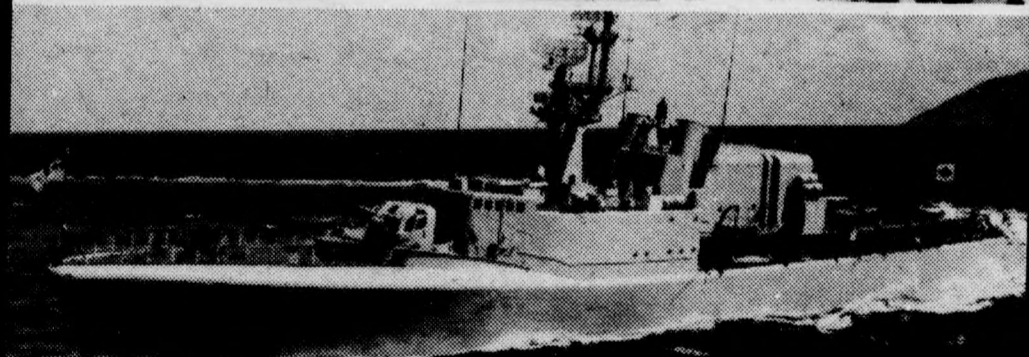
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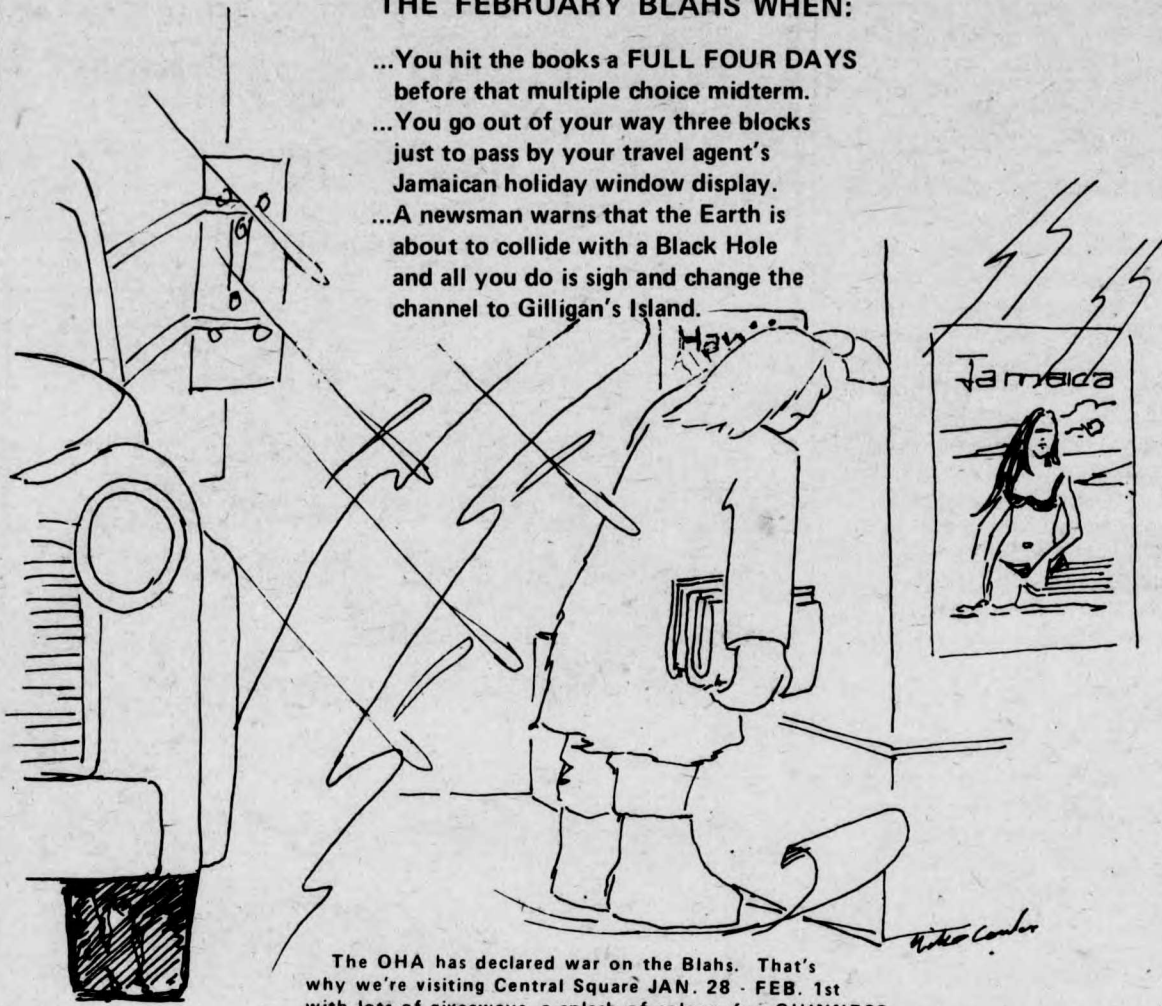
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## Board Rep Report

"It is the duty of governments and of individuals to form the truest opinions they can and to form them carefully and never impose them on others unless they can be quite sure of being right."

—J.S. Mill—

How does the University differ from the work place? How does the decision-making process differ? How are labor negotiations conducted? Given that the men who sit on the Boards of the higher ranks of international industry and finance also sit on York's Board of Governors, the questions above are interesting ones.

On the question of labor negotiations, the President of Ford Motor Company of Canada offered an interesting thought at Monday's Board meeting when he said that "if you stop bargaining before the eleventh hour, then your side thinks that you haven't bargained hard enough." Hopefully, this is the reasoning behind negotiations at York between the administration and YUFA and GAA which have been effectively going on for about eight months. On the other hand, the University diverges from the work place when the question of a strike enters into the picture. Undoubtedly the University is different insofar as there are many sectors that are affected. Quite notably, students pay a price that they should not have to pay.

In the University, and particularly York, there is a stress on "collegiality" in the decision-making process; decisions are meant to be the end product of a long process of discussion and interaction between various sectors of the University. In a corporation, decisions are dictated from top to bottom, in real and metaphorical terms. The University aspires to adhere to John Stuart Mill's ideal of a livelier impression of truth that is produced through the interaction and exchange of opinions. Theoretically, committees representing various departments, faculties, colleges and sectors of the University channel information up to the ninth floor where a "friendly hand will sift and keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of comfort blow the rest away."

At Monday's board meeting, one board member commented that it is precisely the spirit of collegiality that holds up the decision-making process at York. A time-consuming process? Yes. Moreover, when finances are tight, different sectors tend to vie for the same piece of the economic pie; a lot of the real information simply gets "blown away." Nevertheless, despite its deficiencies, the University still does contain the mechanisms whereby people of different interests might "TALK" to one another. The fact that YUFA and GAA were accepted to speak at Monday's board meeting during their labor negotiation process and, furthermore, the fact that students, alumni, and faculty, have seats on the managing board of York University, are two ideas that demonstrate a significant and encouraging point about the university. Quite simply, the University remains as an example to the "real working place." I would point to the recent event that took place in the board rooms of Chrysler Corporation; for the first time in North American history, a trade union leader will join the board of directors of a major corporation. In a time of relative pessimism in the University, there are still some things that prove promising, and indeed encouraging, for those of us who would like to see real democratization in all sectors of society.

Andrea Doucet

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# Memory and aging

Debbie Bodinger

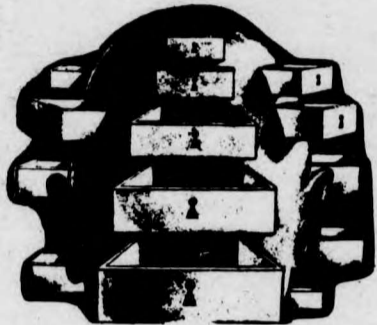
Older people still have it, they just don't use it as much anymore.

This is the conclusion of Dr. Fergus Craik, a research psychologist at the University of Toronto, who recently spoke at York on "Memory and Aging: Downhill all the Way?" the talk, given Jan. 11 as part of the colloquium series for York's psychology program, concentrated on research that Dr. Craik and his colleagues have conducted in their lab at Erindale College. This research suggests that memory deficits associated with aging may be due to differences in the way older people (60 years and older) mentally organize information. It appears that although they still possess the ability to process information in ways that facilitate remembering, they don't do so spontaneously.

The experiments Dr. Craik presented grew out of a model of learning that he himself helped pioneer. While traditional ideas about learning have centered on structures, the "levels of processing" approach (as the name implies) focuses on the mental processing that goes on when a person is exposed to, or asked to, learn new material. Different tasks require different amounts—or levels—of processing. For example, deciding whether the word "elephant" appears in upper or lower case letters requires less mental processing than deciding to which category the word belongs (e.g. animal, vegetable, mineral...). In one case, the person needs to pay attention

only to the size of the letters, while in the other, the person must decide what the letters are, what the word is, what it means, and what other kinds of ideas are associated with it (e.g. big, gray, animal). According to this model, the "deeper" the processing that is done, the more likely the material is to be remembered.

In one experiment described by Dr. Craik, he and his colleagues asked both young and old people to perform several tasks similar to the ones just described. Later, they were presented with a list of words and asked to identify which words had appeared in the experiment. People did indeed remember better those words which they had been required to



process more deeply, but importantly, there were no differences in the performances of older vs. younger people. On the other hand, if the instructions were simply to learn the words (and not make some kind of decision about them), there were marked differences between the two groups. It seems that when older people are specifically asked to do the processing necessary to learn a word (e.g.

decide to which category the word belongs), they learn as well as younger people. Younger people seem to spontaneously use strategies to remember material (e.g. associate the words on the list with something unique to help them recall), but older people do not.

Dr. Craik also spoke briefly about some of the popular ideas about memory and aging. Many people believe, for example, that older people remember past events better than recent ones. According to Dr. Craik, this has not been borne out by research. Usually when someone makes this claim, they are comparing a person's memory for "the time they broke their leg" 35 years ago, with "what they had for breakfast" yesterday. Certainly, the two events don't have the same importance. He cited research done by other investigators who compared memories for recent vs. older television shows (which presumably should have the same importance for an individual). Young or old, people remember the more recent television programs better.

So, is it "downhill all the way?" Well, there's little doubt that older people do suffer some loss of episodic memory (memory for specific events), but, Dr. Craik stressed, the outstanding feature about working with groups of older people is the vast individual differences among them. There is much more variation in the learning abilities of a group of older people than in a group of younger ones of comparable intelligence.

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In addition, the York University Faculty Association will be meeting in conciliation with the Administration on Friday, January 18. YUFA's outstanding issues are power of the arbitrator, promotion and tenure, and an acceptable wage increase. If there is no settlement reached, YUFA will ask for a "No-Board Report" to be filed by the Ministry of Labor. In this event, YUFA will be in a legal position to strike sixteen days after the filing of such a report.

We are facing the possibility of two unions being forced to withdraw their services by the end of January.

We deplore the Administration's delaying tactics in forcing such a confrontation and their lack of serious negotiations with the GAA and YUFA. We consider that the contract demands of the GAA and YUFA are just demands and support both unions in their ongoing round of negotiations with the Administration.

We urge all members of the York community to join us in our support of the Graduate Assistants' Association and the York University Faculty Association in reaching a just and reasonable settlement.

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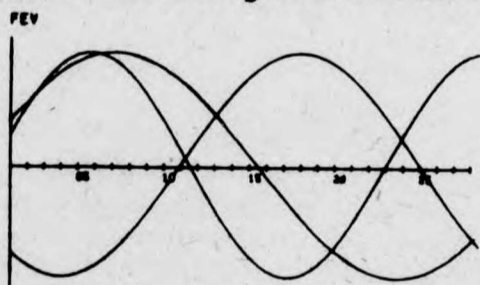
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## Muffins won't burn

Stuart Ross

Two Marthas. Two Muffins. And two Muffins stayed at home.

In December, I asked for an interview with one of Toronto's most exciting and promising bands. They had just been slammed in U of T's wimpy *Varsity*. So, a few days later four-sixths of the band headed up to our office.

Martha and the Muffins first played with their present line-up on May 10, '78, opening for the Diodes at the Colonial. Since then, they have captured a dedicated and enthused following in the Toronto clubs. Recently, they opened for the B-52's at the Music Hall. And their debut album on Virgin's Din Discs will be released in the first week of March. Their 1979 self-produced single "Insect Love/suburban Dream" has done well, considering the small amount of air-play it's received. It has no A-side — both sides say This Side Up. That must really confuse the radio stations.

Martha and the Muffins are optimistic about the local music scene. "There's a lot happening in Toronto and that's healthy," explained Martha Ladyly (keyboards and vocals). "There's a good audience here and a lot of excitement about the new kind

of music that's going on. And a lot of places to play. If (the Edge's) Gary Cormier and Gary Topp weren't around, the whole scene wouldn't be happening."

What they are not pleased with is the quality of radio programming. Aside from CFNY, complained guitarist and writer Mark Gane, Toronto stations just don't take advantage of the fantastic variety of music around. He sees the real key to a band's success as being radio play. "You can reach more people with one playing of one song for three minutes than Maple Leaf Gardens will hold in one night."

Said Ladyly: "CHUM wouldn't play 'Insect Love' because they said it was 'too disorienting.' I don't know what that meant. Maybe they were afraid it was going to upset housewives."

In their tradition of doing things somewhat differently than most bands, M & the M's haven't got a manager. They haven't really reached the stage where they need one, said the other vocalist, keyboardist and Martha, Martha Johnson. Especially during their recording stint in England, they heard some appalling horror stories about all the Malcolm McLarens running rampant. And Carl Finkle (bass) stressed, "We want to keep

control of what happens to us."

They also stress that they want to have a good time. When they play other cities, they want to have a chance to look around, not be stuck to a schedule forcing them to play a new town each night. M & the M's want to have the freshness and energy to give the audience their money's worth. They don't want to burn out.

They're atypical in other ways as well. "We don't like to go out partying a lot, we don't drink a lot, we don't do drugs or stay up all night," said Ladyly. "People think we're sort of odd that way."

Along with sax player Andy Haas and drummer Tim Gane, the band's influences cover a great deal of ground, from Cecil Taylor to Roxy Music. Mark Gane writes most of the songs, though the Marthas have also done some, and the entire band contributes to the arranging. The lyrics are often sharp, witty and surreal. The music holds many surprises as well, usually getting at least some of the audience onto the floor dancing.

M & the M's might very well make it very big. They're dedicated and enthusiastic. But they plan on keeping things in perspective. "We don't want to get into that star mentality. That's



Adrian Boot

the ruin of people," said Martha Ladyly. And Martha Johnson continued: "But that's not to say we don't want to sell records and make money."

See Martha and the Muffins in action at the Edge on February 8 & 9, and watch for their album. Two Marthas. Four Muffins. All for the price of one band.

## Poetry jam grand slam

Frank McGee

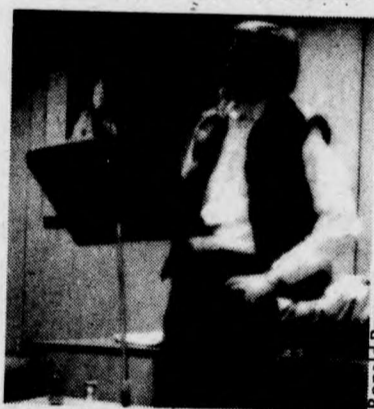
Anyone who didn't attend the opening reading in the York Poetry Series missed an exciting two hours of poetry. About 35 people filled Sylvester's Lounge in Stong College Tuesday afternoon to hear York writers Clark Blaise, Hedi Bouraoui, Frank Davey, Bernice Lever, and Miriam Waddington read from their old and recent works.

Hedi Bouraoui, Master of Stong College, began the reading with six of his poems, two of which were in French. Bouraoui's poems were eloquent and didactic, especially "Song For a Child" and "Peace."

Miriam Waddington, whose new book *The Dissidents* will be published in the Fall, made death the theme of the poems she chose to read. She also injected some comments on CanLit between poems. One problem, according to Waddington, is a lack of intelligent critics. Critics,

she explained, rely too much on "life out of books," not understanding the personal experience in poetry. For this self-proclaimed Tolstoyan, "artist truth."

Bernice Lever, editor of *Waves* magazine, gave an animated reading. Her light, ironic selections dealt predominantly with the theme of womanhood. The duality of the housewife's



Davey in progress

Konald Ramage

role was the message of her concluding poem, "Beauty of a Woman."

After Lever read, the audience was given a taste of Frank Davey's "manuscript in progress." The nostalgic and humorous poems dealt with growing up, adolescence, and "men, women, and what happens when they get together." Along with portraits of his parents in "Wooden Sidewalk" and "Toilet Seat," Davey read about sex education in "The Books" in which a genitalia chart looks like "a vegetation map of Vancouver Island."

The reading ended with Clark Blaise's 14-part short story, "Man and His World," which dealt with contrasts between the pictures in Canada and India.

Peter Robinson, the moderator and co-organizer of the series with Janet Patterson, said the goal of the York Poetry Series is to give students and teachers a chance to read their poems and prose publicly. Anyone wishing to read should leave a note, along with one or two poems, for him in the English Dept.

The informal atmosphere allows audience and readers to exchange ideas, whether about poetry, baseball or whatever. Depending on its success, Peter Robinson hopes that the York Poetry Series becomes an annual event.

Readings are held every second Tuesday at 4 in Sylvester's Lounge in Stong College. Beer is available. Bring along some of your poems for the open reading.

### Aw, shit!

The price of *The Year The Expos Almost Won the Pennant!* by Brodie Snyder, which was reviewed in last week's *Excalibur*, is \$2.50, not \$12.50. So sorry.

## Good breath

Mark Monfette

The 300 or so who attended the Talking Band's production of "Worksong" last Friday night probably left Burton Auditorium with a different impression than when they entered. Generally perceived beforehand as experimental, the band proved to be theatrical traditionalists, if not conservatives.

The five-member New York troupe seems to have ignored the trends of the twentieth century, preferring instead an imaginative realism that relies heavily on sound rather than action. Perhaps because of their stylistic "novelty," their production was very effective and well-received.

The play itself, composed of a number of very brief and

thematically-related scenes, attempted to show the rise of American capitalism and industrialism and the effect on the lives of the element at the bottom of the pyramid: the workers. John D. Rockefeller and Frederick Winelow Taylor vs. the little man. While the premise of March Kaminsky's text is basically true, he tended to simplify the issue. We are left with the bad, bad capitalists and the oh-so-exploited, of-so-good workers. Heart-rending stuff—but not precisely true.

Where the Talking Band succeeded very well was in reminding the audience what a magical and liberating effect words can have on the imagination. Not an easy accomplishment.

## Off York

Vital Arts

West Coast poet, novelist and playwright Tom Walmsley will be "Writer-In-Residence-for-a-Day" on Saturday the 19th at This Ain't The Rosedale Library, an alternative bookstore at 115 Queen E. Walmsley, without a doubt, is one of the most controversial and powerful writers working today. He is the author of *Dr. Tin*, winner of Pulp Press' 2nd International 3-Day Novel-Writing Contest, and also the play *Something Red*, now at the Tarragon Theatre.

On that topic, we'd like to mention that *Something Red* is a fucking good play, and all those reviewers who panned it must've been at the wrong play. They seem to have lost all sense of comprehension and judgment. There are some acting problems, but there's also some great performances, and the script is superb. Besides, Al Waxman walked out halfway thru, so it must be good.

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*Coming Through Slaughter* by Michael Ondaatje chronicles the life of cornet player, ghetto philosopher and lover extraordinaire Buddy Bolden. It takes us from the start of his career as a New Orleans jazz musician in the early jazz era, to his eventual ascent into madness. The music is performed by Jim Galloway and the Metro Stompers. Arden Bess plays Bolden, and the play is directed by Paul Thompson at Theatre Passe Muraille. *Slaughter* is redolent with Real Life and the risks that Thompson takes with nudity and violence, coupled with the emotional risks taken by Bolden, make it a startling production. Bibi Caspari performs ably with an oyster.

Music

Some searing, sexy, avant-garde new-wave disco (whew!) comes our way from ZE Records. James White and the Black's *Off White* is a highly innovative album that screeches to be heard. White does most of the vocals on songs like "Contort Yourself" and a great version of Irving Berlin's "(Tropical) Heat Wave." Stella Rico joins him on "Stained Sheets." Her 'singing' is unforgettable. His band has the perfect balance between anarchy and control. The instrumentals, with White on alto sax, are reminiscent of Carla Bley's work, and should definitely be straight-jacketed. If ZE comes out with more like this, we've got a lot to look forward to.

Oh, yeah. The cover is amazing.

Stuart Ross



# UNIVERSITY NEWSBEAT

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Meeting On Campus Tuesday, January 22

## CUSO RECRUITING FOR AFRICA, ASIA

CUSO (Canadian University Services Overseas) is now looking for teachers, business specialists, and environmentalists for work in Africa, Asia, and the South Pacific. Cam Bowes, CUSO recruiter for Toronto, will host a general information meeting at York on Tuesday, January 22 at 5 p.m. in the faculty lounge in S869 Ross. At the same time, Alan Waters, who taught for CUSO from 1975-77, will be showing his slides of Tanzania. Anyone interested in becoming involved with CUSO either abroad or as an on-campus representative, but is unable to attend this meeting, can contact Mr. Bowes at 978-4022.

CUSO, a private, non-profit organization, was formed in 1961 to coordinate the overseas volunteer programs of various Canadian universities. Since then some 6,000 CUSO volunteers have been recruited to fill manpower gaps in developing countries.

Its basic requirements are that applicants be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants, and have the good health and personality characteristics required by the job. Single people or childless couples are placed most easily, although couples with pre-school children will also be considered.

Upcoming graduates of York's Faculties of Education (particularly those with English as a Second Language training), Environmental Studies, and Administrative Studies, are invited to apply, as are those from the Faculties of Arts and Science who have concentrations in English, Mathematics, Physics or Chemistry. It is not necessary to have a teaching certificate to teach in secondary schools in most of these countries. It is only necessary if the volunteer will be teaching teachers.

Describing the "ideal candidate," Mr. Bowes suggested "he or she would be thoughtful and not prone to jump to conclusions; patient, understanding, and sensitive; very definitely flexible and

adaptable to different situations; interested in people; a good sense of humour is also a great asset."

He said that many employers are favourably impressed with the flexibility proven by CUSO experience. This appears particularly true of teaching, where someone who can understand a multicultural situation and who has lived in a different culture is in great demand. Reactions varied across the spectrum in other areas of the job market, with the response in the engineering field being the poorest.

Readjustment back to living in Canada apparently varies "inversely with the candidates' experience in the foreign country." Mr. Bowes, who had himself worked in Africa as a teacher and field officer for seven years, explained: "If you've enjoyed the assignment, gotten a lot out of it, and identified with the aspirations of the country, then the readjustment can be difficult. Spending years with people who cherished life and enjoyed every day to the full, yet had to work so hard as subsistence farmers just to feed themselves and their families,

can make you really upset hearing complaints about how tough things are from people with three cars in the driveway. Some people just don't know what reality is.

He says that salary, offered by CUSO will be comparable to that of a similarly qualified teacher in the host country. This may be

very low compared to Canadian salaries, but adequate to maintain a modest, comfortable lifestyle.

Among the benefits are:

- a pre-departure orientation programme
- airfare overseas and back
- complete medical and dental coverage

• life insurance arranged by CUSO

• housing varies but a rent-free furnished bungalow or apartment is provided in most cases

• at least one month paid vacation per annum

• interest on Canada Student Loans is paid by CUSO while overseas

## Volunteer Recalls Years In Nigeria



York Graduate Al Dunford with Nigerian children

If you're looking for travel, responsibility, challenge, and adventure, consider CUSO, says York alumnus Al Dunford. Al, now 25 and working as a statistician and video analyst for the Buffalo Sabres, found all of these plus a great deal of "social satisfaction" when he taught for CUSO in Nigeria from 1976 to 1978.

Al was not a trained teacher. He qualified for CUSO because he had a number of university mathematics courses, as well as qualities of adaptability and perseverance.

Teaching Grade 11 mathematics in Nigeria, he discovered there were no established guidelines or structure. "I had to schedule the course myself, do the lesson plans, and for someone without teaching experience, this was a terrific challenge," he says.

The frustrations inherent in the education system demand that teachers be realistic about how much they can expect to accomplish. Al explains, "Because of the automatic promotion system in secondary schools, many kids couldn't read or add." The problems of learning English are compounded because much of the curriculum appears to be copied from an old British manual, which requires these Nigerian students who sometimes of necessity slip into pidgin to communicate, to study Shakespeare in traditional Old English.

"You just have to accept these limiting things, and concentrate on working with imagination and self-expression," grinned Al. "You need to be able to change to the way things are when they aren't as you feel they should be." He commented that the volunteers who tend to have a disappointing experience abroad are those with high expectations for changing the system.

How does Al feel about his own

experience? In the beginning, he had some serious doubts, but then decided perhaps he'd been underestimating the students and worked on building up their confidence. His reward at the end of two years was that a full 15 out of 90 students he taught could qualify to go on to university studies.

However, the real highlights of his time there occurred with students outside the classroom, where they worked side by side on needed community projects. As Al tells it, "a village five miles from the school were I worked had water problems from November through May when the village well would dry up. Women, who do all the work, would have to walk four to five miles to get water. The government had drilled a new well a half mile from the village on the opposite side of a major highway, but because of bureaucratic red tape or corruption, had not opened the well for village use.

One Friday night, Al and his fellow CUSO worker Don McLean and their students trekked down to the village and camped out together. Early the next morning, they started digging the trench that would conduct water directly from the well to the village. Next Al sent the school stone mason to lay the concrete reservoir and install the pipeline purchased by funds collected by the students. "It became such a good deal, the government had to hand over the well," says Al. "It was the most thoroughly satisfying experience I've ever been involved with...just a few months before I finished my contract, the water was running."

He reported that under the hot sun of that day's digging, there were more than a few puzzled Nigerian faces, students who weren't sure who they were doing it for or why, but by the end of the project they understood "the motive of doing something

for the community."

Al's Canadian construction experience proved handy a second time: by his second year, he and Don had built up quite a games program in the school and needed a second football field. When Al brought in and drove dumptrucks and a front-end loader to level rubble left from the excavation of new dormitories, he found his students quite surprised that their teacher could apply abilities other than teaching.

While prepared by a CUSO orientation session in Ottawa for culture shock, Al recalls his mind reeling with the novelties of scenes during the first few days in Nigeria. "You couldn't have been dropped into a more completely different world. To walk through the marketplace was like being in a time machine."

He adjusted easily to life in Africa. "Working at a boarding school, I had a comfortable stone house to myself, with running water, and electricity at night, though this was a little irregular the second year." With his salary, he was able to buy a new Volkswagen and travel on the regular school holidays, which included four weeks at Christmas, three at Easter, and two months during the summer. "Without feeling a financial pinch," he was able to see much of Nigeria and West Africa along the Atlantic coast.

Asked if there was advice he might give to volunteers, Al said, "It's challenging employment. You'll almost certainly be placed in a job situation where you'll be given more responsibility than you would have had at home. And, it's a job with some social benefit: I believed in why I was doing it. It was an effort in the right direction; a cross cultural experience; a chance to understand a complete different culture and to compare it with my own."

## ARTS STUDENTS HONOURED

Harold Kaplan, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, has established a Dean's Honour Roll to "give greater recognition to outstanding academic performance."

Beginning this year the following students will be honoured:

• All those students taking two or more courses in a given session who have attained a sessional grade point average of 7.5 or higher, with no failing grades.

• All those students taking fewer than two courses in a given session who are completing their fifth, tenth, fifteenth, or twentieth course during the current academic session and who have attained a cumulative grade point average of 7.5 or higher, with no failing grades in the current block of five courses.

## Ask Your Friends to "Drop-In" February 4 to 9

York Drop-in-Days, scheduled from Monday, February 4 through Saturday, February 9, will give York people the chance to show relatives, friends, and the neighbouring community what the University is all about.

Called "an open house with a difference," Drop-In-Days allows visitors to attend a wide variety of lectures, laboratories, and seminars in arts, environmental studies, education, science, business, fine arts, and law. At Glendon College, guest students can sit in on classes in either English or French. For those who cannot come during the day, regular evening classes will be available on both campuses through Atkinson College and the Centre for Continuing Education.

In addition to the usual roster of performances, exhibitions, and college activities that visitors can enjoy, a number of events have been specially planned for that open house week. These include an All Comers Track

Meet; the Mature Women's Conference; and Glendon College's Careers Day. Further information concerning social and cultural events, such as the Theatre Department's production of *The Ecstasy of Rita Joe* and Stong College's conference on "Vandalism and the Schools," will be released in the January 31 *Newsbeat*.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

• Both volunteers and paid workers are needed to conduct tours; taxi visitors from parking lots and peripheral buildings; and man the Information York booth in Central Square and the Drop-In-Days Reception Desk on the second floor north foyer of the Ross Building. If you can help during that week, please contact The Communications Department in S802 Ross (667-3441).

• If someone you know might be interested in investigating York, ask them to call the Pre-Registration Desk at 667-2200 for further information.

# Big one yet to come

**Bruce Gates**

Three points. That's the spread York must beat next time they meet the Carleton Ravens. After the Yeomen's 69-67 basketball loss to Carleton last weekend in Ottawa, the return match here February 17 will be the proverbial "must win" game for the men in red and white if they are to finish first in the OUAA East.

And coach Bob Bain knows his team will have to play better than they did at Carleton, where they shot only 28 for 79 from the field.

"We were fortunate to come away with the score as close as it was," he said, after putting the team through practice drills Tuesday.

Pivot-wing Ron Kaknevicius was the best Yeomen shooter against the Ravens, hitting on close to 50 per cent of his shots for 22 points.

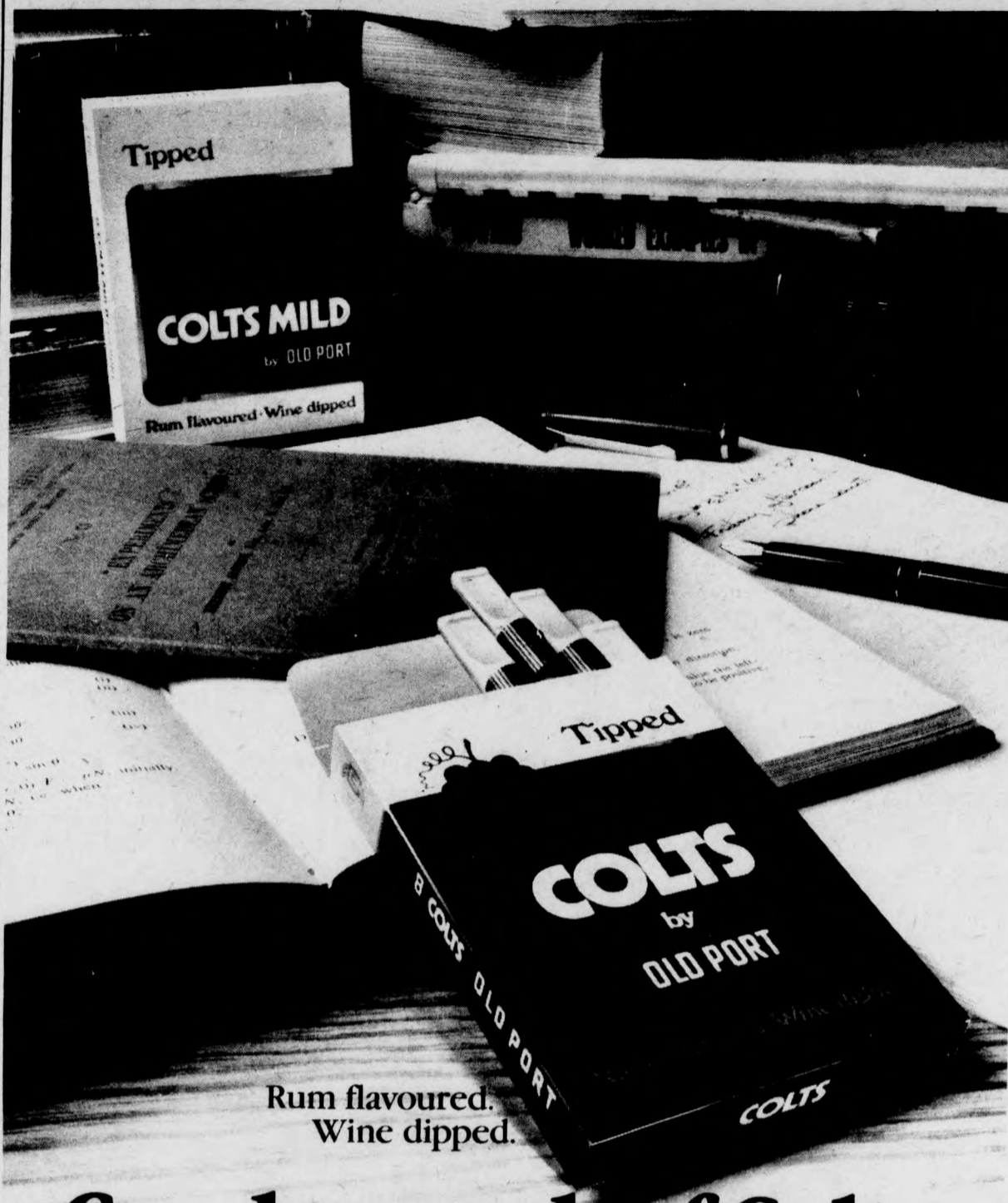
Yeomen shooters had better luck last Friday against Ottawa, whom they clobbered 111-73 in a foul-filled game. Dave Coulthard led the charge with 24 points, followed by 16 each from Kaknevicius and freshman Enzo Spagnuolo. Lester Smith added 15.

York hosts Queen's tomorrow night, and if both the Yeomen and the Ravens win the remainder of their games, February 17 will be the showdown for first.

"Some people in Ottawa were treating our last game against Carleton as a nothing game," Bain said. "So the big one comes down to their game against us."

"If we win that one, I think we'll win our league."

**Bonus points:** All-star forward **Bo Pelech** won't be in uniform against the Gaels tomorrow night. He has an important GMAT exam to write.



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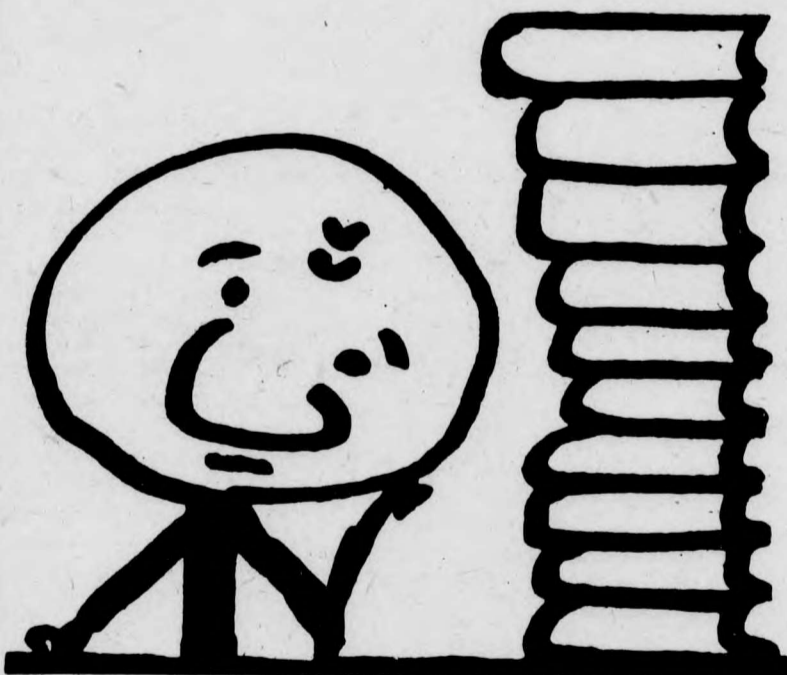
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# Sports and Recreation

## Blues sweep fencing meet but York novices surprise

Gary Cohen

An overpowering U of T fencing squad took top honours this past weekend at the 5th Annual York Fencing Invitational.

The Blue barrage chewed up the competition to sweep all categories, except men's foil, where U of T finished second behind R.M.C. But for the minor setback, the Blues were unstoppable as they rolled to victories in the men's epee, men's sabre and women's foil divisions.

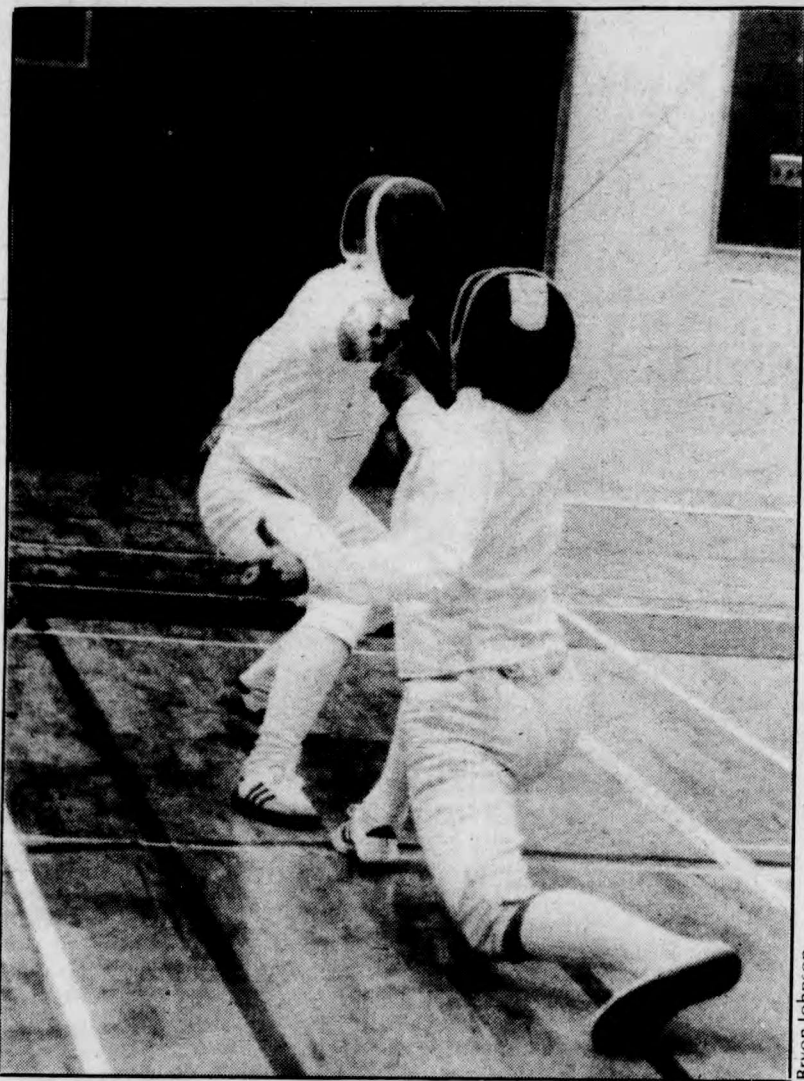
Despite the tough opposition, York's fencers, an inexperienced group fraught with novices, finished an amazing third in the overall team standings behind second-place R.M.C., much to the satisfaction of coach Richard Polatynski, who has had the unenviable task of building his team from scratch.

The evidence shows that progress is being made in constructing the team. The women's foil team, which Polatynski noted consists of "three rookies who are much improved, but lacking in experience," placed a respectable fifth in their division.

In the men's epee division, York copped second place, the team's best showing of the meet. "We had two men with minimal experience in epee and one with none at all," said an enthused Polatynski, "yet we were able to beat R.M.C., one of the top epee teams in Ontario."

If there were any shattered expectations for the York team, they came in the men's sabre and men's foil groups. In sabre, the men finished a dismal ninth, but York hopes in this category had not been that high. The big let-down came in the foil division, where York had to be content with fourth place.

"Our performance in the men's foil was disappointing," said Polatynski. "We should have been in the top three. Carleton



Touche: U of T fencers were overpowering in sweeping to victory at the 5th annual York Fencing Invitational.

outclassed us by coming back after we'd built a big lead.

"The coach deserves part of the blame, though. I should have let my fencers fight their own fight and kept my nose out of it."

Overall, the two-day meet, which highlighted 38 teams representing ten Ontario universities, was very successful. But one blemish did appear to mar the proceedings. Some person or persons, anxious to flaunt their malicious, prepubescent mentality, engaged in the theft of equipment

belonging to the Trent and Carleton teams.

"Although the York Fencing Invitational was a success I think it's unfortunate that a dark cloud of thievery was hung over that success," said a disgruntled Polatynski.

"I've spent five years building up this meet and I think it's shameful that so little respect was shown to visiting athletes who attended it."

This reporter couldn't agree more.

## Yeowomen tame Bisons

Greg Saville

Judging from the nonchalant look of the timekeeper at last Thursday's Yeowomen volleyball new year opener, one wouldn't guess that any audience excitement was generated by the University of Manitoba-York court action. But it was. Then again, that timekeeper has probably stoically watched before as the likes of Canada's second-ranked Yeowomen came from behind to defeat teams like the Bisons.

Yeowomen capped the match three games to one, much to the timekeeper's apparent tepidity, but also much to the spectators', (and York coach Merv Mosher's) delight.

It started with a sluggish Yeowomen squad trying to muster against what coach Mosher called "a team with an excellent defensive game." York eventually lost the game 15-9, thanks to players such as Bisons Janet Ledyard, who later went off with an ankle injury.

The second game saw the veteran Yeowomen, defending national champions, show their worth by pulling ahead in the opening minutes for a quick eight-point lead. Quick, that is, for the fans, but probably not for the players. They had their work

cut out for them against a stubborn Bison defense that would not quit. The Manitoba persistence, however, was to no avail as York managed a 15-9 win.

With the score settled at a game apiece, the third and fourth games showed stamina and expertise on both court sides, but Yeowomen, who Manitoba coach Sue Seaborn would later call "a very good and very well-rounded team," prevailed. York won both rounds, 15-10, 15-7.

Of special note was the spiking ability of Yeowoman Sandra Hart, who delivered slam after slam and seemed to inspire much of the team momentum. That momentum was paramount to York success as every play was set up and executed (fake spikes and all) with great discipline.

An obvious pat on the back to coach Mosher and assistant coach Shaughn Renahan here. The only more impressive aspect of the 80's Yeowomen was team spirit, and lots of it.

That spirit will, hopefully, be enough when they meet the nation's third-rated Ottawa GG's this weekend in Ottawa.

"It'll be a very important game for us," said coach Mosher, noting that last Thursday's game came after a rather lengthy, inactive stint over Christmas. A

slow start on Saturday against the "spectacle" GG's is something Yeowomen can't afford.

Then again, the mixture of spirit and veteran experience has shown to be the proper blend in making this a vintage year for York, so maybe it won't really matter all that much.

**Spikes and Kills...**The day after the University of Manitoba game, Yeowomen volleyballers went to Kitchener for the University of Waterloo Invitational tournament. In play that was not part of their regular season, but must be considered important come CIAU finals time, Yeowomen placed an overall fourth.

York was defeated by Dalhousie University, who they have already beaten this year, and were denied a possible bronze.

Kellogg-Michigan placed first, while Dalhousie and a strong Western University followed respectively.

"It's a totally different thing from regular league play," said coach Mosher after the tournament. "We played more than ten games." Actually, Yeowomen won 15 games and were in first place before losing in the semi-finals.

### IT'S GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME

The York Yeowomen ice hockey team was defeated 3-2 last Thursday in a home game against the McMaster Griffins.

York was ahead by a 2-1 score at the end of the first period, but the Griffins managed to tie the score by the end of the second. Then, very early in the third period, McMaster scored the goal that derailed the Yeowomen. Despite attempts by York coach Norm Dodgson to bridge the gap by pulling the goalie with 51 seconds left in the third, the score remained unchanged.

Even though Yeowomen lost the match, their defence and goaltending has certainly improved. They managed to kill a penalty, the only one of the match, late in the third period, something which would have most likely resulted in an opposition goal in the past.

The next Yeowomen ice hockey game is scheduled for Feb. 2 at 2 p.m., on home ice against Queen's.

## Shortstops

### THINK YOU'RE A HOT SHOT?

York's Athletic Department will be introducing an exciting new concept in Inter-College Athletics when it launches the **Hot Shot Competition**—a basketball contest for hot shots and soft touches.

Play commences on Friday, January 18 and will continue to take place during half-time at men's and women's varsity home games.

The rules for this game of skill are simple (especially for soon-to-be university graduates):

- Entries in the tournament will be limited to twelve teams, including at least one team from each college. Teams will consist of two to six competitors—one man and one woman to three men and three women.

- All Inter-College eligibility rules apply.

- Participants must be at the varsity game so they will know when half-time starts. Two-minute warm-ups will be afforded each competitor at the beginning of the half-time.

- Contestants will shoot from various floor positions for one minute of non-stop time. Points for successful shots will be assessed according to the shooter's position (one point for lay-ups, four points for baseline shots).

- Each college will be asked to supply a judge to monitor the opposing team. Only two teams will participate in each shoot-out.

- Competitors will be representing their colleges and it is mandatory that team members display their college colours and uniforms. No jeans allowed.

The Athletic Department hopes their innovative idea will expand to include other sports such as hockey, soccer and football, but it will depend on interest shown by the colleges.

So, if you've got a good touch around the hoop and want a chance to display your skills, this is the competition for you. And if the glory isn't enough, prizes for the winning team will be supplied by Pony.

For complete details, contact the Inter-College Office at 667-2351.

### ROUTINE WIN FOR GYMNASTS

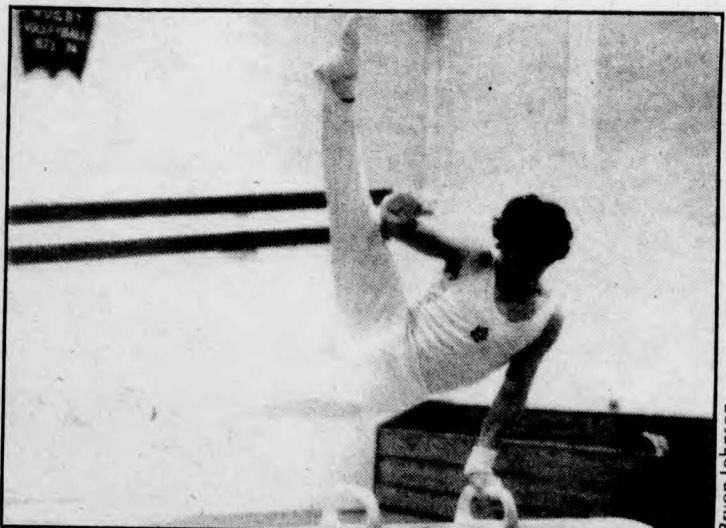
It was business as usual here last Friday as the men's gymnastics team once again topped the 11th annual York University Invitational Gymnastics tournament with an overall team score of 156.4. The team has religiously done so for the past ten years.

A half-dozen university teams attended the meet, including three from York - The York Alumni "Oldtimers," the York "Future," and York coach Tom Zivic's cast, par excellence, of Olympic aspirants, the men's gymnastics team.

Of four gymnasts on the York team with what coach Zivic calls "an excellent chance of making the summer Olympics," two were outstanding during the meet. Marc Epprecht won on high bar (9.10) and pommel (9.50), while Danny Gaudet won on parallel (8.85), rings (9.30) and floor routine (9.50). Gaudet also scored the meet's highest all-round tally, 53.80.

The only event won by another university was on vault, where Yves Dionne of Laval University scored 9.0.

York's gymnasts have firmly entrenched themselves as the nation's number one squad, and although their work wasn't inspired at this meet, it didn't have to be. The three York teams that participated in the competition still dominated, finishing first, second and fifth overall.



Marc Epprecht on pommel at the York Invitational.