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Five thousand protest war

by Laura Martins

Five thousand demonstrators braved the cold and slush last Saturday to protest the impending war in the Persian Gulf.

The march which began in front of the U.S. consulate and ended at Nathan Phillips Square, was one of many demonstrations held around Canada and the world.

The crowd which included students, war veterans and parents with young children chanted anti-war slogans such as "no blood for oil" and "hey, hey, ho, ho, we won't die for Texaco."

Speakers denounced the January 15 deadline and insisted that a peaceful solution to the crisis was still possible.

"There's still a chance for peace," said Michael Magee, an organizer with the Toronto Disarmament Network. "The will is there among the people to find a compromise; it's now up to our leaders to act on that will."

One protestor criticized the Mulroney government's knee-jerk support for U.S. Gulf policy.

"Our committal of forces toward the Iraqi blockade prior to the U.N. authorization, Rambo's rhetoric, and the upcoming thoughtless switch to an offensive military role cost Canada its reputation as



Elizabeth Pryer

PROTESTERS MARCH: Anti war sentiment ran high at last Saturday's demonstration against Canada's involvement in the Persian Gulf crisis. Demonstrators called for the withdrawal of troops and more time for sanctions to work.

peacemaker which took decades to create and one branch plant pro-U.S. government to destroy," said York alumni Robert Pryer.

Organizers called for withdrawal of Canadian troops from the Gulf.

"Our military forces should not be used to implement someone else's aggressive

foreign policy," said Karen Bojli of the Toronto Disarmament Network's youth wing.

Others felt sanctions against Iraq should not be abandoned.

"Sanctions have not been given a chance to work. The longer the delay, the greater the chance that Saddam may pull out of Kuwait or even be deposed," said student Vicki Taylor.

Some related the Gulf Crisis to the recent Soviet crackdown in Lithuania.

"It is remarkably cynical of the Soviet government to choose this time to do their dirty work in Lithuania. If there is war in the Gulf then by the time the crackdown is completed in the republics, the world will have barely noticed," said protestor Joe Irwin.

Police reported no incidents except for one involving Bob Perry who carried a U.S. flag and a pro-U.S. placard. He scuffled twice with protestors. Though he is against war, Perry believes that the international community should stand up to someone like Hussein.

The sentiment of the protest was represented by Nancy Pocock, a Quaker and an anti-war activist who stated, "We don't need to save face, we need to save lives."

Former Premier teaching at York

by Ken Turriff

Former Premier David Peterson gave a press conference at York University's Glendon College last Thursday to announce his tenure as a visiting professor at York.

It was Peterson's first press conference since his election defeat last September when the New Democrats unexpectedly won a majority government and Peterson lost his own seat in his home London riding.

Peterson said he decided to teach at Glendon because it is a bilingual campus. According to Peterson, "[Glendon] is a model of what this country could be." He also said that he was attracted to Glendon by the smaller class size compared to other university campuses.

Peterson said he will be a "floating lecturer." He will be called upon by various professors to give lectures at Glendon and on the main campus in economics, political science, administrative studies, as well as at the Osgoode Law School.

Fielding questions from reporters, Peterson refused to reflect on his election defeat or evaluate the performance of Bob Rae's NDP government to date.

Responding to a question concerning a return to politics, Peterson said, "I have no plans to go back to

political life." He did indicate, however, that he was considering writing his memoirs after concentrating on teaching.

Peterson said little about his involvement with the failed 1987 Meech Lake Constitutional Accord, but cautioned that the death of Meech Lake will go down in history books and the future consequences may never be fully known.

Following his press conference, Peterson proceeded down the hall to give his first official lecture to a second year political science class, where he continued to be mobbed by reporters.

Peterson invited his students to discuss the Canadian political issues that concerned them the most. Seizing the opportunity, the students focused primarily on issues such as federal-provincial relations and the future of Quebec and Canada.

Peterson hopes to convince students to pursue public office during his tenure at Glendon. "This country doesn't need destroyers, it need builders," he said, stressing that politics can be a very honorable and rewarding profession.

Professor Peterson advocates an open door policy and invites students to drop by his Glendon office at any time.



Clive Cohen

Excalibur Copps Ben in Hamilton

Ben Johnson comes up short against a strong field in his first race since the Seoul Olympics. Ben placed

second in a time of 5.77 seconds, far off his record 5.55 pace.

by Josh Rubin

Big Ben is back — sort of.

In his first race since his disqualification at Seoul, Ben Johnson was edged out by a former narcotics officer in a 50-metre matchup in Hamilton last Friday.

The explosive start, once the hallmark of Johnson's steroid-induced former self, was gone.

Ironically, this forced Johnson to tear a page from the book of arch-rival Carl Lewis.

With ground to make up, Johnson proved that he can accelerate (albeit not too smoothly) for an entire 50 metres, and ended up with a time of 5.77, just short of Darren Counsel's 5.75. Whether or not he can keep up the pace over a full 100-metre race remains to be seen, however.

At a post-race press conference, Johnson claimed he was satisfied with the result, but added that there's a

difference between training and racing.

"Right now I'm fit, but not race-fit," said Johnson.

Johnson also refused to lay the blame for his second-place finish on one restart and two false starts.

Nor was there a hint of reticence about the strength of the field he was up against.

"These are the same guys I'm going to have to beat in Barcelona," said Johnson.

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NEWS

Admin silences student at convocation ceremony

September 17, 1970

York's convocation ceremonies were disrupted May 29 when university officials halted a scheduled student speech on U.S. domination of Canada.

Graduate student Mike Blumenthal, speaking to an audience of 3,000 parents and graduates, was listing directorships held by York board of governors members on U.S. corporations when Floyd S. Chalmers, university chancellor, told him his time was up.

Blumenthal had earlier been granted five minutes to speak following repeated requests backed by the Council of the York Student Federation.

When Blumenthal started listing names, Chalmers, university President Murray G. Ross and W.P. Scott, chairman of the board, held an emergency on-stage conference before the entire audience.



Excel Flashback

Following the conference, Chalmers stopped Blumenthal, although some audience witnesses have claimed his time was not up.

In his speech, Blumenthal charged that board members were profiting by U.S. economic domination of Canada.

"In their day-to-day corporate practice, it is their job to help maximize the profits of their businesses. And it makes no difference to them whether they represent the interest of the Canadian people, or British and American corporations."

The CYSF executive in a letter later charged board members with using "rude and repressive tactics in disrupting normally scheduled events."

"It is clear," the letter said, "that these members deem it their right to arrogantly and arbitrarily define the bounds of free speech."

Chalmers in a written reply told CYSF that convocation was not "an appropriate occasion" for Blumenthal's remarks.

"I am sure there are many occasions where Mr. Blumenthal and others can exercise their right to free speech at the university," he said.

Weather Swami's four-day forecast

Wednesday



wet snow changing to rain

High 2 Low -5

Thursday



windy with flurries

High 0 Low -8

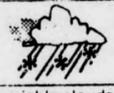
Friday



mostly sunny

High -1 Low -10

Saturday



variable clouds, scattered showers or flurries

High 3 Low -3



COMMISSION ON THE STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE OF THE FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

James Downey, Chair

David V.J. Bell and Joan Wick Pelletier, Commissioners

CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

The Commission on the Governance and Structure of the Faculty of Graduate Studies has been established to review and report on the responsibilities, organization and administration of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The Commission will hold hearings between **February 4 and February 7, 1991**. Details about the hearings will be made available in the near future.

The Commission invites interested members of the York University community to submit written comments in advance of the hearings. Submissions should be brief, and focused on specific issues and concrete recommendations. The Commission has been asked to consider the following questions:

- To what extent should responsibility for delivering programs to graduate students be the unique and exclusive responsibility of the Faculty of Graduate Studies?
- If the responsibility is to rest entirely with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, what administrative, budgetary and appointment arrangements would be appropriate to support that responsibility?
- If the responsibility is to be shared, what are the appropriate administrative, and budgeting arrangements for giving expression to that shared responsibility?
- To what extent and how should the needs of FGS determine or influence the selection of academic positions and appointees to fill those positions? Is there a need for budgetary arrangements to support that influence?
- What obligations and duties are attached to membership in FGS, and to what degree and how does the Dean of FGS exercise control over the performance of these duties?
- Given the degree of accountability now required in managing enrolments, what are the administrative arrangements appropriate to that function?
- What is the appropriate relationship between FGS and those professional programs offering degrees at the Master's level (FAS, FES, Osgoode Hall)?

Written submissions may be sent to:

Robert Everett University Secretariat S945 Ross Building

Please note that the deadline for submissions is
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1991

YFS/FEY

Tidbits

by Salman A. Nensi

The following are brief notes from the January 9 council meeting:

* YFS/FEY President Jean Ghomeshi will be debating York President Harry Arthurs January 23 on the proposed COU (Council of Ontario Universities) Recovery Plan that would increase university tuition fees by \$550.

* ERA (Executive Research Assistant) Tammy Hasselfeldt has resigned from her position to become information officer for the new Student Centre.

"I was happy to work on a lot of things the YFS did this year such as bilingualism, which was a big step forward," Hasselfeldt said, "but this new position was an opportunity I couldn't turn down."

Hasselfeldt will be co-ordinating the information that goes out to students and producing a publication detailing activities at the Student Centre and the campus in general.

"I think it is important that someone who has been around the university hold this position," Hasselfeldt said.

The YFS/FEY will be replacing the ERA as soon as possible.

* The YFS/FEY is considering not doing course evaluations this year for a variety of reasons including a shortage of funds and personnel, specifically the absence of an Academic Commissioner. There was also a lack of cooperation from several critical departments in providing funds or statistics to compile the evaluations.

* George Sanghera, YFS/FEY vp (programmes), reported on the CHRY Annual General Meeting. The accounting firm of Price-Waterhouse was appointed as CHRY's auditor for the coming year.

As CHRY holds only one General Meeting a year, it is not possible for them to make constitutional changes on a daily basis. Several "working changes" to their constitution were voted upon and accepted at this past meeting.

* Stephanie Infurari has been elected as the new CRO (Chief Electoral/Returning Officer) by council.

* YFS/FEY General Elections will be held on March 12 and 13.

* The council will be making over a dozen constitutional changes at their next general meeting.

EDITORIAL

Linking world crises

A key concept during the last couple of months has been linkage — or more accurately the lack of any. Most notably, the U.S. administration has refused over and over again to link the issue of Palestinian sovereignty in Israeli-controlled territories with Iraq's withdrawal from occupied Kuwait.

During this last week, however, another potential link has been added to current political affairs. The Soviet Union is counting on the U.S. not to link Gorbachev's military crackdown in Lithuania to either the question of Israel/Palestine or Iraq/Kuwait. In historical terms, this would be considered a small payback for Gorbachev's dismantling of the Cold War and his support of the U.S.-dominated Gulf policy.

Gorbachev has entrenched his position to weather out the harsh political climate of discontent in the U.S.S.R. He now wields more bureaucratic power than even that possessed by Stalin. He has restocked his closest advisors and hand-picked his vice-president, putting himself at the centre of control.

After five years of playing off the Western media, however, Gorbachev seems to be losing control both of the republics and of his cool image of tolerance. He has reconfigured the Soviet political and economic systems in a desperate attempt to retain stability, but by resorting to violence instead of diplomacy, he is risking the world's disfavor.

In stark, pragmatic terms, what he's looking for at this critical time is a diversion of international attention away from the U.S.S.R. and into the Middle-East while he cleans house.

Some observers are afraid that like Beijing's brutal stand against democracy during the Tiananmen Square bloodbath, the spectre of intolerant ideology and dictatorship might return to the Soviet Union. Rolling in tanks, marching on media and government buildings and closing down independent news services is hostility not pacification.

The timing of the Soviet army's move to quash independence governments in the Baltic republics is absolutely suspect. It depends on a gentleman's informal understanding. George Bush is supposed to look the other way, while scolding Gorbachev with just enough rhetoric to maintain his image as a trustworthy chief of police and guardian of the "new world order."

Obviously, Bush needs Gorbachev to scratch his soon-to-be sunburned back and to remain acquiescent with his campaign against Iraq, one of the Soviets' biggest military clients.

Lithuania seems to have been beaten into submission, but the republic has boldly decided to establish a "government in exile" to keep the dream of independence alive, even as more Soviet troops roll into the other Baltic republics, Latvia and Estonia.

Brian Mulroney has condemned the Soviet use of force and threatened to revoke \$1-billion in promised food aid in protest.

Although the world's attention is focussed on the Persian Gulf, the crackdown would not go unnoticed, he said.

In other words, there would be linkage.

Unfortunately, when George "Dumbo" Bush has begun dropping his bombs over Iraq and body counts rise into the thousands, few people will wonder what ever happened to the Baltic states' struggle for independence.



LETTERS

Excalibur welcomes letters to the editor on all topics. We will publish, space permitting, letters up to 500 words in length. They must be typed, double spaced, and accompanied by the writer's name, signature and telephone number. The opinions expressed belong to the writers and do not necessarily reflect those of Excalibur staff or directors. However, we will refuse letters that are racist, sexist, libellous or those which attempt to incite hatred toward an individual or an identifiable group. All material is subject to editing. All submissions must be addressed to the Editor-in-chief, Room 111, Central Square.

Time to take responsibility for our waste

To the editor,

Have you ever thought about what happens to all those popcans or juice bottles that get consumed and then tossed into the garbage everyday just on York campus alone? What about the paper you are reading right now? I suppose it will just get thrown into the garbage once you have finished reading it.

On average each Canadian household generates approximately one tonne of garbage each year. That is a million tonnes in Metro Toronto alone. By throwing out all your garbage, you are wasting valuable resources and using up landfill space that is becoming increasingly scarce and difficult to replace.

Since we all produce garbage, we are all part of the problem. But we can also be part of the solution. What is York doing about recycling? I don't see blue boxes anywhere around the campus do you? Ultimately the thousands of individual decisions we make every day at work, at school and at home will shape the future of our planet.

School boards have a tremendous opportunity to make a positive difference. Boards make use of a vast array of goods and services and are comprised of large numbers of voters, taxpayers and consumers. By considering the environmental impact of their purchasing and operating practices and by developing policies in accordance with certain ecological principles, boards can work towards improving both local and global environments.

Have you ever walked around the various computer rooms in the Steacie building? The vast quantities of wasted computer printouts that just get thrown away is sickening. If we all had to pay for each sheet of paper we used we would certainly

think twice about making those 10 extra printouts just for the heck of it.

Recycling this large amount of wasted paper and the many other college papers that are published, read and then thrown away every week could help to save a valuable natural resource.

Did you know that recycling just one ton of newspapers saves 17 trees and also a great amount of energy? I don't even want to think about where all those old flyers that get ripped off the bare walls each week get disposed.

What about the cafeterias and the many egg cartons and glass jars and styrofoam containers that are used up each and every day. I personally find it horrifying that all this is being thrown into green garbage bags and just forgotten about once it leaves your hands.

I cannot even begin to imagine the amount of food leftovers that must be tossed out every day. Just think of all the coffee grounds that Tim Horton's must go through in a day. All of these grounds, egg shells, food scraps and vegetable peels could be turned into a soil conditioner for the various gardens and flowerbeds located on the campus. A compost pile could be implemented somewhere out there I'm sure because York certainly has enough vacant land space.

Throwing things in the garbage is just a habit, a bad habit. The time has come to take responsibility for the waste we produce and start forming good habits. Let's make the three R's (reduce, reuse and recycle) a part of our everyday vocabulary at York.

Anita Litner

Smokers can't read

To the editor,

I don't know if anyone else has noticed this — it's hard to tell through all the smoke — but no one obeys the

No Smoking signs in Central Square and surrounding areas.

This childish rebellion against authority is only emphasized by the fact that these people like to light-up directly underneath the signs. Perhaps their habit has impaired their vision in some way and they can't see the signs. Or, maybe they have a thousand dollars for the fine, that they're just dying to give away.

My point is that smoking occurs near major entrances that I, and many others, use and we should not have to avoid these areas so that others can break the law.

What more can we do to make people follow the rules? Empty smoke police?

Tracy Burk

No shortage of smokers

To the editor

Could someone please tell me who enforces by-laws here, on this campus.

No-Smoking signs seem to be located about every ten feet along the hallways, and are very difficult to miss, yet there seems to be no shortage of smoking smokers in these restricted areas, especially around the bear-pits and the central square "cafeteria."

Does smoking cause one to become blind or stupid? I think not.

These inconsiderate smokers are stupid naturally (blindness can be ruled out, because even though it's a struggle for them, you can sometimes see these people reading Hostess chip bags). Even though being an inconsiderate smoker (or stupid) is a disability that should not be taken lightly, it should not be considered a legitimate excuse for breaking by-laws.

As a smoker myself, I cannot understand the lack of consideration that York's smoking community has for the rest of the population.

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LETTERS

Let me put it this way: If a farmer falls into a pile of shit, it may not bother them, but it would probably upset an urbanite. See the comparison? (farmer=smoker: pile of shit=smoke: urbanite=non-smoker).

Sometimes must be done. Why should York's security soon have the right to use handcuffs on students, while they cannot even enforce simple bylaws?

What if students were to begin urinating in the hallways? Would anything be done, or would it just be considered one of those irritating things?

Yours sincerely,
D. Lawren

Stop talking Start doing

To the editor,

All around me I hear people saying, "The university should be recycling, eh?" and "they should be doing stuff about the environment," and also, "Marriott should be doing something about their waste."

I see very few people actually doing more than just talking.

As far as Marriott is concerned, they are very interested in recycling but do not want to start anything because of the university's work that is going on in that area. Marriott is a corporation very concerned with its public image and although they do want to recycle and reduce, they do not want to obstruct the university and its proposed plan.

The university's plan for recycling campus wide will take money, time and people. They have realistically set a tentative date in April or May for their system to be fully installed and operational.

So, people say, "why can't they get off their asses and do something faster?" To this I have to ask, "Why don't you get off your judgmental highchair and do something yourself!" It's not that hard.

I am sorry to say that I cannot talk of the well-established recycling program at Bethune, or the other grassroots projects at any of the other residences as I do not know much about them.

Neither can I elaborate on the things being done by the Faculty of Environmental Studies nor any other groups, but what I can talk about is what I have done at Winters Residence.

First, saying the environment is a top-40 trendy thing to do in the '90s, therefore many people are interested in doing it. With myself, I started a group, The Winter Greens, and although our main (some would say our only) focus is on recycling, I think it is better than doing nothing at all.

We recycle glass, tin, aluminum, newsprint, batteries, and plastics in our residence and college. Every Sunday (also to be added Thursday) myself and one or two other drivers take 16-18 large garbage cans to the Assiniboine depot. About eight of us work on Sunday and the whole operation takes an hour.

We have received support and modest operational funds from our college council, residence council, the Winters College Master, physical plant, and Housing administration.

There are approximately 30 people in the group and although we do focus mainly on recycling, our aim is to perfect our system.

You cannot do everything, so concentrate on one thing — stay small.

So those who are saying, "The university should be doing etc . . ." YOU are part of this university so why not become involved and stop all the idle talk. Of course some talk is needed, but don't get lost in all those words, act now.

Remember what happened to Hamlet?

Michael Valliant-Saunders
President, The Winter Greens

OPINIONS

York signatures for Lithuania

by Mark Stefanini

During the fall term, the York University Thomas More Society collected signatures in support of Lithuania's independence. Two thousand three hundred and eleven signatures were raised at York.

Aware beforehand of the likely outcome in Lithuania, members of the Society felt it was their duty to take a position in the face of public indifference.

The campaign in favor of Lithuania was conducted by a number of organizations around the world. The particular petition that the Thomas More Society participated in has been a tremendous success with over five million signatures collected in 118 days in 20 countries.

According to the 1989 Guinness Book of World Records, the largest petition to date is 3,107,000. The ease with which people signed was a clear indication of the amount of public sympathy there is for Lithuania and indeed all nations in its situation.

Thank you to all who signed in support.

Lithuania was once a free and independent country, united first as a nation under the Grand Duke Mindaugas in 1251. Throughout its history, Lithuania has been dominated many times by other nations. In 1569, Poland annexed Lithuania and afterwards, it fell under Russian domination from 1795 to 1915.

Lithuania was able to win its independence in 1918, but was subsequently recaptured on August 23, 1939. It was the sinister Ribbentrop-Molotov pact that destroyed its freedom this time. Hitler promised Stalin that he would not oppose the invasion of Lithuania by communist troops. Thus, Lithuanians became victims of communism and nazism.

On March 11, 1990, Lithuania declared its independence again, but was ordered by the Kremlin to nullify its declaration for two years. The

great majority of Lithuanians immediately perceived the emptiness and absurdity of this suggestion. Furthermore, some in the West tried to influence Lithuanians with advice that "it was better to give up a little so as not to lose all" in the face of Soviet pressure.

A two or three year interim would provide ample opportunity for the Soviets to place such a number of troops and their own subjects in Lithuania as well as to install many opportunists, fellow travellers and fifth-column elements into key positions that Lithuania would be unable to suggest independence, lest it expose itself to the harshest reprisals.

The Lithuanian government defied the Kremlin and would not recant on their democratic decision. Consequently, the Kremlin despots displayed their categorical disapproval by enforcing an economic blockade, stationing tanks and paratroopers in the capital, expelling journalists and seizing key buildings.

Last Sunday, Soviet troops massacred 14 people and injured about 140. Gorbachev claimed he did not order the murder of Lithuanian civilians, but for a man who has more power than Stalin one wonders.

In a recent appeal, President Landsbergis asked two things from the West. First, that those countries in the West which have never recognized the Soviet domination of Lithuania now recognize the democratically-elected government of Lithuania. Second, that they voice strong diplomatic protests against the bloody repression of the Lithuanian people.

Such injustice will continue unchecked if people in the West continually turn a blind eye. Fear or indifference on our part in the face of Soviet aggression will only lead to further concessions and to despair.

We have a moral obligation to help even if it is merely standing up and being counted among the signatures of a petition.

Campus Chronicles

UNIVERSITY of TORONTO

Several UofT colleges scheduled end-of-term parties on December 6 while most people commemorated the murder of 14 women in Montreal a year ago.

Many students felt that the parties showed a careless and disrespectful attitude toward the tragedy.

Sandy Williamson, a member of UofT's Women's Centre Collective criticized the parties which demonstrated a disregard for the issue of violence against women.

UNIVERSITY of TORONTO

Members of the Coalition for African Studies Preservation rallied to increase funding for the university's African Studies program on December 4.

A race relations committee was set up to provide an external review of the program, which suggested that UofT should not compete with the African Studies Program at York University.

Eliminating the program would mean that current students would not be able to graduate with their degree in African Studies.

The administration argued that there was a lack of student interest which justified the shortage in program funding.

There was also a need for qualified professors and teaching assistants.

UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO

A \$6,000 scholarship will be established at Cape Town University by February 1991.

Some students are angered by this decision to promote rather than divest funds from South African education.

Kenyu Abdella, president of Western's African Students Association, believes that the university is addressing the apartheid problem the wrong way.

The South Africans themselves are asking for divestments Abdella said, because continued investments would be a display of support for the existing regime.

York, Wilfred Laurier and Queen's have partially or completely divested from South African companies and organizations.

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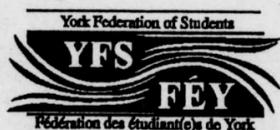
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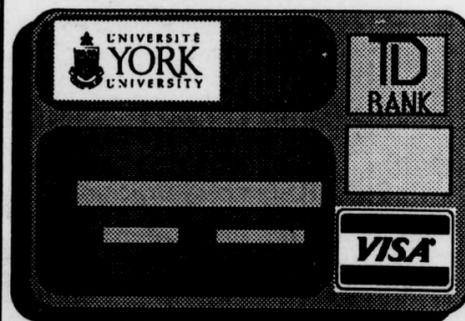


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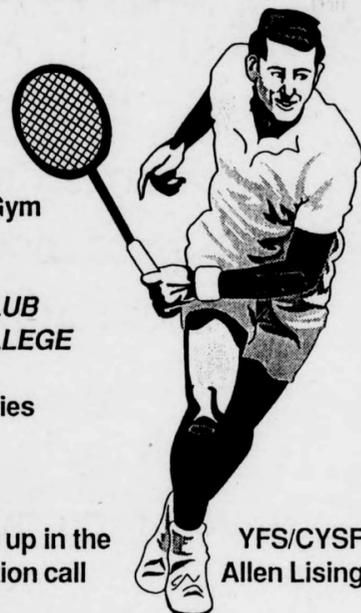
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York alumni Yuk Yuks his way to success

by Kim Yu

Lou Eisen's appearance at Stong College on Jan. 8 belied his stature. Dressed casually in jeans and a sweatshirt, with a "Chia pet" shoulder-length mane of dark brown hair, he could have passed for one of the throng of students, eagerly awaiting the Yuk Yuk's show.

Eisen, a former York student returned to his alma mater to perform his insightful brand of humor. Also on the bill that evening were Ronnie Edwards (emcee), Billy Cowan (opener), and Ron Vaudry (headliner).

Eisen believes his years at York served him well. "I liked it. It showed me a lot of different ideas and different cultures which was good. It's got a great creative arts program," he said.

However his start in stand-up comedy did not exactly originate at the university. It was more of a fluke.

"When I was here 3rd year, I was sitting — in I think it was the Psychology of Politics class — when I realized I don't think I like this. I thought I ought to be doing what I

want to do. Then I went from here to Second City to Yuk's."

Eisen's comedy routine draws on current issues affecting Canadians. His act at Stong College touched upon the situation in the Gulf, the GST ("A bum walks up to a guy — 'Hey, buddy, can you spare a buck, seven?' ") and differences between men and women. His bit about how men and women argue drew knowing laughter from the mixed crowd.

Eisen also tries to raise people's awareness of problems with the environment, racism and censorship.

"Many people have closed minds — it's unfortunate. That's where censorship comes in, when people say 'We don't like what you're saying' It's always encroaching upon us. Unless you fight it, it'll be too late."

He sees his role as that of social commentator. "I think my job is to make people see what's going on and reflect to remind them from time to time. It's important to make them laugh . . . but also to make them think," Eisen said.

Emcee Ronnie Edwards' energetic

style kept the show moving as each performer received an enthusiastic response from the near full house. Billy Cowan scored well with his impression of employees at Yonge

Street's *Sam the Record Man* winning fans with his laid-back delivery. The evening ended with headliner Ron Vaudry, who has been featured across Canada and the U.S. and has

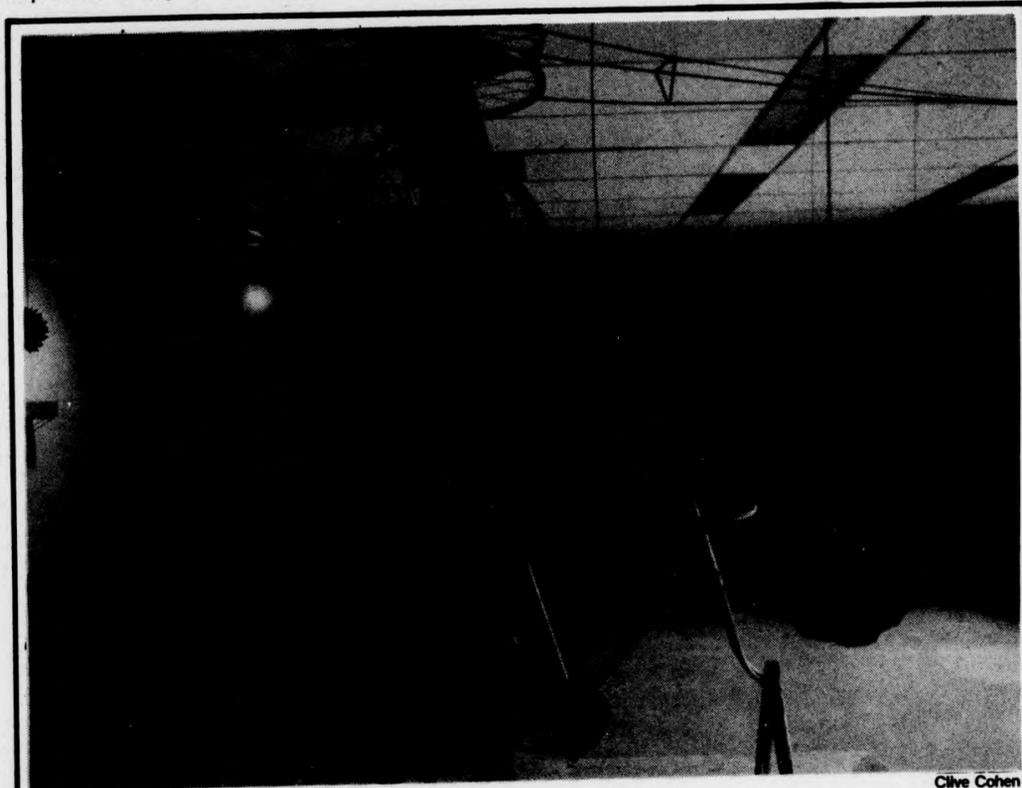
been on *The Late Show*, where his direct, hard-hitting style of humor drew some of the biggest laughs and surprised, if not shocked, some members of the audience.

UPDATE ON OTHER ALUMNAE

It seems York grads have filtered into various aspects of the entertainment industry. Mark Breslin continues to expand his comedy empire with expectations for a new club to open in Markham this year as well as one in the U.S. (Florida) and one in London, England.

Michael Rechtshaffen, under the

stage name of Mike Elliot, advanced from his starting as one of the country's foremost emcees. He recently headlined in Winnipeg. In addition, he can be seen in his other profession as a broadcast journalist on CTV's nationally-aired *Dini Petty Show*, where he has interviewed the likes of Bruce Willis, Tom Hanks and Melanie Griffith.



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Charles who?

by Trevor Campbell

The Best of Times, The Worst of Times
at the Bayview Playhouse

Last month I saw Robert Russell's one man show based on the life and writings of Charles Dickens and it seemed as if the popular author himself had arrived to lure me into his world of well-known characters.

Beginning with the author's birth, the play mixed Dickens' biography with excerpts from several of his stories. *Oliver Twist*, *Monsieur de Marquis*, *Mr. Dombey*, *Mr. Pickwick*, *Mr. Jingle*, and a *Haunted Railway Signalman* all came to life through the British actor's evocative performance. Russell's story-telling skills captivated me like a young child hearing *Oliver Twist* for the first time.

Dickens, whose readings caused audiences to hang on every word like children waiting for candy, would have been pleased with Russell's performance. The actor gave a playful adaptation of a middle-aged Dickens reflecting on his successes like a man content with life.

In fact, my companion and I discussed whether or not Russell's

exaggerated manner of sitting down on the centre stage steps was a result of acting or age.

These somewhat strained and affected gestures made sense however, because they suggested a man set in his ways and accustomed with assuming certain stances before stating his thoughts. Similar to the way that I might remove my glasses to make a point, Russell's Dickens would sit down and lean with an elbow on his knee when he was about to reveal an important detail.

Russell's performance peaked once he had warmed up with the first act. His timing and quick tongue in the soliloquy of the "Pickwick Papers" had me laughing to the point of being breathless. In fact I wished he had spoken more slowly as I missed half of the jokes.

The show ended with dimmed lights and Russell's bearded, expressive face emerging from the blackened stage like an apparition. As he told the story of a man slowly losing his mind in the "Haunted Railway Signalman," I realized how much I liked story-tellers.

His voice rode each word like a boat sailing an ocean before a storm and caused my jaw to hang open in increasing suspense. It was the kind of suspense which made *The Best of Times, The Worst of Times* a story that I did not want to end.



A Tale of Great Stories or An Evening With Charles Dickens: Robert Russell, as the inimitable author, gives an evocative performance that leaves us asking for more.

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Twilight Rituals at the El Mocambo

There we were, much more aware of what was about to happen than the multitudes who had come to see the Bourbon Tabernacle Choir.

A piercing operatic squall spiraling upwards, drowned in gunshots of dissonance in a homicidal frenzy, abandoning him supine on the floor. An intense fusion jam resurrecting him to a night of roaring and acrobatics, almost short of screwing his mystic axeman.

It didn't happen. Perhaps *Twilight Rituals* didn't want to seem like ego-heads to a crowd that wasn't theirs. Maybe a few months off the stage has left them out of shape.

More likely, it just didn't happen for them in front of a tough, bourgeois "play what we wanna hear or we won't dance" kinda audience.

Regardless, *Twilight* was happening. From Jeremiad Rap to prophetic rock to screaming guitar offerings, the band was tight. A strong vocal performance highlighted of the show. Bassman Ishtar Mohammed grooved right along, but lead guitarist Thomas "Astrophil" Payne played well below his potential. (The drummer went unnoticed.)

There we were, exhausted from critical observation of untraditionally arranged rock fusion, ready for the mindless and drunken appreciation of a groovy three-chord 70s throwback.

Twilight Rituals are a York-based band. Watch for upcoming club dates in *Excalibur's* Arts Calendar.

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SPORTS



Ben Johnson reflects during a quieter moment before the big race last Friday. Surprisingly, though visibly smaller, Ben claimed he weighs the same as he did in

Seoul. One well placed source, however says Ben now weighs 30 to 40 pounds less than he did before his two year suspension for admitted steroid use.

Big Ben's still a big hit with international press at Copps

by Josh Rubin

There's no disputing Ben Johnson's popularity.

Inside a jam-packed Copps Coliseum, 17,000 fans that cheered wildly at Johnson's every move proved that.

Even sportswriters, a jaded bunch of people if there ever was one, got in on the excitement.

As word filtered around the basement-level press area that Johnson was warming up across the hal-

lway, a good portion of the more than 400 print and broadcast representatives scurried to get any tidbit which he might utter.

Johnson wasn't the only one getting mobbed, though.

Charlie Francis, on hand to see his former protegé run, was surrounded by a horde of reporters as he struggled to autograph a youngster's t-shirt.

Most writers agreed that sym-

pathy for Johnson isn't only found in Canada.

"People in Sweden think he's done his time and should be treated like anyone else," said the correspondent for Stockholm's Aftonbladet.

Also on hand to take in the race were TV and radio crews from Japan, Spain and Germany.

One particularly strong contingent came from Great Britain, which alone had 20 journalists in Hamilton.

Two-win weekend for York U runner Gareau

by Josh Rubin

France Gareau understands the attention Ben Johnson gets.

Now she just wishes a bit of it would come her way.

The 23-year-old York track star beat a strong university women's field to take the 50-metre, the same night as Johnson's much-vaunted Copps comeback.

The win came as a surprise to some, as Gareau has been concentrating on the 300-metre as of late.

Her training in the longer distance paid off the next day as she took the 300 crown at a meet in the Metro Track Centre at York.

Gareau also took part in one of the most exciting moments of the day.

As the anchor for York's substitute-laden 4x200m team, Gareau narrowly missed closing a 40-metre gap during the final lap.

Although she is working hard during the indoor season, Gareau admits she is looking ahead to the summer.

Known mainly as a sprinter early in her career, Gareau is gradually building up her endurance.

"I'm going to be running the 400 outdoors," Gareau said.

Her ultimate goal, though, comes as no surprise: Gareau will be gunning for next summer's Olympics in Barcelona.

Another potential York olympian is Nicole Masil, who took second spot in the 800-metre at Copps and grabbed the gold medal in them at York.



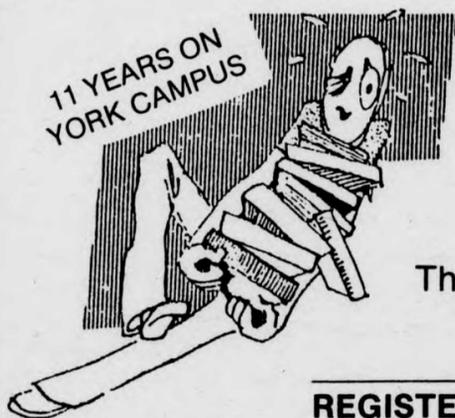
Clive Cohen

York University's France Gareau crosses the finish line in her victorious 50 metre race in the university section at Copps Coliseum's Hamilton Spectator indoor games last Friday. Gareau hit the tape ahead of four others, including Windsor's stellar Irma Grant.

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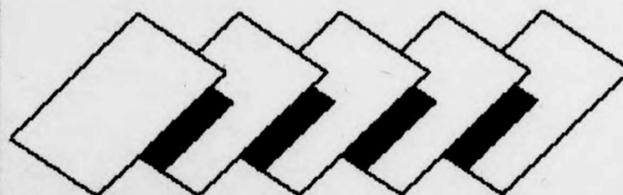
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