



Business centre to be set up at York

By JAMES HOGGETT

York University has been selected as the site for the headquarters of the Ontario Centre of International Business, beating out 12 other Ontario universities.

In a joint venture, York, University of Toronto and Wilfrid Laurier University will share a \$6-million provincial grant to establish the Centre. The U of T branch will serve as the Centre's research office while Wilfred Laurier's will concentrate on import and exports.

"The outcome is quite gratifying," said Sandford Borins, associate Dean of Administrative Studies, who along with Bernard Wolff— Director of International Business and the Centre's interim Director James Gillies, headed York's bid for the Centre. The decision was especially satisfying as "it took the better part of two years of planning," added Borins.

The goal in establishing the Centre is to provide Ontario with a centre of excellence for research, education, consultation and policy advice in international trade, business and marketing. The centre will offer an international Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree stressing multilingualism and knowledge of other cultural and legal systems; an MBA programme focusing on Canada-United States business relationship; a PhD programme in international business; training and courses on international trade for executives and managers of Ontario businesses.

The advisory review panel based their decision on a number of criteria. The selected institutions must possess strength in international law, foreign languages and the ability to amount a world class training and research centre.

Borins, Wolff and Gillies now face the task of the launching phase which involves finding office space, letter-heads, telephones, etc. More importantly, they must appoint a board of directors and an Executive Director. They hope to have the launching phase completed by the fall.

"We have to be one of the best centres of this kind in the world," said Gillies. "We will do it on a worldclass scale because the reality is that multi-nationals send their managers to the best international business programmes, wherever they happen to be."

The shared \$6-million provincial government grant will be spread over a five-year period with a review to take place after two and a half years. At the end of the five year period, the Centre is expected to be self-sufficient.

SPRINGTIME STUDY-TIME: A Winter/Summer student takes advantage of the warm weather to catch up on her studies.

Mystic teaching proposal rejected

By ADAM KARDASH

The Psychology Undergraduate Committee has rejected the proposal to regularize Professor Chris Holmes' "mystical" teachings into the psychology curriculum. The decision will likely result in the candecided that Holmes' teachings did not meet a recognized need in the Psychology Department's undergraduate programme.

Holmes responded to the decision by stating that the Psychology Department has failed to live up to the settlement agreement established between himself, York University, and YUFA in the summer of 1986. Holmes' major complaint is with respect to the ad hoc committee's assessment of his courses. "The department members have made a mockery of the agreement," Holmes stated. "It is absolutely ridiculous and preposterous that this committee took four to five months to review my teaching and made no effort to attend my classes nor to discuss these courses with students enrolled in them ... A scholarly review of my teaching did not take place." Most members of the Undergraduate Committee could not be reached for comment and those who were contacted refused to make a statement. David Rennie refused to comment as well but did stress that "normal criteria were used to deal with a situation of this kind." However, Rennie refused to specify what these 'normal' criteria were. Holmes has since approached YUFA to file a grievance on his behalf against the university. Brenda Hart, chairperson of YUFA's Contract and Grievance Committee, had no comment on the issue but did state that Holmes' case is currently under review.

Scrip system is here to stay

By MICHAEL RABINOVICI

In the wake of student complaints, the scrip system will be retained for next year as one of the prominent features of the new caterer's contract with the University for Complexes One and Two.

The Marriott Corporation, which started serving on campus this week, presented a proposal to the University Food and Beverage Committee (UFBSC) which included a threetiered scrip system. The programme also contained an "all you can eat" board plan that will be in place by this September. In late March, Beaver Foods, the past caterers, announced that it had to reject the UFBSC offer for a fiveyear contract due to financial reasons. Part of Beaver's contract included a commitment from the University to implement a credit card system in Complexes One and Two next year. Many students were upset over the introduction of this system because it would restrict their meal plan to Complexes One and Two.

The "all you can eat" board plan allows students to pay a certain price for breakfast, lunch, dinner or brunch, and receive unlimited seconds on all the specified food items.

Another part of the Marriott proposal is to expand the tuck shop services which Beaver introduced. Last year, Beaver began selling corner store items in their serveries like butter, milk, and bread. dents expressed dissatisfaction with the caterer.

Catricala said that now the contract will be a lot more attractive to caterers since scrip made up a majority of Marky's sales. The UFBSC hopes to have a replacement by the start of the upcoming academic year.

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cellation of Holmes' courses.

The Undergraduate Committee consists of psychology professors Dr. McCann, Dr. Reid, Dr. Ziegler, Dr. Toukmanian, in addition to student representatives Marion Stehouwer and Martin Ottylk. The committee was the first of several bureaucratic layers that Holmes had to address in order that his special topic courses entitled "Mystical Psychology and Psychic Sciences" and "Mystical Views of Consciousness and Creation" be formalized.

According to a letter issued by Dr. David Rennie, Director of the Psychology Undergraduate Programme and Chairperson of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, the committee's decision was reached "utilizing established procedures and criteria" in addition to the advice given by the *ad hoc* committee. Last month the *ad hoc* committee, which consisted of three psychology professors, unanimously recommended against the regularization of Holmes' courses into the psychology curriculum.

Rennie's letter indicated that it was the "prevailing opinion of the committee" that both of Holmes' courses were not courses in psychology. In addition, the committee Marriott, however, has agreed to continue scrip, and a revised system will be introduced next year. According to Angelina Catricala, Manager of Food Services, instead of the old system of issuing \$1250 to every resident student, they will be able to pick between three different meal plans.

The first plan is basically a continuation of the old programme, and would cost \$1300. With the second plan, however, students will be able to buy \$1450 worth of scrip at a two percent discount, and the third option will allow them to purchase \$1650 worth of scrip at a five percent savings. According to Jen Fougere, the onsite manager for Marriott, the caterer hopes to expand the tuck shop services next year by offering products like personal care items. Fougere said that Marriott plans to conduct a survey to determine the kind of products students would like to see in the tuck shops.

Other services which Marriott will be expanding are the late-night pizzeria with delivery and mobile carts of drinks and snacks to be set up in Central Square during the day.

Marriott's proposal also includes a commitment to spend at least \$500,000 on renovating the cafeterias in Complexes One and Two. According to Catricala, renovations will start next summer if Marriott signs on for a five-year contract next year.

Currently, Marriott is under a one year trial contract, and its success in obtaining the five-year contract will depend on its performance over the year and its detailed plans for renovations.

The decision to keep the scrip system will also affect the UFBSC's upcoming consideration of tenders to replace Marky's. The University's contract with Marky's ended in April and was not renewed after stu-

ROUNDUP '88: Toronto's young art scene practitioneers, tired of waiting a year or two for shows at established galleries, get their chance to shine this week. 78 artists throughout T.O. have opened up their studios to give interested observers a taste of their boundary-pushing art. Page 9

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS: Coping with the public's perception of the disabled is often the toughest battle handicapped athletes face in achieving legitimacy for their sports. York recently played host to a number of these determined competitors at the Central Qualifier Tournament and Excal's "Howie Marr" spoke to them. Page II



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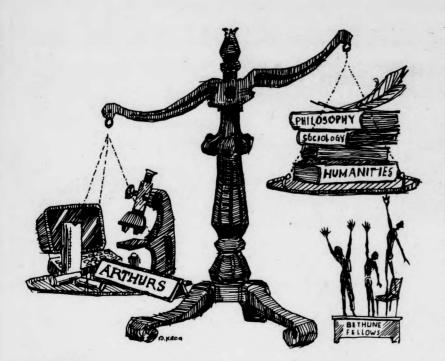
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Bethune Fellows target proposed science link

By MIKE ADLER

A mixed group of Bethune Fellows and students voted on April 20 to support existing ties with Arts, rejecting President's Arthurs college reform proposal to link Bethune primarily with Science.

The President's proposals attempt to streamline York's college system and involve more non-resident students by designating five colleges as Arts-based, one as Science-based and one based on Fine Arts. But a report commissioned by the Bethune Fellows' "Committee of the Whole" says that affiliating only one college with Science will eventually remove its Arts orientation and "isolate" itself within the university. However, the report indicated that minor links with Science are desirable.

Fellows present at the public forum generally argued that it must

be secured that their college have an Arts identity before college reform discussions continue.

Bethune Senior Tutor Ed Hooven said Provost Tom Meininger had told the Fellows if they did not want a Science affiliation "they didn't have to have it." Meininger maintains that Bethune's affiliation with Science is not a forgone conclusion and says the committee's vote will form "part of the input" in the discussions on reform.

Bethune Master David Lumsden. however, told the forum before the vote that their chances of remaining an Arts college "ended five seconds" after the President's reforms were handed down. He urged for the Fellows not to reject the Science affiliation and added that the Fellows have "limited bargaining room."

Lumsden calls the controversy raised by the President's proposal "a sign of health" and says the college has taken negotiations "as far as we can" without positions from the President and Faculty on key issues.

Lumsden also stated that the relationship between Bethune and Science must be an equal partnership and that "the President has promised that some money would be available to program" a course curriculum to replace Bethune college courses. Lumsden added that he is working to ensure that the college's traditional programs can be maintained.

Percy Anderson, a Bethune Fellow, stated that primary affiliation with Science would aim at ending the "standoff between the world of art and the world of science" and update the college's Third World focus. He added that both the sciences and social sciences are victims of their own conservatism and Bethune has the opportunity to study the important relationship between science and society first.

Patrick Legris, a former student council chair who resigned his fellowship recently, feels college reform will make no difference to most students, as colleges were not designed to hold them. Legris stated that the university gambled and lost when it put too many students on campus during the 1970s, hoping the government would be forced to raise grants. York became an "overcrowded fish tank" as a result.

Presently, there are about 50 students at Bethune for every resident fellow and Bethune has the second lowest student population. David Lumsden states that college membership in the new system, which will be voluntary for non-residents above the first year level, is fairer and will serve "a lot more students" than at present because of the benefits gained through the affiliation of colleges with faculties.

Lumsden is meeting with President Arthurs and the Deans later on this month to discuss the college reforms

Student presidents find fault with Arthurs' plans

By NANCY PHILLIPS

The President of the Council of York Students Federation (CYSF) Tammy Hasselfeldt, has found fault with a number of York President Harry Arthurs' recommendations for changes to the structure of student government. Early this month. Hasselfeldt, accompanied by last year's president Drew McCreadie, presented a paper to Arthurs outlining their grievances.

Their first concern is over the provision in the York University Act which gives the University President the final power to decide on the structure of student government. Hasselfeldt and McCreadie believe "the structure and mandate of student government must be dictated by students." They also feel that students are often at odds with the Administration, and their interests frequently differ. In addition, Hasselfeldt and McCreadie want student government to be "student controlled and independent of the Administration."

Hasselfeldt and McCreadie also disagree with the present grant system, where the Board of Governors (BOG) collects student activity fees at registration, and then allocates the funds to student governments, clubs and other groups. They argue that "student governments must have direct control over their financial resources." Both Hasselfeldt and McCreadie believe the grant system allows student governments to be controlled by the Administration, and not by students, causing students to see the governments as "unimportant and pointless." They pointed out that last March 30 York students voted in support of a direct levy, whereby student governments would collect fees directly from students at registration.

In addition, Arthurs has proposed

that all first year undergraduates be required to belong to a college, but that membership be voluntary for all non-resident upper level students. However, Hasselfeldt and McCreadie believe "all undergraduate students should belong to one of the undergraduate colleges." Citing the fact that at least 80% of all undergraduates are registered in the Faculty of Arts, they fear these students will never organize themselves into a faculty student government. Furthermore, if students do not affiliate with a college, they will only be represented by the CYSF, and ultimately, their cultural, social and academic interests will not be effectively served.

Arthurs would also like to see the creation of College and Faculty Student Activity Funds. Money for the College Funds would be collected from students who elect not to belong to a college, and money for the Faculty Funds would be collected directly from all students. According to 'hurs, the Funds would receive a minimum of 10% of the student government grants presently remitted out of the student activity fee charged on registration." College Funds would be used by Masters "to promote student activities following consultation with the college council." Faculty Fund would "enable faculties, through their Deans and existing or potential student organizations, to promote extra-curricular student activities."

Hasselfeldt and McCreadie argue that "in both scenarios the Masters and the Deans will have control over student government money. This is simply not acceptable." They see "no evidence that either Deans or Masters will provide programmes

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Rejection of Holmes was completely unfair

Following their decision not to regularize his courses, members of the Psychology Undergraduate Studies Committee should not be surprised if Professor Chris Holmes responds with a considerable amount of protest. Holmes has plenty reason to be upset. Not only will the Undergraduate Committee's decision result in the cancellation of Holmes' courses this fall, but the Psychology Department's decision-making process was blatantly unfair.

First, according to clause 3(a) of the agreement between himself, YUFA (York University Faculty Association) and the University in 1986, a "special Departmental Committee was to be struck for the purpose of reviewing Professor Holmes' teachings." This *ad hoc* committee, formed in the fall of 1987, was composed of three Psychology Professors and was asked to issue a recommendation on whether Professor Holmes' two courses, "Mystical Psychology and Psychic Sciences" and "Mystical Views of Consciousness and Creation," should become a permanent part of the Psychology curriculum.

In addition to keeping Holmes in the dark during their deliberations, the *ad hoc* committee members made little effort to attend Holmes' classes. According to Holmes, only one committee member attended even a portion of one class during the five month review. Regardless of the committee members' cumulative experience in the field of psychology, it is impossible that a comprehensive review of Holmes' teachings took place.

The committee's inadequacies are exemplified by an ambiguous sixsentence memorandum issued to Holmes, from Dr. David Rennie, Director of the Undergraduate Psychology Programme and Chairperson of the Psychology Undergraduate Studies Committee. The memorandum simply stated the "gist" of the committee's decision, but it failed to include any description on how they came to their conclusions. Unfortunately for Holmes, the *ad hoc* committee's recommendation carried considerable weight in the Psychology Undergraduate Committee's rejection of Holmes' proposal.

In addition to the ad hoc committee's advice, the undergraduate committee's decision was, according to David Rennie, made with reference to the Psychology Department's established procedures and criteria. However, when asked what specifically these criteria were, members of the committee refused comment and Rennie responded by stating "I said they were established Departmental criteria for dealing with a situation of this kind. Why can't you just take my word?"

It would be interesting to find out what the big secret is. All committee members that were contacted indicated that a great deal of time and care went into their decision. If "established procedures and criteria" were employed, why didn't the Psychology Department issue a clear statement to Holmes' outlining the various criteria that Holmes' courses did not satisfy? Doing so would surely quell any protest from Holmes and his students.

Instead, Rennie opted for yet another anemic memorandum outlining two general criteria that the Psychology Department refers to during course formalization hearings: Is the course in question a course in Psychology and does it meet a recognized need in the Department's Undergraduate Programme.

The committee's decision that Holmes' teachings are not truly significant, however, is the committee's failure to provide a detailed response outlining the reasons for its decision. All Rennie's letter informed Holmes was that "the etymology of the word psychology is irrelevant to the issue" and that the "perspective in which consciousness is addressed (in Holmes's teachings) was considered to be irrelevant to . . . modern psychology." Rennie's memorandum also indicated that Holmes' courses "did not fill a recognized need in the Departmental Undergraduate curriculum" and that the courses were "neither in keeping with the corpus of knowledge addressed by existing courses . . . nor in keeping with academic plans for it."

Rennie's statements are in dire need of explanation and elaboration. To determine if a course is appropriate for the Psychology curriculum the etymology of the word 'psychology,' or at least York's definition, is indeed relevant, furthermore, Holmes didn't need a committee to tell him that his courses did not "Fill a recognized need" in the Psychology Department. The basis for Holmes grievances is that the Psychology Department has never recognized his teachings. This decision merely justifies Holmes' belief that the Psychology Department has been intolerant of his teachings and that it has denied him academic freedom.

And so the saga of Chris Holmes will continue until members of individual committees overcome their biases against his teachings and judge them in an objective and comprehensive fashion. Holmes at least deserves this courtesy.



Nixon budget undermines government's claim to support post-secondary education

By JEFF SHINDER

The effects of a decade of inadequate government support for postsecondary education can be seen all over campus. Certainly, students being relegated to sitting on the stairwells of overcrowded classrooms, or spending precious moments searching in vain for a parking spot, downgrades the quality of life on campus. More damaging, though, is the impact of underfunding on the standard of education. Declining student-faculty ratios, and the lack of direct personal teaching contact that emanates from it, is an example.

The Liberal government assumed office in 1985 to, among other things, redress the chronic state of post-secondary education underfunding in the province. Until recently, the government's performance was quite encouraging. For example, from 1985-86 to 1987-88 total operating grants to universities increased by 16% from 1.242 billion to 1.441 billion. The tangible impact this increase has had on the universities, however, has been mitigated by a number of circumstances. Included among these are inflation, the costs of career progress for university staff

and enrolment growth. In fact, these

factors consumed 12% of the 16%

increase in total operating grants.

Unfortunately, the 4% grant increase for programme enrichment

was paltry in comparison to the 175

million (according to Council of

Ontario University [COU] estimates

made in 1985) needed to properly

upgrade the provinces' universities.

budget, rather than recognizing the

deficiencies in the governments past

funding record, seemed to approach

the issue with an air of complacency.

In the viewpoint of Council of Onta-

rio University President Harry

Arthurs, the budget reflects the

government de-priorization of post-

secondary education on its funding

agenda. "With a 7.5% increase in

university operating grants com-

pared with an 8.6% increase in total

government spending-(it is ob-

vious) universities have dropped

once again in the priority list,"

Arthurs stated. "Despite the state-

ment in the 1985 budget about

investing in those areas that will keep

Ontario competitive and sustain the

quality of life, the fiscal facts do not

meet the rhetoric," Arthurs added.

Treasurer Robert Nixon's recent

He called the level of support indicated by the budget "disheartening."

The statistics seem to validate Arthurs' contention. According to the budget analysis produced by the **Ontario Federation of Students** (OFS), the budget's 7.5% increase in total operating grants to univerities (totalling 1.556 billion) is totally inadequate. They estimate that the system required something in the neighbourhood of a 13% increase to maintain the present level of funding and provide access for the 1988-89 applicants. Interestingly, according to the OFS, the "needed" 13% increase is a conservative approximation as it does not include the

"Any government with an eye on the opinion polls would be reluctant to significantly divert resources away from social

projected government commitment of \$88 million does not properly consider the greater funds needed to provide higher level education. In fact, they estimate that the expenses of educating a student increases 50-100% when they enter third year level courses. Thus, in their view, the government estimate that the province will require \$40 million to cover the turnover of students already in the system, falls well short of the mark. The OFS projects that the universities will need \$53 million to accommodate the turnover of enrolled students. In their view, this leaves inadequate funds for the 11% increase in enrolment expected this fall.

The OFS feels that the accessibility of Ontario's university system will be reduced indirectly by the operating grant allocation formula. At present, the formula pegs an institution's operating grants at a fixed level as long as their Basic Income Unit counts remain within 3% above or below their "base" BIU count. (BIUs are a measure of enrolment which takes account of the cost differences for different types and levels of programmes.) As a result, universities that have surpassed their BIU levels can reduce enrolment without a corresponding reduction in their operating grant. According to the OFS, Laurentian, Brock, Trent, Carleton, and York all have overcome their BIU levels. Apparently, York is in a position where it can reduce enrolment by as much as 11% without any drop in their operating grants. Regardless, last year York admitted approximately 6,900 full and part time students. The university, though, had decided to cap the levels of incoming students. According to York Vice-President of Management Information and Planning Sheldon Levy, even before the budget, York was planning to maintain enrolment at the 1987-88 levels. "(It was our intention) to hold our entry class constant, given the recent announcement we have been forced to re-evaluate our plans," Levy said. He also indicated that any viable solution to the overcrowding problem would involve the utilization of off-campus space. At present, the administration is determining if York can accommodate greater enrolment under the circumstances

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financial impact of the recently introduced pay equity legislation in addition to the impact of copyright legislation on library costs. The inflation estimates in the government projections do not include the inflation of non-salary items which amount to 20% of the university operating expenditures in Ontario. The OFS also stresses that the 13% does not contain allotments designed to alleviate the effects of past underfunding.

The expected increase in first year enrolment makes the inadequacies of the budget's funding commitments even more glaring. The budget did increase the pledge to accessibility funding from \$27 million to \$38 million. The new money, unfortunately, will only cover the expenses that resulted from the increase in university enrolment in this past academic year. In response to this dilemma, the government has announced accessibility funding levels as high as \$88 million for 1989-90. However, according to the OFS, the

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established by the budget. As Levy noted, "We have a responsibility to try and be as accessible as possible but the resources are limited."

Complicating the administration's efforts at revising their enrolment projections is the nature of the government disbursements. The budget's commitments have been placed in a fixed pool of money to be distributed to each university according to the number of additional students admitted to the institution. As a result, the individual schools cannot do accurate prior projections concerning their own funding level. In the viewpoint of COU President Harry Arthurs, "None of the universities will know how much money per student they will get until after the students have been admitted. Further, there is no guarantee that the funds will continue to flow until the students are graduated." The arrangement makes the disbursements to each university dependent on the proportion of additional students admitted that year by the institution in question. It seems the arrangement was designed, in part, to motivate each school to admit the greatest number of students. Yet with a reduced budgetary pie, a fixed allotment may have the opposite effect, as universities explore routes to restrain their expenses.

Helena Moncrief, press secretary for the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, pointed out the positive aspects of the government's approach to the funding of postsecondary education. She noted that, with 22 capital projects already underway on various campuses around the province, the government has sought solutions to the overcrowding situation. Further, she has noted that since the Peterson government took office, the funding for capital projects has doubled. Moncrief also praised the government's explicit commitment of long term funds (\$440 million for capital funding over the next four years) as it has never been done before. According to Moncrief, Laurentian, one of the schools cited by OFS for being above the BIU count, will be admitting an additional 1,000 students in the near future. In her opinion, the university system is not being left "high and dry."

However, OFS statistics refute Moncrief's contention about the quality of government support with respect to capital funding. According to the OFS, the total capital requirement of the university system will amount to \$862 million over the next five years. The OFS statistics include estimates concerning major repair and renovations, deferred maintenance and new construction. As noted, the government has allocated \$440 million for both the colleges and universities over the next four years. After the OFS subtracted the expenditures on temporary classroom space and the residence building program, the level of capital funding was reduced to \$252 million, or 29% of the total OFS estimate for capital requirements. With both capital and accessibility funding at inadequate levels, the provinces' universities will continue to be financially strangled. Partisan politics, unfortunately, have and probably will continue to augment the problem. Indeed, the Liberals do not want to make the sacrifices needed to redress the actions of their PC predecessors. Any government with an eye on the opinion polls would be reluctant to significantly divert resources away from social programs to the universities. Nevertheless, in an era of upcoming free trade and intense global competition, the rejuvenation of the Ontario University system should be one of the government's foremost priorities. When Peterson received his massive majority in '87 it was hoped that his government would resist the short term palliatives of ordinary partisan politics and invest in the future health of the university system. Unfortunately, it seems that his government failed to insulate itself from short term political pressures.

Students oppose new financial liaison

By NANCY PHILLIPS

Despite the opposition of most student governments, York has started looking for someone to fill the newly created position of Financial Liaison Officer.

According to a paper released by Provost Tom Meininger, student governments, clubs and other groups funded by the University will be able to request that the Liaison Officer help them with their financial management, record keeping, insurance, investments, and any other financial matter.

The Liaison Officer will also develop educational programmes on financial management and business

practices. According to his paper, however, the Provost will continue to have authority when "the need for corrective action in the area of financial practice and control is identified."

The decision to create this position was made at least three years ago, according to Brenda Hanning, the assistant to the Provost. She said that Meininger, along with students, realized that because student governments and other groups are funded "under a grant system, we have to have responsibility for the way the money is managed."

Tammy Hasselfeldt, President of the CYSF, pointed out, however, that last year all of the student governments were against the creation of this position, as they will be forced to pay two-thirds of the Liaison Officer's salary and operating expenses. The other third will be covered by the Office of the Provost. The CYSF alone will have to pay close to \$2,000. "It's being forced down our throats," Hasselfeldt stated.

The Liaison Officer will operate under the authority of the Provost, and will meet regularly with a Users' Advisory Group (UAG) composed of representatives from the CYSF, Graduate Students' Association, Atkinson College Student Association, and the Glendon College Student Union. The Provost's paper states that the UAG will "provide

guidance to the Financial Liaison Officer on behalf of all users," and will "discuss policy issues related to the functions and responsibilities of the position."

Based on their prior year's performance, individual student governments may apply to the UAG for a waiver of up to 50% of their contributions. The decision to grant this waiver will be based on the extent to which the student government used the services of the Liaison Officer, and the quality of the government's financial management.

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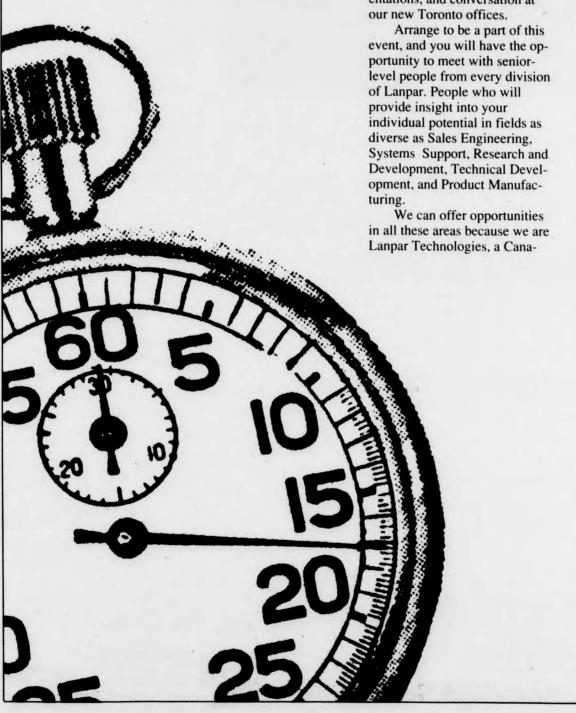
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that students want." Hasselfeldt and McCreadie want student governments to administer their own money, so they can provide the services they know students want and need.

They also agree that all students

should belong to either the CYSF or the Graduate Student Association (GSA), York's two central student governments. They are specifically concerned with Atkinson, Glendon and Osgoode, which are currently not affiliated with either one. However, while Arthurs wants to make this membership compulsory, Has-

selfeldt and McCreadie would like these colleges to "choose if they wish to affiliate" with the CYSF or the GSA.

They believe that any college joining a central student government should pay fees directly to it, and not have parts of their grants redirected automatically by the Administration.





Fine Arts store to be permanently shut down

By ADAM KARDASH

Financial considerations were the main reason behind the closure of the Fine Arts Store, says Ted Bieler, Chairman of the Visual Arts Department.

The Art Store, located in the basement of the Fine Arts building, closed its doors on April 15th. According to store manager Rupert Campbell, the store will be permanently shut down on or before September 24th.

'Trying to run a retail operation within a university bureaucracy is very difficult," said Professor Bieler, Chairman of the Visual Arts Department. "In general, it just does not make financial sense . . . Any major retailer has a much higher turnover and therefore lower prices. We were selling art supplies at universally higher prices."

Although many Fine Arts Students, such as Masters student Nancy Hatch, perceived the closing as a sudden move by the University, Bieler stated that discussions within the department had been taking place over the last three years.

Bieler stated that the move was part of a "re-orientation of priorities" and that some of the money previously allotted to the Art Store, will now be funnelled into other areas such as a new computer graphics facility. Bieler also stated that the University is discussing the possibility of creating a delivery service with a major retailer so that students will not be forced off campus for supplies. However, Bieler added that a service of this kind will likely not begin until the fall of '89.

New MBA endowment

By SUZAN BUTYN

A \$125,000 endowment has been established at York to provide an entrance scholarship in honour of Allen T. Lambert. The money is being allotted by the Trilon Financial Corporation where Lambert was group chairman of Financial Services.

The Allen Lambert Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student entering Master of Business Administration who has demonstrated academic excellence.

"The scholarship is the largest one in our awards programme," said Alan Hockin, Dean of the Faculty of Administrative Studies. "It is also the only renewable award for this faculty.

Lambert has had a long and distinguished career in financial services both in Canada and internationally. He began his career at 15 by quitting school and working for the Toronto Dominion Bank. Before Lambert retired at age 67, he had chaired the Board of Governors for Toronto Dominion, London Life and the Trilon Corporation. When Lambert ceased acting as chairman

Ross named to Order of Ontario By ALPA SHETH

Murray Ross, a former president of York and still an active member of the faculty, was recently named to the Order of Ontario, the province's highest honour.

The Order of Ontario, which has 18 recipients this year was established in 1986. It is used to pay trib-

for Trilon and London Life, Trilon Corporation announced the establishment of the scholarship in his name.

The scholarship is "an appropriate way to honour Allen Lambert's significant contribution over many years to Canada public and private sectors," stated Melvin Hawrigg, Chairman of Trilon.

Aside from his contribution to the private sector, Lambert was involved with York University as a founding member of the Board of Governors and was award an Honourary Doctor of Laws degree in 1982.

York students get grant for research in the North

By MIKE ADLER

A \$34,000 grant from the Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP) will be shared among 20 York students conducting research in Canada's North this year.

The big expense for students doing research in the North is just getting there," says Richard Bello, Chair of the President's Advisory Committee on Northern Studies. Bello says that without the grant students could not afford food or air fare to the North, which can cost up to \$1,300.

Student projects include research on the "greenhouse effect," and the impact of development on native society. The projects have increasingly focused on politics and native self-government.

Students share research stations with those from other disciplines and therefore receive, what Bello refers to as, "a well-rounded multidisciplinary look at problems in the North." Those interested in the program must promise to comply with a set of "ethical principles" which ask them to "respect the privacy and dignity of the people" and explain their research beforehand.

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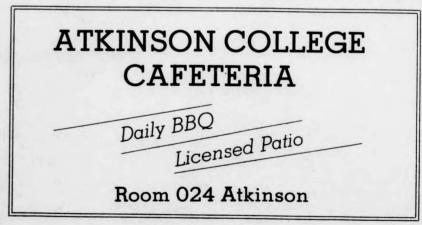
ute to selected citizens for outstanding achievement in the arts, industry, business, labour, education, health, sports, science, and community service. Ross was chosen for his outstanding leadership and devotion to academic and community affairs.

Since his retirement, Ross has written three books and is now seeing his latest one through publication. His present concern is the general lack of attention paid to undergraduate studies at most Universities, including York.

The ceremony was held in the Legislative Building on May 8th and was presided over by Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander.

After attending a national conference two years ago, students funded by the program had their research papers published in book form.

In order to attrack new applicants to the program, York holds an annual symposium each November.



AIDS: The facts and the fears

You have just discovered that one of your friends has AIDS. Your first reaction is probably one of confusion, and fear: How fast does the disease progress? What are the symptoms? Can I catch it if he/she touches me, or if we can use the same household facilities? What can I do to help? Where can I get more information?

Through the efforts of York student Ron Kelly, the answers are now readily available. Kelly has organized a new committee on campus to promote AIDS awareness, in an attempt to stem wide-spread fear and ignorance about the disease.

By ZENA KAMOCKI

Canada's first 24-hour AIDS phone line went live recently at York University, to provide the campus community with information and counselling about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases. The hotline, in operation since March 18, is part of the ongoing services offered by the newly-formed York University Council for the Prevention of AIDS (YCPA).

The group is concered that much of the information available to students about AIDS is outdated and largely inaccessible, according to YCPA President and founder Ron Kelly. "Revelant information on AIDS is not finding its way to campus," Kelly told a sparse audience at a press conference in Central Square on Monday. "We are here to provide accurate information on AIDS and other sexually-transmitted diseases, and to educate students on a student level." system, destroying the body's ability to fight infection.

So far, according to Kelly, response to the programme has been very positive. The group was recognized almost immediately by the University as an official organization on campus, he explains, and will hopefully achieve club status in the Council of York Students Federation (CYSF), in the future.

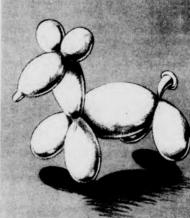
"The CYSF is quite excited that a new committee to deal with AIDS on campus is happening," CYSF president Tammy Hasselfeldt said. "We will support the committee and do our best to provide AIDS-awareness during orientation. This will be a good start for ongoing promotion during the year."

Director of Student Affairs Cora Dusk is also supportive of the group's efforts. "For a new organization, they have come a long way," she said. "Ron and his group have gone way out to get current information." Dusk emphasized the imporcommitted almost a year ago to promoting AIDS awareness worldwide. Indeed, YCPA's slogan reflects this objective: "AIDS—a world-wide effort will stop it."

After several months of brainstorming, the idea for YCPA emerged. It took a mere four months to start the project rolling, Kelly says, and so far the organization has encountered few, if any, set-backs. Kelly feels that perhaps attitudes are changing about the disease, as the urgency for more public awareness about the rapidly-spreading virus becomes apparent.

But while AIDS-awareness programmes do exist on other campuses, Kelly feels that the YCPA is unique, in that it operates Canada's first 24 hour AIDS line. "Other uni-



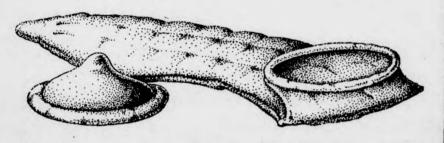


versities have health-oriented phone lines or task forces," he stresses, "but not a centralized unit (like the YCPA)."

The YCPA currently operates with a staff of 10 volunteers but Kelly is hoping to expand this number to 50 or more as the service gains more recognition in the community. In addition to the group's Orientation Week campaign, YCPA also plans to air short videos before each Reel and Screen movie feature, and a major At left: Light-hearted posters like this are widely used to promote AIDS awareness and safe sex.

fund-raising dinner has been scheduled for October 7. As well, "the YCPA has initiated a national survey of Canadian university students, enquiring about how much students know about AIDS," Kelly adds. "This will tell us if we are doing our job."

All of YCPA's consulting services are confidential and the only information callers are required to give are age and gender. To reach the AIDs hotline, call 736-2100, extension AIDS (2437), between 8:00-2:00 a.m., and 736-5288 after 2:00 a.m.; or visit the drop-in centre at 112 Central Square. Additional information on AIDS and other sexuallytransmitted diseases is available from the Ministry of Health at 392-AIDS (2437).



In addition to the phone service, YCPA is operating a drop-in centre, housed temporarily in the Peer Support Centre (room 112 Central Square). Aside from providing oneon-one counselling and information referral services, the Centre also shows explicit videos and distributes literature in several languages on the subject of AIDS and safe sex, in an attempt to reach as many people as possible to help stem fear and ignorance about this and other sexuallytransmitted diseases.

"We are here to help anyone, straight or gay, male or female," Kelly stresses. "We are not here to moralize, (or) tell people not to have sex. We just want people to be careful."

YCPA has access to the most up-todate statistics on AIDS, which change almost daily, Kelly adds. Currently it is estimated that some 50,000 Canadians are carrying the AIDS virus, and 1,730 Canadians have been officially diagnosed as having the fatal disease, which attacks the immune tance of a student effort to promote AIDS-awareness, rather than an Administration-based endeavour. "We are pleased that a student group is involved in this," she explained. "We feel the YCPA can really do a lot for student groups by bringing AIDS out in the open. A campaign of awareness is extremely useful."

YCPA presently receives funding from the Office of Student Affairs, the Women's Centre, and Calumet College at York, Kelly says, and it has also applied for operating grants from the Ontario Ministry of Health. As well, the group is closely affiliated with such organizations as the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), The World Health Organization (WHO), and both the City of North York and City of Toronto Boards of Health. among others. "Health and Welfare Canada (and) the Northwest Territories AIDS programme have been surprisingly helpful," Kelly adds. Kelly, the main force behind YCPA, is a second year student at York. he explains that he became



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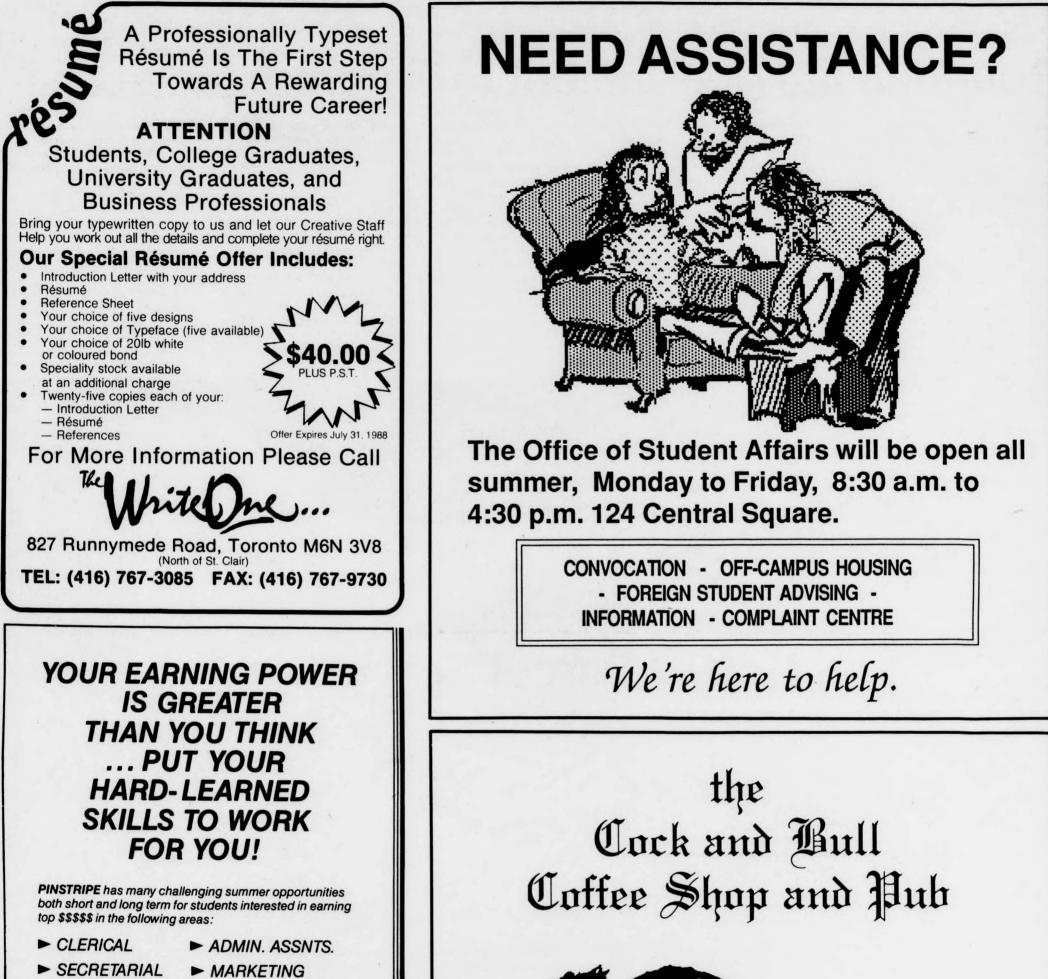
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Roundup 88: A testament to Toronto's art scene

By LEN-CLER CUNNINGHAM

"There is a pall hanging over the Toronto art scene If we're lucky, and if the past is any indication, things might start to pick up again sometime in the early 1990s."

-Christopher Hume, Toronto Star art critic

The art world is often divided between critics, artists, galleries, and the public; with critics often possessing an overwhelming share of the power. Fortunately, they often display an ignorance that leads the public, and artists, to wonder if these priests-of-the-temple know what is occuring outside of the handful of galleries and museums which tend to dominate the Toronto art scene. From John Bentley Mays' belated discovery that Queen street had an active art scene, to Hume's prayer for the '90s, one wonders if these critics can transcent their insularity and ignorance to realize that "things are happening now."

The "thing that is happening now" is Roundup 88, involving 78 artists opening up their students from Parliament to Lansdowne, and Front to Dupont. The event runs from May 10-15, and involves a

diverse and eclectic gathering of artists whose only connection is their youth, and the fact that they are tired of waiting a year or two for shows at established galleries-if they can get them at all.

Each gallery in Toronto receives between 500-600 applications a year, but only have 10 or 11 shows in the same time period; combine this with the hundreds of people who graduate from Art College each year and you have a situation ripe for activity. Events like Roundup 88 have an honoured place in Toronto art history: Monumenta (1982), Chromaliving (1983), and the New City of Sculpture (1984). Chromaliving was the more exciting of the three, with more enduring consequences; a six person artists' collective centred upon figurative art at a time when it was decidedly uncool, and decidedly ignored by the galleries and critics.

Hume's display of incipient nostalgia (for the early '80s already?) always occurs when critics diagnose the health of galleries as being the health of Canadian contemporary art. Commercial galleries have never been an indication of aesthetic or artistic well-being, but of dominant tastes and styles. Galleries pay rent and overhead-therefore it does not require a business major to realize that the artists they select have to be relatively popular, and this popularity is indicated by the sales receipts at the end of the day. An example of this is that one of the best forums for contemporary art, the Ydessa Gallery, closed because the market was so poor, not because the art available to the show was poor.

An artist whose situation illustrates the reason Roundup 88 ever happened is the talented Mitch Fenton. Fenton, 26, has been out of Ontario College of Art (OCA) for two years and within that time has supported himself by building macquettes for sculptors, and working as a technician at his alma matta. Fenton's witty and whimsical sculptures set up an excellent counterpoint to art's obsession with the latest intellectually top-heavy theory. The first piece dominates the floor of his studio: an oversized table made of Southern Ontario pine with seven equally oversized salmon made out of expanded steel covered in canvas. The illusion of fish swimming under a table is juxtaposed against their traditional placement-on top of the dinner table.

The homey feel of the table is suggestive of family, and the visual analogy created by the fish of returning home to spawn and create a family is clearly a bit at the current wave of marriage and family-oriented

mentality. Salmon return to spawn and die, people are increasingly returning to the familiarity and security of marriage and childbirth-yet most marriages die in divorce.

The second piece is a large dock, set on the floor, with a massive black dog sitting upon the edge and waiting for his ship to come in. It is obvious that the dog must be fairly anxious for he possesses an equally massive erection. (Perhaps he is waiting for Bill C-54 and all the attention his penis will receive.) The dialogue is not only political, it is also self-referential: those who push the boundaries of morality in their art are predominantly male. From Canadian experimental filmmaker Bruce Elder to performance artists such as Otto Muhl and G.G. Allin, it seems that it is always men and their penises which seek to push the boundaries. Elder masturbates on film, Otto Muhl pours food over his penis or films a chain gang of sodomy, and G.G. Allin places a microphone in an orifice that Mary Brown wouldn't appreciate. Fenton responds to this situation by giving experimental art yet another penis to play with.

The fact that Roundup 88 organizer Terresa Dobrowolska was able to corral 78 artists from across the

city is a testament to the vibrancy of the contemporary art scene in Toronto. None of the other events involved as many people; Monumenta, Chromaliving, New City of Sculpture, and even Montreal's Aurora Borealis (1985), entailed cliquish groups of like-minded young artists. Roundup's rejection of having a certain style or medium dictate the content of the show reflects the current plurality in art. Critics like movements to achieve cultural hegemony so they can either attach their names to it, or bash it all to hell: galleries like their piece of pie which always accompanies a popular movement; alternative spaces always pant for anything which means more grant money; and the public always seems to be the forgotten factor.

By skipping the arbitrators of taste, Roundup allows the public to become an active participant in the artistic dialogue. With the artists in their studios when you visit, it's as if each day is opening night and, happily enough, Christopher Hume is left at home communing with God until at least 'the early 1990s,' and John Bentley Mays is either: sniffing through the archival dust of museums; putting on his black turtle-neck to wing it to the latest Art Fair; or just sipping cappucino in some hot Oueen street gallery.



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Journalist meets athlete

By "HOWIE" MARR

May is a month that means many things to many different people. It symbolizes the beginning of spring, a chance for summer sports, a time for baseball free agents to resign with their clubs, and finally, to those of us at university, it is a time when the drudgeries of academia are finally cast aside for the drolleries of summer.

Keeping the spirit of the month in mind, what better time to analyze the year in university sport from an Excalibur Sports Editor perspective. Come September the walls of York Univerity will be adorned with two more national championship pennants thanks to the efforts of the men's hockey team and the women's track and field team. Both exemplify the type of quality athletes that reside at York. At Excalibur, we have tried to recognize the contributions of these deserving athletes. However, at the same time as we give prominence to our successful athletes we are also obligated to report on our unsuccessful varsity teams.

It is here that a problem arises between student journalist and student athlete. The role of a newspaper is not to blindly support the teams of their city; the same argument holds true for a university newspaper. The journalist goes to events and reports on the happenings. He or she is not there as a rooting section for the team they are reporting on. And while it is necessary for a reporter to recognize the effort university athletes put into their programmes, especially in the context of a full academic workload and financial problems, it must be appreciated that the student journalist is also trying to derive something from university sports.

Like athletes, student journalists, try to excel at what they do. In order to excel they need experience, and this experience comes from covering



varsity sports. When reporting university sports, the student journalist tries to be as professional as possible. Nobody would ever suggest to a hockey Yeoman or a track and field Yeowoman that he or she not do their best. Obviously nothing less can be expected from a student journalist. The best any journalist can do is to provide insights and factual evidence of a sporting event to the reader in an unbiased form. If this means telling fellow students that the hockey team was demolished by Ryerson or the track team was embarrassed by UofT then so be it.

It has been argued that we at *Excalibur* should not be critical of varsity teams and should always highlight the positive aspects of the Yeomen and Yeowomen squads. After all, they are only university athletes right? To put it bluntly this is a pathetic excuse that is usually supplied by teams not prepared to do their best. Student athletes are not above criticism. Furthermore, the fact that varsity athletics are supported by university funds gives student journalists the right to treat athletes to objective reporting.

However, it must be noted that we at *Excalibur* must subject ourselves to the same criteria of excellence as our athletes. This means continually trying to provide competent coverage of sporting events. If we fall below an acceptable method of reporting we deserve to be blasted for it and should be by coaches, players, and fans alike.

The idea behind varsity sports is not some simple childhood concept of having fun. University athletics are competitive and as such provide a forum where student athletes and journalists alike strive toward excellence.

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Basketball - Coach Bob Bain's team has certainly slipped from the glory years when they were the perennial OUAA favourites. The team did manage to make it into the playoffs. If Bain hopes to improve this team for next year he had better get some point guards who can sink a few buckets. Jeff McDermid had another superb year and deserves an A for his effort.

Fencing - The team had some strong individual performances and did well at an end-ofyear tournament, placing a few duelers in first, second and third spots.

Football - Not much has changed since the team received a similar grade in their first term report card. Coach Wirkowski appears confident that he can change the team's fortunes, but history will be working against him. The Yeomen have yet to prove they're a legitimate contender on the gridiron.

Golf - We didn't get a chance to see the team this year, but one wonders how they will fare without Coach Nobby, who is channelling his efforts towards the football squad. (Incomplete)

Hockey - We don't usually like to give out A+'s, but these guys were fantastic. A national championship, their fourth OUAA, title, and all under the tutelage of first year coach Graham Wise. Next year the team could be even stronger with Dave Chambers, Ex-coach of the Yeomen and Ex-coach of the Yeomen and Ex-coach of the Canadian Junior Champions, rumoured to be scouting for Wise. A+ **Rugby** - Rumour has it that they weren't very good this year. If they don't like the mark they can go ahead and appeal. C

Soccer - They had a B+ at Christmas time, but the question of what players will be coming back remains unanswered. Coach Willis did a nice job getting the team into the playoffs in his first year back as head coach. For next year, we'll take a wait-and-see attitude.

Swimming - Sank too often in too many meets. Some talented individuals on the team with some Olympic potential, most notably Peter Darvis and Adam Robertson.

Track and Field - A third place finish in a meet towards the end of the year helped them raise their grade. The guys could learn a lot from their Yeowomen counterparts. C⁺

Volleyball - Strong team provincially this year, but crapped out on the tournament level. This team requires a lot more discipline to be effective, not to mention a desperately needed injection of height. *B*⁺

Wrestling - Coach Park was instrumental in keeping the team competitive this year. Suffering from a "Concordia jinx," the men failed to defend their national title in their loss to the Stingers. Members of the team came close to being placed on the Olympic squad, as well.

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SPORTS FEATURE Wheelchair athletes take to tennis

By "HOWIE" MARR

The public's perception of a physical disability as a mental disability is the biggest problem facing wheelchair athletes as they strive to achieve legitimacy in the world of sport, according to Doug Wilton, Executive Director of Sport for the Disabled, Ontario. It is this image that wheelchair athletes were attempting to shed at the Central Canada Qualifier tournament held at the National Tennis Centre, at York University.

Behind a wall of euphemisms that include handicapped, disabled, and physically challenged, these athletes have the basic desire to compete and be active even more than the vast majority of physically abled people. Paul Novak, one of 12 athletes participating in the tournament, says that tennis has allowed him the opportunity to vent some of his frustrations. "When I was on my feet I used to play everything," said Novak. "After I broke my back I tried everything." It was Novak's desire to be continually active that led him to wheelchair sports.

Novak originally started out as a basketball player, and played the sport for nine years. He eventually decided to quit basketball to pursue tennis. "I started playing wheelchair tennis against a wall," said Novak. Novak's dedication to the sport led the Etobicoke resident all the way to Hamilton to practice his sport regularly. He explains that since his participation in last year's Ontario championships, he has begun to put more into the sport.

Novak says that he prefers tennis over basketball because tennis lends itself to a better integration between the disabled and able-bodied. "Tennis is the best opportunity for the disabled and able-bodied to compete together," says Novak. Many wheelchair athletes cite this reason for

Although it is sometimes difficult for wheelchair athletes to find wheelchair partners, a game of wheelchair tennis can easily be played with the able-bodied with a slight adjustment of the rules.

Another problem with tennis is that courts are not always accessible to the handicapped. However, Novak says that indoor courts are quickly becoming more equipped for the physically disabled.

The rules for wheelchair tennis are the same as those for the able-bodied game, but some exceptions are: a wheelchair player is allowed two bounces, the first bounce having to be in the court, the ball must be served with the two rear wheels behind the baseline, the wheelchair is forbidden to touch the net or the ground on the opponent's side of the



\$500 richer: Dean Mellway grabbed top spot in the Central Canada Qualifier tourney held at the National Tennis Centre.

court, no player can intentionally jump out of his or her chair to teach a ball, and each player is only allowed two five-minute maintenance delays in a match.

Wheelchair tennis is the culmination of a continuing drive in disabled sports. Disabled sports emerged on the athletic horizon after the end of wwill with the accompanying large number of physically handicapped veterans determined to lead normal lives. In 1948, Sir Ludwig Guttmann pioneered wheelchair sports by staging a competition as part of the 1948 Olympic games in London. At the time he prophesied that "the time will come when this new sports event of ours will be truly international . . . and [we] will have a disabled person's equivalent of the Olympic games." Since the time of Guttman's declaration there has been a wheelchair Olympics held in the country of the host city of the able-bodied games.

The focus of Guttman's plan was

and sickness. In fact, Guttman felt that the wheelchair was proof of special abilities. When a large body of disabled athletes began to emerge, with the large number of returning veterans, Guttman was able to put his ideas into action. He helped to give new impetus to the idea of sport helping to rehabilitate the disabled. Prior to wwil 80% of paraplegics in Great Britain died within three years of injury. In terms of prognosis and rehabilitation. Guttmann cited a defeatist attitude within the medical profession towards spinal cord sufferers. Unfortunately, this attitude became a mamjor stumbling block for the paraplegic's recovery. However, since the Second World War, 80% of paraplegics have had normal life expectancies because of new rehabilitation methods.

Guttmann's belief in sport was based in its therapeutic value which provided a natural forum for remedial exercise. Moreover, sports had a recreational value that prevented boredom, and provided a new bond between society and those confined to wheelchairs.

The earliest sport associated with the wheelchair was track and field. Track and field basically involves wheelchair races. Along with track and field came basketball and a variety of other sports. The growth of the "Para-Olympics" have reached such heights that over 30 countries from both the Eastern and Western Bloc now compete. Traditionally, the games are held right after the able-bodied Olympics. In 1976, Toronto played host to the Para-Olympics when the Olympics were held in Montreal. Canada's representation has traditionally been very strong, almost always placing athletes in the top three along with perennial favourites Great Britain and the United States.

Canada's success in tennis has been a more recent phenomenon. The sport originated on a global basis in 1976, and Canada's entrance into the field did not occur until 1981. Wheelchair tennis has been familiar to British Columbians for over eight years, but has only been played in Ontario for about three years. In the United States, wheelchair tennis has been played since its inception in 1976.

Wheelchair tennis, like other wheelchair sports, demands great anticipation and wheelchair mobility. Many of the athletes cross-train tennis with other sports. Not surprisingly, the key common-denominator for all wheelchair sports is the wheelchair. Novak says that being able to pivot well is an important ingredient for the successful player. Arm strength is another important consideration for the wheelchair athlete. While Novak doesn't use weights to increase his strength, as many athletes do, he prefers continual practice on the court.

Wheelchair athletes are continuing to attach a more serious effort to their sports every year. As a result, some athletes are gradually becoming specialists in one sport. "Practice makes perfect as in all sports," says Novak, and tournaments like the Central Canada Qualifier are continuing to provide wheelchair athletes with the practice they need.

Novak thinks that recently the public's acceptance has become overwhelming. "Things have changed positively," Novak states. "Part of it is due to Rick Hansen, who showed the strength and endurance [of wheelchair athletes]." However, Novak thinks there is still room for a greater change in attitudes towards the wheelchair ath*Excalibur*'s next issue will be June 9th.

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his attempt to prove that the wheelchair was not a symbol of disability lete. "Let's not look at what the disabled can't do," Novak states. "It's time to look at what they can do."

Competitors from across Ontario come to York

By "HOWIE" MARR

Physically disabled athletes from throughout Ontario gathered at York's National Tennis Centre last weekend to compete in the Central Canada Qualifier tournament. Six male athletes from the 12 participants would win the right to represent Central Canada at the national wheelchair tennis championships in Ottawa.

The tournament was designed to showcase athletes from the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. However, of the 12 men and three women competing, none came from the province of Quebec. The majority of the participants were from Toronto and Ottawa areas. The lack of Quebec representation was attributed to a timetable conflict that placed some athletes at a tournament in Quebec.

Nevertheless, the tennis at the National Tennis Centre still proved to be quite competitive. The 12 men were divided into two pools of six where they played off in a round robin tournament. Three of the six in each pool advanced to the quarterfinal of the tournament. In pool one, tournament favorite and eventual victor, Dean Mellway of Ottawa, dominated by winning 32 games and four matches. He was followed by Steve Little with 26 victories and three matches won, and Mark Byron, who won 20 games and two matches.

In the other pool, another favoured finalist and hometown Toronto boy, Paul Novak, led the way with 32 wins and four match victories. Also advancing to the quarter-finals were Barry Butler with 29 game wins and three matches, and Frank Peter who won 25 games and picked up two match victories.

The quarter-finals saw things get serious as Paul Novak advanced by thrashing Mark Byron 6-1, 6-1, and Dean Mellway also advanced by beating Frank Peter 6-3, 6-0. Both eventual finalists had to get by two determined semi-finalists before playing for the championship trophy.

The final turned out to be somewhat anti-climatic as Mellway easily romped to a two set victory by scores of 6-0, 6-1. After the match, Novak cited a lack of concentration for his bad performance. "I wasn't burned out," said Novak. Novak says he's looking forward to meeting Mellway in the national championship and in fact he wouldn't mind meeting him in the first round.

The national championship will pit eight players from Western Canada against the six Central Canadian qualifiers in addition to two qualifiers from the east. Mellway expects to be competitive against the West and plans to continue his aggressive play which he felt contributed to the downfall of Novak. "I took the game to him; getting my first serve in was my game plan," he explained. Mellway expects Novak to bounce back and foresees the possibility of the two meeting again at the national championships.

In the women's tournament, competition was not quite as stiff as only three contestants entered. Victory went to York University student Diana McCauley. The fourth-year psychology student, enrolled in the York-Seneca Rehabilitation program, competed in the same tournament last year. However, because of a lack of women she was forced to compete amongst the men. This year, playing against two other women, she easily romped to two match victories and the tournament title in the women's category. However, the York tournament was the end of the line for McCauley because there is no national wheelchair tournament for women, but considering the infant nature of the sport it is only a matter of time before one emerges.

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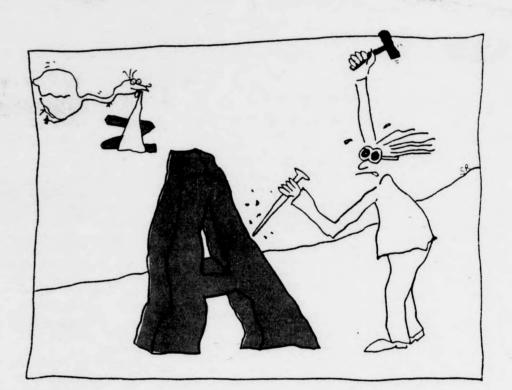
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