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Campus Chronicles

by Jennifer Lim

Queen's University

In an event to support World Vision International (WVI), 40 students went on a 30-hour hunger strike.

Sponsored by Queen's Christian Fellowship (QCF), Kara Thompson, one of the organizers, said this was the first year the event was held at Queen's.

The fast was an annual international event "to raise funds for sustainable development projects in the developing world."

According to Thompson, the WVI helps the hungry, homeless and sick towards self-sufficiency.

University of Alberta

Numerous classes were cancelled on Mar. 1 to retaliate against government underfunding.

The Students' Union proposed cancelling classes for two hours to allow students and faculty to participate in a protest against government underfunding.

Despite opposition from the General Faculties Council (GFC), professors were going ahead as planned.

Remco van Eeuwijk, a member of the Action Committee, said the aim of the rally was to request that the government make post-secondary education a higher priority.

The committee is hoping for 5,000 people to march to the Legislature.

Saint Mary's University

Students boycotted Marriott Foods on Mar. 6, putting up signs with a slash across "Marriott" all over campus.

In addition, the Students' Association hosted a barbecue and a thousand hot dogs and hamburgers were given away.

"We really feel that SMU students are getting [terrible] service," said VP Student Affairs Terry Brennan.

Marriott signed a five year contract with the university administration in spring 1990 after competing with three other companies.



A. CLIVE COHEN

FACE OFF

Nationals '91 chairman Brian Conacher announces the draw for this year's CIAU championships at a press conference Monday.

Friday night's semifinal sees the top-ranked UQTR Patriots taking on the Atlantic champion UPEI Panthers at 7:30. Saturday afternoon at 2:00, Waterloo meets the Alberta Golden Bears. Sunday's final goes at 1:00pm. All three matchups are at Varsity Arena.

Problems with housing

by Raffy Demirdjian

Tenants of the Assiniboine Road apartments are convinced that the Housing department is trying to take away their superintendents.

As old superintendents retire, there are no replacements being hired to take their positions.

The remaining supers are now responsible for a larger range of duties, in addition to being available for the tenants and their daily concerns. The benefit of having a free room for the caretakers is also being eliminated.

According to residents, these new job requirements and loss of benefits are convincing some building caretakers to look elsewhere for employment and their vacant positions are not being filled.

Tenants are angry that Housing does not understand the importance of the superintendents to the residents.

Combined with the proposed eight per cent increase in residence fees, the tenants of the Assiniboine apartments feel angry that the services the supers provide are being cut.

Peter Ridout, director of Housing, denies the allegations that superintendents are being indirectly forced to resign.

"We are trying to replace an old

inefficient system of live-in superintendents, with a new system of five coordinators at Passy Gardens," Ridout said. "The coordinators will help tenants with miscellaneous needs and an independent crew is responsible for cleaning."

According to Ridout, a coordinator will always be available by phone twenty-four hours a day. He argued that the existing superintendents are not capable of helping tenants with miscellaneous needs as well as carrying out their own duties.

"We have been able to collect more than 150 signatures in only one day," [in support of the superintendents], said graduate student Avril MacKinnon. "The superintendents have been more than employees in these buildings. A number of tenants rely on them for more than just repairs and vacuuming."

According to MacKinnon, the superintendents provide the residents with a sense of security and to most residents, replacing them or shifting their job responsibilities is not the answer.

"We understand the concerns of the tenants, and I'm sure we still have not heard the end of it yet," Ridout said. "Our main objective is to improve service not take it away."

Residence fees for next year on the rise

by John A. Vink

Next year students may be paying more to live on campus while at the same time having services cut.

Student residence fees could increase by eight per cent for single rooms and a whopping 28 per cent for double rooms. The increase in the double room rate will make it the same price as a single room.

Mike Holt, president of the Stong College student council, thinks that the increase is much too high.

Holt says that the eight per cent increase is far above the estimated four per cent inflation rate, and it is unfair for students to have to pay the same amount to be in a double room.

"If all you can say is please don't do it, well that just won't cut it," said Director of Housing and Food Services Norman Crandles at the Residence Budget Committee (RBC) meeting.

According to Crandles there is a finite amount of money available in the budget, and the RBC committee has to work under those constraints.

Matt Clark, president of Vanier College student council, says that he would like to organize a mass student action, but at this point there is not much that they can do because of time limitations. Clark says that a great number of students are angry over the cuts.

The proposal also outlines many services that are to be cut, including linen service, hall telephones and night porters.

Because the proposal comes so late in the school year, many college councils don't have the time to address or fight the increase. This is compounded by the fact that many students thus far are also unaware of the increase.

The RBC's recommendations will be forwarded to VP Finance Bill Farr who will then decide which recommendations he will accept.

The Board of Governors will then vote on the final budget put forward by Farr.

A major concern among many of the resident students is the elimination of the night porters.

"I feel a lot safer knowing that there is someone there controlling who gets in during the night," said Nicole Aucoin, a Bethune resident student.

The RBC suggested that the night porters be retained. To allow this, however, they reluctantly suggested to reduce the night porters' salaries and alternatively to offer them some other non-monetary form of compensation.

The committee recommended that investigations be made as to what other campus faculties and departments were using housing service facilities, for example parking using college electricity.

Rob Centa, MacLaughlin College student council president said that he is trying to get the council to help pay for buses to transport students to a protest at Glendon on March 25, when the Board of Governors will be voting on the budget.

Crandles confirmed that a recommendation was proposed to refinance the debt over a longer period of time. This may possibly lessen the student's financial contributions in terms of residence fees.

At the RBC meeting a proposal was rejected that would have allowed students to live in bunk-rooms if they had not been able to get into residence at the beginning of the year.

It was argued that the bunk rooms are intended for overnight accommodation and are in no condition to be used for much longer periods of time.

Another problem facing residences is hall phones. Due to third-party calls, these phones have been racking up a bill of about \$65,000 per year.



A. CLIVE COHEN

OUTRAGEOUS INCREASE: A room in residence might cost students more money next year. A single room now costs \$3976 per year. For that price a student receives a small room on a floor, sharing a bathroom and common room with 24 other students.

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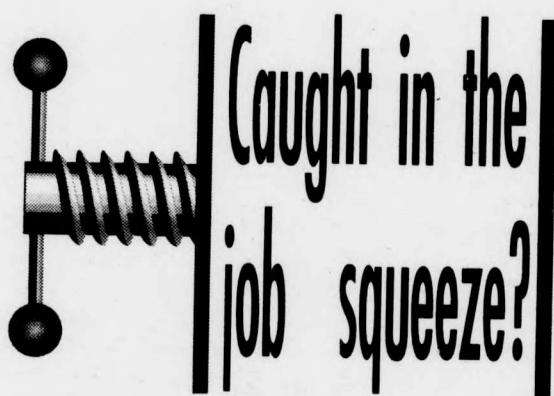
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COURSE NAME/NUMBER	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
APPLIED COMPUTATIONAL/MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE			
SC/ACMS 1030.06	WEDNESDAY, APR 10	3:30PM-6:30PM	SLH-C
BIOLOGY			
SC/BIOL 1010.06	FRIDAY, APR 12	8:30AM-10:30AM	ASB-030,031
CHEMISTRY			
SC/CHEM 1010.06	TUESDAY, APR 9	12NOON-2:00PM	CLH-F
SC/CHEM 1010.06 (LAB)	MONDAY, APR 8	10:00AM-11:00AM	CLH-D
COMPUTER SCIENCE			
AS/SC/COSC 1020.03A	FRIDAY, APR 12	12NOON-2:00PM	SLH-F
ECONOMICS			
AS/ECON 1000.03A	TUESDAY, APR 9	8:30AM-11:30AM	SLH-A, B
AS/ECON 1000.03B	TUESDAY, APR 9	8:30AM-11:30AM	VANIER D.H.
AS/ECON 1000.03C	TUESDAY, APR 9	8:30AM-10:30AM	PS-312A, 321, 317
AS/ECON 1530.03A	THURSDAY, APR 11	8:30AM-10:30AM	SLH-F
ENGLISH			
AS/EN 1200.06A	THURSDAY, APR 11	8:30AM-11:30AM	ASB 037
AS/EN 1200.06B	TUESDAY, APR 9	8:30AM-11:30AM	SC 218
AS/EN 1200.06C	THURSDAY, APR 11	8:30AM-11:30AM	ASB 038
AS/EN 1300.06A	TUESDAY, APR 9	12NOON-3:00PM	CLH-M
HUMANITIES			
AS/HUMA 1100.06A	THURSDAY, APR 11	3:30PM-5:30PM	CLH-E
AS/HUMA 1200.06A	TUESDAY, APR 9	3:30PM-5:30PM	S201R S203R
AS/HUMA 1200.06B	TUESDAY, APR 9	3:30PM-5:30PM	S137R
AS/HUMA 1810.06A	FRIDAY, APR 12	8:30AM-10:30AM	SLH-D
AS/HUMA 1819.06A	FRIDAY, APR 12	8:30AM-10:30AM	SLH-D
MATHEMATICS			
AS/SC/MATH 1120.03A	WEDNESDAY, APR 10	8:30AM-10:30AM	SLH-D
AS/SC/MATH 1300.03A	THURSDAY, APR 11	8:30AM-11:30AM	PS 312A, 321
AS/SC/MATH 1300.03B	THURSDAY, APR 11	8:30AM-11:30AM	MC 111, 112
AS/SC/MATH 1500.03A	THURSDAY, APR 11	12NOON-3:00PM	MC 101
AS/MATH 1510.06A	WEDNESDAY, APR 10	3:30PM-6:30PM	CLH-G
AS/MATH 1520.06A	WEDNESDAY, APR 10	8:30AM-10:30AM	PS 312A, 321
AS/MATH 1520.06B	WEDNESDAY, APR 10	8:30AM-10:30AM	PS 312A, 321
AS/MATH 1530.03A	THURSDAY, APR 11	8:30AM-10:30AM	SLH-F
AS/SC/MATH 2560.03A	WEDNESDAY, APR 10	12NOON-3:00PM	SLH-D, SLH107
AS/SC/MATH 2560.03B	WEDNESDAY, APR 10	12NOON-3:00PM	SLH-D, SLH107
NATURAL SCIENCE			
SC/NATS 1620.06	WEDNESDAY, APR 10	3:30PM-5:30PM	SLH-E, F
PHYSICS			
SC/PHYS 1410.06	THURSDAY, APR 11	12NOON-2:00PM	PS 312A, 321
POLITICAL SCIENCE			
AS/POLS 1020.06A	MONDAY, APR 8	3:30PM-6:30PM	CLH-G
AS/POLS 2100.06D	FRIDAY, APR 12	8:30AM-11:30AM	CLH-A
PSYCHOLOGY			
AS/SC/PSYC 1010.06B	WEDNESDAY, APR 10	8:30AM-11:30AM	VANIER D.H.
SOCIAL SCIENCE			
AS/SOSC 1000.06A	TUESDAY, APR 9	12NOON-3:00PM	S201ROSS
AS/SOSC 1160.06A	TUESDAY, APR 9	12NOON-3:00PM	VANIER D.H.
AS/SOSC 1580.06A	FRIDAY, APR 12	12NOON-3:00PM	ASB 034, 035
SOCIOLOGY			
AS/SOCI 1010.06A	THURSDAY, APR 11	12NOON-2:00PM	SLH-B, C, 107

NEWS

Take the plunge and swim for charity

Swim-a-thon at York

by Ira Nayman

A swim-a-thon will be held in the Tait McKenzie Pool from 1pm to 4pm on Sunday, Mar. 24 to raise money for public awareness of the Ontario Fibrositis Association.

According to a pamphlet put out by the Arthritis Foundation, fibrositis is a non-fatal rheumatic disorder that causes pain in ligaments, tendons and muscles. Although doctors are not certain what causes fibrositis, it seems related to sleep disturbance. Other symptoms may, therefore, include poor concentration and poor memory.

"I'm exhausted most of the time... I'm in pain most of the time," said Rebecca Polak, a member of the Toronto Chapter Support Group of the Ontario Fibrositis Association. Polak is also participating in the swim-a-thon.

"People with fibrositis wake up in the morning not feeling like they've been asleep at night."

Polak said that being on a strict exercise program had helped her get off medication, although most people with fibrositis require medication to get through the day.

There was a trade-off, however, as the exercise program left Polak with only enough time to take four courses a year, forcing her to spend an extra year studying.

Approximately eight to ten swimmers will be taking part in the swim-a-thon and spectators are welcome, the emphasis being on raising public awareness. According to Polak, many people may have fibrositis and not know it because the symptoms are so vague.

"It took me about five years to find out what I had," Polak said. "Some doctors dismiss the symptoms, others blame it on psychological factors."

"Try to find a way to cope," Polak advised others who have or feel they may have fibrositis. "Don't give up."

Mass Comm students meet with the CRTC

by Mike Raycraft

York University's Mass Communications Student Federation has "reached out and touched someone." In this case, however, the recipient was not Bell Canada, but rather the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

The commission was in Toronto last week as part of a nation-wide tour based on informal hearings regarding long-distance service. The current debate has been ignited by Unitel's bid to break up Bell's stringent monopoly in this area of telecommunications.

On Mar. 13, a three chair committee representative of MCSF presented a platform of Regulated Competition to the CRTC. Although supportive of Unitel's proposals, MCSF was not in favor of replacing a monopoly with a duopoly or a free-wheeling, free market competition.

York's mass-comm federation felt that a policy of regulated competition, if implemented by the CRTC, would lower the high costs of long-distance services as well as stabilizing the already low local rates.

Further, federation stressed that

regulated competition will enable the CRTC to make positive moves toward strengthening the Canadian economy, protecting Canadian jobs and promoting Canadian industry.

"Considering the nature of our federation, we felt as a collective group, that this was the most feasible position for us to take," said Jamie Glass, founding president of MCSF. Bud Sherman, chair of these CRTC hearings, approached Glass at the conclusion of the hearings with some encouraging words. "Sherman seemed more than pleased with our proposal. He felt that our approach was well balanced and that our interest wasn't vested," Glass said.

A final decision concerning Unitel's proposed long-distance service is not expected until early 1992. This does not, however, preclude early predictions.

"The CRTC decision will favor Unitel," Glass said. "When they applied for such services in the early 80s as CN/CP (Canadian National/Canadian Pacific), their bid was thoroughly flawed. Now as Unitel, their bid has been revamped and corrected and at present is very strong."



A. CLIVE COHEN

EDITOR-ELECT

Excalibur has elected its new editor-in-chief.

Jeannine Amber, who has been with the Excalibur for two years as an arts editor and a news writer, was elected at last Wednesday's staff elections.

"I'm very happy to have been elected," said the 25-year-old Individualized Studies major. "I will do my best to provide the York community with fair, accurate and responsible journalism."

Amber will begin her term in May.

FALL/WINTER 1990/91 FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FACULTIES OF ARTS, SCIENCE, AND FINE ARTS

Please note the following changes to the Examination Schedule published February 13, 1991

Change to read:

AS	ECON	1530.03M	TUESDAY	APRIL 23	8:30AM-11:30AM	SLH-F
AS	ECON	1530.03N	TUESDAY	APRIL 23	8:30AM-11:30AM	SLH-F
AS	EN	3110.06A	TUESDAY	APRIL 30	12NOON-3:00PM	ASB 034
AS	EN	4260M.03	MONDAY	APRIL 29	3:30PM-6:30PM	SLH-F
AS	FR	3100.06B	WEDNESDAY	APRIL 17	12NOON-3:00PM	CLH-H
AS	HUMA	3720.06A	THURSDAY	APRIL 25	12NOON-3:00PM	S203R
AS	MATH	1530.03M	TUESDAY	APRIL 23	8:30AM-11:30AM	SLH-F
AS	MATH	1530.03N	TUESDAY	APRIL 23	8:30AM-11:30AM	SLH-F
AS	MATH	2000.06A	WEDNESDAY	MAY 1	12NOON-3:00PM	S203R
SC	PHYS	2060.03	THURSDAY	APRIL 18	3:30PM-6:30PM	SLH-F
AS/SCPSYC	2020.06A		FRIDAY	APRIL 19	8:30AM-11:30AM	CLH-D
AS/SCPSYC	2020.06B		FRIDAY	APRIL 19	8:30AM-11:30AM	CLH-C
AS	SOSC	2200.06A	TUESDAY	APRIL 23	8:30AM-11:30AM	TAIT UPPER GYM

Additions:

AS	ECON	4210.03M	THURSDAY	MAY 2	8:30AM-10:30AM	ASB 031
AS/SCMATH	2260.06A		THURSDAY	MAY 2	12NOON-2:00PM	CLH-B
AS	SOSC	1160.06A	THURSDAY	MAY 2	3:30PM-6:30PM	CLH-A, D
AS	SOSC	1169.06A	THURSDAY	MAY 2	3:30PM-6:30PM	CLH-A, D
FA	VISA	2560.06A	THURSDAY	MAY 2	8:30AM-11:30AM	SLH-D
FA	VISA	3930.06A	THURSDAY	MAY 2	12NOON-2:00PM	SLH-D

Deletions:

SC	BIOL	1020.06	TUESDAY	APRIL 30	8:30AM-10:30AM	CLH-M
SC	CHEM	4070.03	WEDNESDAY	APRIL 17	3:30PM-6:30PM	S537R
AS/SCCOSC	2001.03M		THURSDAY	APRIL 18	8:30AM-10:30AM	CLH-A
AS/SCCOSC	2001.03N		THURSDAY	APRIL 18	8:30AM-10:30AM	CLH-A
AS/SCCOSC	3100.03M		FRIDAY	APRIL 26	12NOON-3:00PM	ASB 031
AS	POLS	4000A.06	FRIDAY	APRIL 26	12NOON-3:00-M	CLH 110
FA	WC	1800.06A	MONDAY	APRIL 29	3:30PM-6:30PM	WC 118



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EDITORIAL

Use boycotts to fight residence increases

The Residence Budget Committee met last week and proposed an eight per cent increase in fees along with cuts in services. In real terms that would increase the price of a single room from \$3976 per year to \$4294 annually or \$536 monthly.

If you live in North York, you can rent a comfortable room in a fully furnished house for between \$300 and \$400 a month without food.

It's no shock that the administration runs York like a business. Norm Crandles, director of Housing and Food Services, and Bill Farr, vp finance, are essentially businesspeople and as such, they should be willing to negotiate their terms with students.

Negotiation, however, entails give and take, and what have we as students got to give except money?

The problem in this case is that the new residence budget proposal is one-sided. We give the administration money and they take away essential services such as telephones and night porters.

Student governments could organize demonstrations, petitions, sit-ins, etc., and raise some awareness, but the administration would take an organized boycott of the Student Accounts offices or York Lanes more seriously than a group of screaming protestors.

Constructing York Lanes was one of the best things the administration ever did. The university collects rent by leasing out space. But if there are no customers, no business will want to rent the space. Therefore, a boycott is an effective threat.

But students and student government should also strike where it hurts the most, in the Housing department's financial statements. Business people are usually very receptive if the alternative is going to cost them money. Threaten that income and you are going to get a reaction, guaranteed.

Traditionally, residence students come from areas outside Toronto. For a first year student coming to York, residence is the easiest, safest and most convenient housing. The administration knows this and that is where the problem lies. York has a virtual monopoly on the campus housing market.

Drawing on models from UofT, Waterloo, and many other universities, the possibility of student run cooperatives should be seriously considered.

Take a chunk out of the market, force the administration to be competitive and if they refuse, at least a cooperative is an alternative to the skyrocketing prices of residence.

The university has an off-campus housing department. It takes up a small office in Student Affairs, staffed by two people to service a population of 50,000.

Apparently, the administration is not concerned with the housing crisis. If the university can operate off-campus housing on such a small budget, so can the York Federation of Students.

Some may argue that student run co-ops are usually subject to misuse and abuse by the tenants and have been likened to student ghettos. Conditions at the on-campus residences, however, are not much better, even without the proposed cuts in services.

It is time to stop whining about the evil administration and how they are screwing students. Time to stop waving banners and causing a mild disturbance outside of the offices of those whose hands are usually tied by financial constraints or bureaucratic red tape. It's time to let the administration taste their own medicine.

It's quite understandable why these changes are being proposed at a time when students are more concerned with passing school and summer employment than fighting rent increases.



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.

Reflections from the right on election results

To the editor,

Curious isn't it? It seems that an entire slate of like-minded people have been elected to YFS's strongest positions by the minority of York students that constitute the voting public.

Curious how all of their election signs looked somewhat similar. Could it be that some greater powers conspired to pool their resources to see to it that a majority of these politically correct "Ghomeshiites" could gain access to our student government?

When a great victory it was to see that they *all* got voted in. It must have been sweet revenge for the Conservative landslide of 1984. With the void left behind by the restructuring Soviets, York was a perfect spot for the left to once again spread its gospel.

Thankfully, however, York student politics has little influence on the outside world (if it did, Iraq would still have 19 provinces, the Palestinians would control Jerusalem, and abortion would be available on demand and covered by our new health plan).

So, the YFS will have to keep itself busy by just wisely dispensing the money of the students it represents (a far greater number than those who bothered to vote). It can continue to spend money on slick protests against the federal government (macaroni for everyone this time) and the provincial government for not lowering tuition so that more student money can be spent on necessary items such as the CFS and QFS.

YFS' masterful control of the election process, having proved its effectiveness in the OFS and CFS referendum, has now been perfected in the YFS election.

By running an election in a very short period of time, the ruling members were able to mobilize their campaign, allow a couple days for poorly publicized and even more poorly attended debates and, of course, neglect sufficiently publicizing the dates of the election. Congratulations are definitely in order for a slickly run election.

Finally, I would like to make a suggestion to the legions of people who will be moved to respond to my letter (many of whom find them-

selves incapable of signing their names without a punctuating epithaph such as International Socialists).

My suggestion is that you may consider me a sarcastic, bitter fascist but, rest assured, many students who did not bother to vote (more than those who did vote for your bloc of candidates) would agree with me, if only they were encouraged to form an opinion.

Alan Grad
International Capitalist

Doulis editorial "overt"

To the editor,

RE: *Vandoo* editorial: "The Totally Irreverent, Biased, and Outright Nasty Voting Guide"

I would like to respond to Cassandra Doulis' editorial in regards to the recent YFS election. The first rule of journalism is that when you decide to endorse a candidate through the back door you don't make it so overt that people wonder if the writer and the candidate are related: "Michelle... Why not? "Nikki... settle for great minds think alike, right?" Was I the only one who became sick to my stomach with this patronizing piece of writing?

Doulis goes on to state that if you're rich and into (now get these five-cent words) "highschool-esque acquiescence" then your vote is best served by Joe, Andrea, Mike and myself. Does Doulis know of some secret fortune that I have yet to discover? I guess I work two summer jobs and a part-time job year round because I want to come to grips with the plight of the proletariat. Perhaps the next time Doulis puts pen to paper for the purpose of writing an

editorial she can get her facts straight.

If there's anything good to be said about this editorial it's this: if the rest of Doulis' writing is this bad, we'll have one less caviar socialist to worry about in the world of journalism.

Ron Stubbings

Election omission

To the editor,

We were troubled to find in a recent article in *Excalibur* a statement which we neither made, nor would make, with regards to how we feel about working with the new executive. It stated that we are "quite happy about Hafez and Hughes being elected."

To correct this as to how we do actually feel, it should read that we are *very* happy that Hafez, Hughes

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and Gershbain were elected. Perhaps this seems like a small point to you, but in light of our belief in Nikki and our friendship with her, we feel that this omission cannot be overlooked.

Elissa Horscroft
Rob Centa

Brail defense "abhorrent"

To the editor,

The last thing I would call Leslie Brail is an optimist. Her/his self-important pedantic letter on language and linguistics reeks of charlatanry: in her/his assault on the "nonsensical" use of the term racism which is supposedly evident in Goldberg's writing and the YFS's (not "Jean Ghomeshi and his apostles") anti-racism campaign, s/he neglects to share her/his definition with us. There mere fact that s/he "fails to see or hear racism in the current course content" reveals why. S/he hasn't a clue.

Her/his defense of the administration's lack in providing a breadth of cross-racial/ethnic content is abhorrent: the courses this and other universities offer rarely reflect the demand but rather a eurocentric patriarchal view of what constitutes a valuable education.

Although there is an overwhelming need for a broader spectrum of courses offered at York, changes could and should begin with existing courses by permitting the content to reflect the realities of literature, of language, of history, of psychology and of philosophy. Question why you are reading what you are reading. Ask yourself why Norton prints new editions of its anthologies.

Leslie Brail implores us to "come to terms with [our] own lack of understanding" and yet has the audacity to inform us that if we don't like it we should go to UofT. Advice like hers/his we can all do without. Many of us are well-aware of the issues s/he attempts to address, and too many of us are the victims of the ignorant and self-righteous attitudes which exist in the university environment.

The editor of *Excalibur* need not

Display of unhealthy attitudes

To the editor,

One day I was sitting at the very back of a large lecture hall, bored and thinking of where I'd rather be.

I picked up the movie magazine that had been in that week's *Excalibur* and began browsing. Reading an article on Mel Gibson, a student next to me, who had been reading over my shoulder, commented on the fact that Mel Gibson was going to be playing Hamlet. Acknowledging his contribution to my reading I just agreed. "Yeh."

I flipped to the next page and before me was an ad for an air-fighter movie. There were three men standing in front of a fighter jet all dressed in pilot garb and standing with their arms crossed and their feet spread apart.

The student was still looking over my shoulder so I turned to him and asked, "Why do men stand with their feet so far apart?" I was informed that "they have to." (No comment) The student continued to explain this phenomenon to me asserting that, "it's a territorial thing. You know . . . when a guys sits on the subway with his legs apart, it's a territorial thing."

I asked if that was similar to the way a dog backs up and pisses on something. "What are you? . . . Some kind of lesbian feminist?"

remind us by printing a letter which maybe he hopes will act as a defence against the recent accusations he has had to face.

Sincerely,
Elise Chenier

We're trash!

To the editor,

It seems a serious sickness has befallen *Excalibur*, typical of many once-quality agents in the mass media — that is, the regression toward commercialism.

Presumably, *Excalibur's* original mandate was to provide both a medium for conveying news and information pertinent to the York community and a forum for the expression of capable, budding writers — noble objectives within a university setting.

But how sad and disturbing it has been for us readers to witness the gradual degradation of *Excalibur* into the under-realm of tabloidism.

Witness the editorial cartoons, that apart from their wanting artistic merit, have rightfully led to charges of racism; or, the adoption of regular (now colored) cartoons and horoscopes, which would bring it on par with *The Toronto Sun* if only a Sunshine girl were inserted as well.

If that isn't evidence of an increasingly pathetic "newspaper" (if it can still be called one), can any literary credit honestly be recognized in those self-righteous editorialists and writers with an axe?

Notwithstanding the frequently obnoxious topics in themselves, grammatical transgressions and blatant vulgarities would have us wondering if *Excalibur* writers are only there as a project for remedial English classes.

In all seriousness, the state of *Excalibur* is an insult to the intelligence of the student body in assuming that a more commercialized paper would attract a commercialized audience.

I can only hope that the upcoming change of editors will also represent a change of philosophies toward the responsibilities of an editor and of his/her publication towards its readers.

Sincerely,
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OPINIONS

Governments must protect their

by Joma Nyakorema Nkombe

It is extremely misleading to see the ongoing racial tension in Toronto as a matter simply between the police and the African (black if you wish) community.

The police forces are organs of the state; and the government is the only element in the state system which is invested with the power to claim obedience and loyalty from all citizens, especially from the instruments of force. Constitutionally therefore, the police must serve the state by serving the government.

In this context, any strain in police relations with a particular group must be, in the final analysis, the responsibility of the government.

In Canada, it is the provincial legislature and parliament of Canada that respectively enact laws regulating police behavior. If the Police Act outlaws arbitrary use of police powers and one of the cops departs from this constitutional order, the government of the day elected by and for the people, must be held accountable for this particular deviance.

Lack of government control over the instruments of force may be indicative of corruption or incompetency. The government may be weak in relation to other elements in the state system including the police. It may be strong but choose to remain neutral. With respect to any police misconduct, neutrality means the police are free to misbehave since the full power of the state will not be martialled against the offenders.

But whatever the government chooses to do, it cannot escape the ultimate responsibility of serving and protecting all peoples. Why else would there be a need for society to constitute a government?

We are now in a position to understand why the ongoing war between the police and the African community must be seen for what it actually represents —

the war between the African Canadian and the government, which is responsible for keeping the leash on the instruments of force. That is to say, any attack on a particular group by agents of the state must be seen as an attack by the state or the government. This is a very important point to bring with us on the next section of this article.

WHY FOCUS ON AFRICANS?

Historically speaking, when it comes to serving and protecting the African people, some governments especially in the United States, Canada and South Africa

for the so-called "War on Drugs." George Bush appeared on national television with a black child on his shoulder facing the camera. I suppose we should applaud this presidential love and concern for the victim of a long prospering drug industry.

However, what we may have missed is that the president had consciously or unconsciously stereotyped Africans, and in actual effect, instructed state agents for the enforcement of drug laws to centre predominantly on Africans, but to be cunning enough not to let them know the focus might be intentional.

police presence in predominantly black neighborhoods seems cross-sectional.

In short, the police face no "dilemma" when it comes to separating white bad guys from white good guys. "Drug pushers" and "drug using community" become the code words for the Africans; whereas "concerned citizens" becomes the code reserved for the "responsible, hard-working, law-abiding and, therefore, morally-superior white citizens."

Bush's example of the black child is indeed authoritative in that it comes from the declining, but still commanding heights of the western empire. This is the very empire pervaded by ideas which hold men to be the ordained masters of women (Genesis 3:16); and the social Darwinist view that the races of mankind can be ranked into an evolutionary hierarchy, with the African classified as the lowest constitution.

It is also an empire in which despite the truism that poverty, crime, drugs et al. transcend cultural and racial boundaries, these complex social issues are taken out of context, distorted and manipulated to prove the inferiority of one race — all in language so subtle and scholarly that to uncritical minds, the truths seem self-evident.

It does not, therefore, surprise anyone that a few days before the shooting of Marlon Neal, a police officer in Toronto went public stating similar eugenic and social Darwinist doctrines. The officer called for mandatory birth control for those on welfare assistance. Presumably, he was referring to the corporations which as we all know, are the main recipients of the government money.

Eugenicists and social Darwinists, it must be remembered, hold the view that the government has a duty to limit the multiplication of its least fit citizens, defined by race or class. Slums and ghettos are here regarded as breeding grounds for the worst kinds of human

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tend to assert neutrality in a roundabout way that is not to everyone's taste. As we have already stated, neutrality in this sense means looking away when agents of the state treat a particular group differently.

In fact, it is very telling to witness through the print and electronic media that when black people are burying one of their children gunned down by the cops in the streets of Toronto, similar funerals are reported taking place in the United States and South Africa. Indeed, one is very tempted to conclude that the police in Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, New York, Miami, Johannesburg and Capetown (just to name a few), seem to co-ordinate their actions for the shootings to occur almost simultaneously.

In an apparent move to win support

The guile is hidden in the coded language of the anti-drug slogans. The effect of showing a caucasian (member of the white race) in a particular drug raid is quickly neutralized by showing "concerned citizens" (apparently being white means being a good citizen) calling the police to come in and get rid of drug pushers in the community; or for police officers to come in and display their wonderful toys while pretending to keep peace during an indoor basketball match at a metro housing complex.

The message reads: there are caucasian drug pushers, but not as many as there are good white citizens. Sometimes the media will also use non-critically-thinking blacks to make the calls — for special effect purposes — so that the support for massive and provocative



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communities from police violence

characteristics; and criminal tendencies are seen as a by-product of mental deficiency or the inability to "function" adequately in the "complex modern world."

American soldiers returning from Vietnam had difficulty readjusting to civilian life because the American civilian life had become all of a sudden too "complex" and "modern" for them. This argument reeks of stupidity. The American soldier had difficulty adjusting not because for a long time society had become complex, but because he was not socialized into American civilian life.

Very clearly, cultural background and education determine a person's character; the poor are not held back by heredity, and if we have appropriate cultural and economic organization, their condition will become better.

But for us in Canada, the danger of eugenics and social Darwinism is not that Canada, like a big puppy, seems to go around following in the footsteps of the United States' policy makers. The danger is that these kinds of ideas have already cost humanity countless precious lives including those of Africans, Jews and North American Indians.

For this reason, it is extremely important for the Africans both on the continent and in diaspora to become constantly aware of the subtle and insidious schemes utilized to disempower their fighting spirit and henceforth, make them give up the struggle for liberation. A few local examples may bring this point home.

Despite the fact that most Canadian athletes admitted using steroids, it was Ben Johnson who topped the list of scapegoats. If you examine the media coverage of incidents involving crime and drugs between 1987 and now, you are sure to find an over-representation of Africans.

In the words of an Aug. 14, 1988 *Toronto Star* editorial "Police Form Tightrope in Drug Raids": "[Police] raids are being conducted in areas that are predominantly black . . ." Follow-

We have here a police force whose only way to maintain morale is apparently by harassment and brutality.

ing the shooting of a black person, this over-representation becomes more visible on television. And when it comes to an African suspected of crime, the fact that he has been charged by police means that he is guilty as charged. In other words, for the African there seems to be no presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

Clearly, the idea behind criminalization of the Africans is to build-up a public consensus to hate them this time not because they are subhuman, not because they are black, but because in this society, it is morally right to hate criminals. The first requirement for racial hatred is thus fulfilled.

Through careful distortion of facts and by the employment of skilled demagogues who target people's emotions and prejudices, some people can be successfully deceived. They are now ready to denounce the African not as a vindication of their racist sentiments, but in defence of what appears to be the social values being threatened by the criminal.

Some cops assume that all blacks are criminals, drug pushers and hence, advance the argument peddled by the same editorial mentioned above: That when it comes to blacks, police face the "dilemma" of separating "good" blacks from the "bad" ones.

With the efficiency of robots, these unthinking cops can only execute the prime objective issued by the demagogue: "For blacks, shoot first and ask questions later." And they can do so knowing that there will be no government intervention.

We are now in a position to understand why the police say that any criticism is likely to lower police morale. We

Another fascist scheme is to keep the public under perpetual fear of violent crime and hence the constant warning about possible shooting of police officers. Of all the crimes committed in metro Toronto, only a small percentage involve violence. One can understand the growing sentiment that much of this violence is committed by the police themselves.

Clearly then, the purpose of the "violent crime" argument is to create a myth to justify the continuing employment of armed cops and the production of more instruments of death for profit — contrary to the growing environmental call for disarmament.

By way of conclusion, let me just say that the problem with the police is that there is no adequate control. But part of the problem is also the underdeveloped nature of Canadian democracy.

Legislation alone will not improve the quality of policing. Reform of the Police Act and the establishment of an Independent Civilian Review Agency probably staffed by lawyers, teachers and ex-judges, may quiet noisy "leaders," but it will not, by itself, solve the problem of racial and state violence that is inherent in the capitalist society.

You simply cannot legislate or force respect between peoples. Respect is an attitude that must be developed through a process of socialization.

This means that to have better relations, professional or otherwise, everyone especially starting with children, must be socialized to respect all life over money, indeed to respect a person not because he is a police officer, not because she is a member of parliament, a lawyer, a Hollywood "star," not because he is a millionaire, black, white or what have you. But because he or she is a human being. This is, in my view, the very pre-requisite for self-respect and henceforth, for a society based on mutual respect rather than fear.

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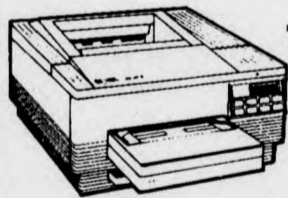
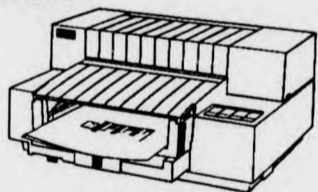
have here a police force whose only way to maintain morale is apparently by harassment and brutality. It reminds me of a man who having lost his manhood, goes around beating his wife and abusing his children just to boost his ego. This analogy applies only with respect to the inequality of physical power between armed police and unarmed civilians.

Maybe it is time for the "good apples" in the police force or government (if there are any left) to become familiar with the story of *Serpico* — the New York policeman who apparently "single-handedly" exposed the multimillion dollar involvement of hundreds of New York police officers and administrators in illegal drug-trafficking.

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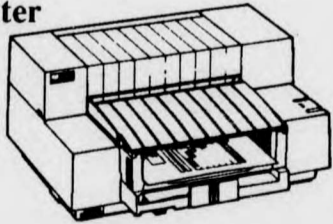


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by Steven M. Bergson

"It is not necessary to broadcast what is being done, or even what our ultimate plan is, but just to let the meetings grow out of the common need for fellowship" — The Master Plan of Evangelism (pg.118.).

On February 10, 1988, the InterFaith Council of York University removed the Church of Christ (which was calling itself Students for Christ) from the Council.

Subsequently, the COC declined to renew their registration as a club with the Office of Student Affairs, losing the privileges of being recognized as a club by York: being allowed to use the York University name and logo, and being able to rent tables in Central Square.

According to Cora Dusk, Director of Student Affairs, if the COC were to reapply, she would seek advice from the InterFaith Council before accepting their application.

The Church of Christ (a.k.a. Multiplying Ministries a.k.a. Discipling Movement) is an international, religious organization that was started about 15 years ago by Kip McKean.

McKean founded his group upon ideas that Robert Coleman expressed in his 1963 book *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, from which I will be quoting passages.

Allegations that have arisen against the group in the various cities where they have operated include: demanding absolute obedience to the group's leaders, using confessions to attack the character of their members, using deception when they recruit members, demanding an unreasonable time commitment from their members, depriving members of sufficient sleep time, regarding everyone who does not belong to the group as a sinner, and separating members from their family and friends.

The first thing one notices about the Church of Christ is their recruitment techniques. Other organizations (both on and off-campus) recruit through flyers, posters, and/or renting tables out at Central Square.

The Church of Christ's method is direct and personal. Last October, I was approached by Keastner, one of the COC's members. He invited me to a weekly Bible study that meets on Thursdays at 6 Assiniboine Rd.

Another noticeable aspect of the Church of Christ is their secrecy. During his invitation, I was not told that Keastner was a member of an international Christian organization or any information about that organization (eg. its history, beliefs, expected commitment), or that he wanted me to join his organization to prevent me from going straight to hell when I die.

There were two Bible study groups held in separate rooms: one for men, the other for women (I don't know why this is done or if the talks differ). Rather than discuss morality, Keastner showed us passages about discipling. At the next meeting, we looked at passages that told of Jesus' actions and superiority to ordinary men.

As the "outsider," I was always questioned at the end of the meetings about whether I believed what was taught. Keastner and the rest of the group were unable to accept the fact that I could reject the New Testament, while agreeing to the Old Testament.

Keastner seemed to feel that if I wasn't accepting his version of "the truth," it was because I had an inadequate teacher. Thus, last November, he invited Sean Barnes, one of the leaders of the Church of

Steven M. Bergson is a York Student who spent two months researching the Church of Christ and posing as a potential member.

Christ (York University Zone), to the Bible study to convince me of the validity of Christianity.

I was surprised that the group had not made demands of me yet, except that I should continue to attend the weekly meetings. I was also in doubt as to whether this was really the COC or just a group of students who meet informally to discuss the Bible.

I decided to tell Keastner that I intended to become a Christian to see what effect it would have. At the next meeting, I was told that I needed individualized instruction and that Keastner and Sean would be my "disciple partners."

At the meeting, I was told that the group whose Bible studies I had been attending was the Church of Christ, led in Toronto by David Eastman.

They told me that only those who have been baptized will go to heaven and that only disciples can be baptized. To prove this they showed that the Bible has only three references to Christians but 270 references to disciples.

This belief is echoed in *The Master Plan of Evangelism*: "Evangelism is not an optional accessory to our life. It is the heartbeat of all that we [Christians] are told to do." (pg.92). They also told me that

"There is no use to pray vaguely for the world. The world is lost and blind in sin." (p.109)

because we disciple our friends, I would probably be discipling my friends in the Jewish Student Federation.

They said that not only should the beliefs of Jesus be put into practice, but that the practices of Jesus must be done. "He always knew what was right and was the perfect Man, he lived as God would among men." (pg.17). They also said that I should love Jesus so much that my parents would think that I don't love them. (Luke 14:25-33).

They said that I should increase my time spent studying the Bible and praying from two hours per week to 30 minutes per day. They also told me not to worry about spending too much time learning about Christianity because my salvation was most important. They said that Satan works 24 hours a day, and if I were to die at that instant, I would go straight to hell.

They warned me that by becoming a disciple for the COC, I would be subject to persecution. As examples of such persecution, they used the "attacks" (critical articles) by the university media, the expulsion from York by the InterFaith Council and the "fabrications" (complaints) of former members.

They also mentioned how an organization that calls itself evangelical, but who they don't consider "real Christians" (the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship), helped get them expelled from York. "His way was contrary to the accepted pattern of worldly wisdom. Therefore, they would be hated of all men." (pg.85).

They said that they were willing to do anything to help me become a Christian. This included running errands, providing transportation, typing, and even writing

my essays for me. If I were kicked out of my house, they would provide housing for me. "As to their [the disciples'] support, they were to trust God to supply their needs." (pg.82).

One of the complaints against the Church of Christ is that they make claims they can do the impossible. George Nellis said that a COC member told him that Christianity can cure blindness. David (not his real name) said they told him that they could cure AIDS. Dan Mahoney said they told him they could help him "cure" his homosexuality.

It is interesting to note some of the other beliefs that are expressed in *The World Plan of Evangelism*. The book talks about the need for obedience. "Jesus expected the men he was with to obey him. . . for in time, obedient followers invariably take on the character of their leader." (pg.50). "He brought up his future commanders from the ranks, drilling in them along the way the necessity for discipline and respect for authority. There could be no insubordination in his command." (pg.58-59).

The book also suggests that the disciples and new members remain together as much as possible. "The counsellor should stay with the new believer as much as possible, studying the Bible and praying together, all the while answering questions, clarifying the truth, and seeking together to help others." (pg. 48-49). "It is crucial that those engaging in the work of

evangelism have personal supervision and guidance until such time as they are matured enough to carry on alone." (pg.100).

The utter distaste for the "outside world" is also shown throughout the text. "There is no use to pray vaguely for the world. The world is lost and blind in sin." (pg.109). "Carnal attitudes and reactions need to be detected early and dealt with decisively." (pg.123). "The devil, assisted by all the demons of hell, will seek to defeat them [the disciples] by every cunning device at his command. . . The world to which they are going lies under his evil spell." (pg.125).

When I last spoke to Keastner, he was unhappy that I had deceived him to gain admittance to the group. The use of deception in research studies has always been controversial because of methodological and ethical problems. Nonetheless, I feel, as many sociologists, psychologists and social scientists do, that the results of such studies have a high accuracy that could be lessened if the researcher approached the subjects in an honest way.

Keastner said that his reaction to allegations about the COC in general and the York Zone COC specifically was expressed in his talk with me. I take this to mean that because this article is critical, I must be just another one of those "religious persecutors" that Satan keeps using.

Please do not confuse the Boston-based Church of Christ with the mainline Church of Christ organizations that they broke away from. The Boston-based Church of Christ organizations are linked with Kip McKean. The mainline ones are not.

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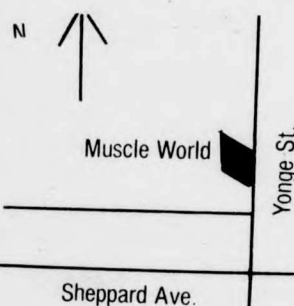
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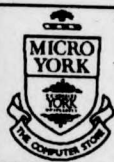
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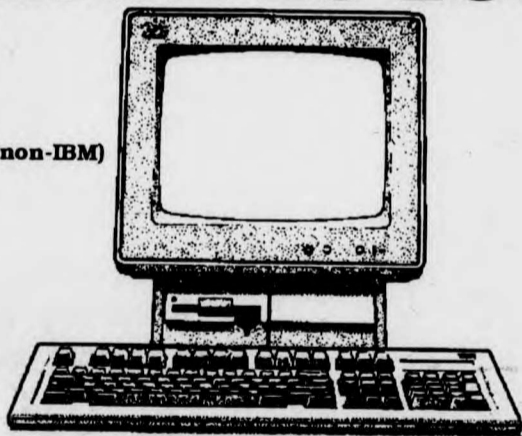
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Pro-choice not pro-abortion

Women's autonomy

by Sue Pennypacker

A while ago, I wrote about bill C-43, the proposed abortion law. Fortunately, that column had to be cancelled because the bill was defeated in the Senate. The lack of a law, however, does not mean that the battle is over. The pro-choice movement still has a lot of work to do.

Before I go any further, I should clarify my understanding of the pro-choice movement. My definition is by no means exhaustive, but it may help to clear up some misconceptions. To be pro-choice is not to be pro-abortion. A woman may, in fact, be opposed to abortion for herself, but can still support the right of other women to make this choice.

In general, the issue is that of women's autonomy. Within the context of the pro-choice movement, this means that women must be able to control their bodies: including sexual orientation, sexual activity, and the right to have or not to have children.

Since the demise of bill C-43, federal Justice Minister Kim Campbell has indicated that she doesn't plan to put forward any new legislation to criminalize abortion.

This is good news in the sense that there will be no legal ramifications for receiving or providing an abortion. On the other hand, however, access to safe abortion is not ensured.

The federal government seems to have abdicated its responsibility and pushed a contentious problem into the hands of the provinces and the medical community. The pro-choice movement has to work on many fronts to ensure equitable access to abortion.

Justice Bertha Wilson, in *Regina vs. Morgentaler* states that the criminalization of abortion, "is a direct interference with [a woman's] physical person . . . Wilson also says that "[a woman] is the passive [recipient] of a decision made by others as to whether her body is to be used to nurture a new life."

The dissent of (wo)man

While one would think that this type of exploitation would end with the demise of the original law on abortion (sec. 251 of the Criminal Code) and bill C-43, this has not been the case. The fact that the majority of hospitals across Canada still refuse to perform abortions shows that autonomy is still not in the hands of women.

The decision to have an abortion is not that of the hospital, the doctor, or the nurses; it belongs to the woman.

By limiting the ability to obtain abortions, the medical community usurps the autonomy of women. Therapeutic abortions must be treated like any other routine procedure. The morals and values of the doctor cannot be imposed on a decision which is so individual and private in its essence. We need a non-judgemental (at least outwardly) medical community which does not evaluate decisions in any way except medically.

I hope that the pro-choice movement is able to continue its discourse with society. Canadians cannot be allowed to rest on their ignorance about the reality of access to abortion. The notion that abortions are easily obtained and that the medical community is unbiased needs to be challenged. Apathy on the part of our community and our government cannot be tolerated.

The battle for the autonomy of women is frustrating, heartbreaking, and never-ending. Every time, we think the job is done, a new facet of the problem emerges. I hope that we will all have the strength to see this through.

Yesterday's news

by Colette Boileau

Much has been said about recycling these days. Some wonder why the university has just begun recycling and in fact a lot more needs to be done in this area. What I'm most concerned with are the logistics of it. The university would recycle more if there was money to be had in it, after all it beats paying to have it taken away (which will happen sooner than they think).

But who in their right minds would pay for this so called garbage — well a newsprint company, or perhaps a company that makes paper napkins, toilet paper and tissues from recovered fibres (recovered via the recycling process). Seems logical doesn't it? Now here's where the problem begins — in order that this fictitious company can pay money for our wastes it too must have a market for its product. This is where you and I come in.

Buying recycled paper may be the start, assuming that it is in fact 50 per cent or more post-consumer recycled content, which basically means half of its content came from the Administrative Building's paper bins (or possibly elsewhere).

But what else can you do? And I know you all want to do this as you're concerned about your campus (let's stick to the local scene for now). How about

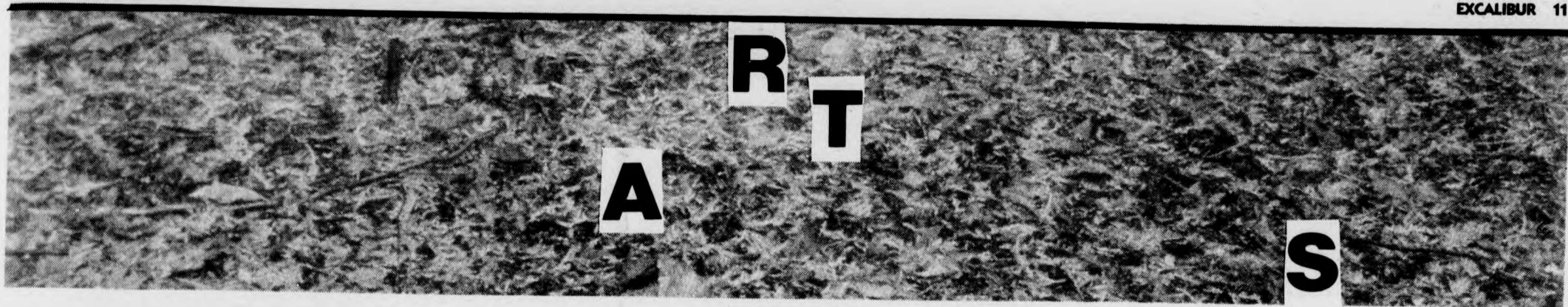
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Did you know that there's a kitty litter out there made from reused newspapers? It's called Yesterday's News (kinda like this article for some of you). Well okay, so all of you don't have a cat but there are other products out there. I challenge you to find some.

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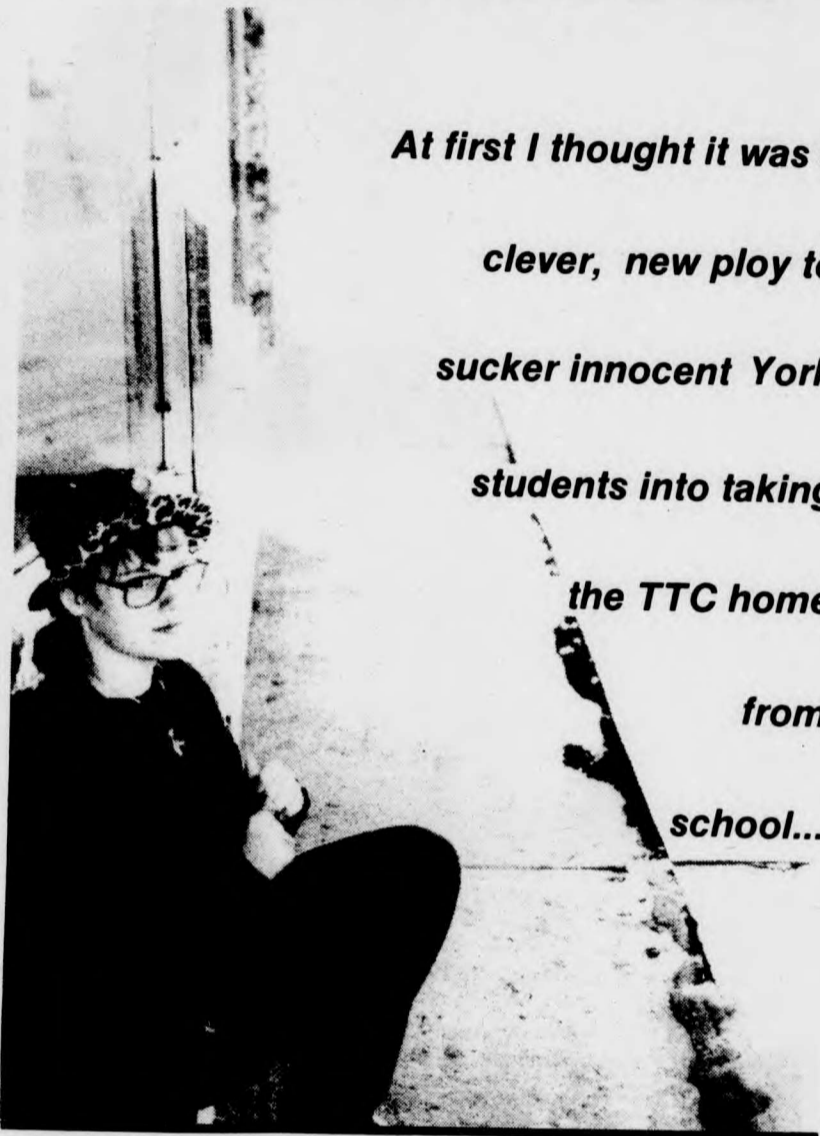
And the next time you find yourself dropping something into the by-now familiar Blue Box I recommend that you harken back to our chat when you find yourself in the bookstore selecting a pad of note paper and be wise — choose for recycling on campus.



FINE ARTS FEST starts today

by Seymour t. pink

At first I thought it was a clever, new ploy to sucker innocent York students into taking the TTC home from school...



There must be some mistake? I was passing through the Fine Arts buildings the other day when I noticed a sign. It read: "They Came . . . They Saw . . . They Left On The 106." At first I thought it was a clever new ploy to sucker innocent York students into taking the TTC home from school (as opposed to more enjoyable methods of transport such as being dragged naked by a rope over burning asphalt). Then I read the small print. "(a pretty normal Fine Arts Festival)." Needless to say, at this point I was really confused. How could anyone ever associate the word "normal" with Fine Arts.

I looked around the lobby for reassurance. Yep, I saw spandex-clad dancer bodies carelessly strewn across the grey cigarette burned carpet, a group of black clothed, paint stained students, sitting in a circle eating Caesar salads, a guy quoting Shakespeare, a woman with a movie camera, and someone beating a bongo? Normal? What the hell? In my fit of profound discombobulation, I witlessly proceeded to walk straight into this office. At first I didn't realize it was an office. It didn't look like any office I'd seen before. It didn't even have a fax machine. I guess I must have been mumbling because this big guy with long tangled hair walked up to me and said, "Oh, you'd like some info on the Fine Arts Festival?"



"Sure," I said. I didn't want to be rude, and besides he was really, really large. I turned my head slowly, a feeble attempt to find the exit. He thought I was looking for a pen. "You don't have to write this down. We have a schedule. We'll even give you one." "Who? . . . what? . . . when? . . . where? . . . how?" I was frantic. The looming figure with the hair tilted his head up and smiled. "We're the Creative Arts Students' Association. We're having a festival of fine arts. It runs from March 20 to the 22. It's happening all over the place. How? I don't know. I'm just a Fine Arts student." Instantly, I sensed he wasn't really dangerous. In fact, the singing coming from the lobby outside was

rather soothing. I began to understand that these strangely dressed people, though definitely not normal, were actually kind of fun. I found myself asking for more information. The festival entitled "They Came . . . They Saw . . . They Left On The 106 . . ." (a pretty normal Fine Arts Festival) will include dance performances, jazz bands, plays, art exhibits, films, and much, much more. The festival kicks off on March 20 with the ever famous York Cabaret in the lobby of Fine Arts Phase III. The festival is put on by students in Fine Arts for you. And you. And you. And yes, you too. I thanked the kind (but still really big) guy, turned on my heels, and headed straight for the bus stop.

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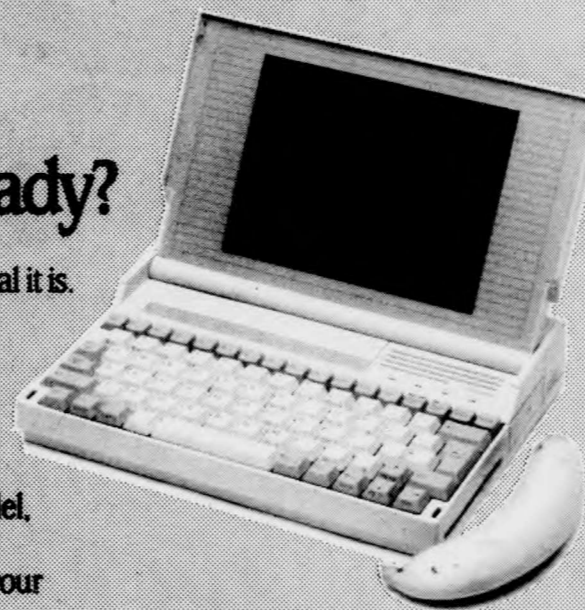
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by Stanley Feldman

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Last week, I had the pleasure of attending a concert of the Toronto Philharmonic Orchestra's 90/91 concert series.

This year's program consists of a series of six concerts, each one devoted to the music of a different composer, along with appropriate guest artists. On this particular occasion, it was the turn of Franz Joseph Haydn, who lived from 1732 to 1809.

The concert opened with four of his Twenty-four Minuets (Hoboken IX:16).

These were composed during the period of Haydn's greatest works, which include the London Symphony, and were originally intended as dance music. In fact, the minuet was commonly used as a middle movement in orchestral compositions, until it was replaced by the "scherzo".

Each dance lasted about two or three minutes, and was divided into three movements. Haydn's fascination with the clarinet at this time is given full rein.

American soprano, Julianne Baird, then joined the stage to sing arias from three of Haydn's operas: *La Vera Costanza* (True Constancy), composed in 1778, *Il Mondo della Luna* (The World on the Moon), from 1777, and finally *La Fedelta Premiata* (Fidelity Rewarded), from 1781. Baird's fame as a leading interpreter of early music compositions is spreading, and her magnificent renderings were sweet and precise.

The first half of the program concluded with the Horn Concerto No. 2 in D major, composed during the 1760s, while Haydn was working as Vice-Kapellmeister for Prince Esterhazy.

This piece is three movements and the soloist was Meir Rimoni, currently the principal horn with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. He was so well received by the Massey Hall regulars, that he then performed a light-hearted encore through a garden hose with a plastic funnel.

The concert continued after the interval with Baird singing two arias from *The Creation*. This oratorio, is said to have been composed for Handel from Milton's *Paradise Lost*, is one of Haydn's greatest masterpieces, completed in 1798, when he was 66-years-old.

"With verdure clad" tells of the creation of the fields, trees and flowers, while "On mighty pinions" depicts the creation of the birds, including eagles, larks, doves and nightingales.

Thirty-three years earlier (1765), Haydn composed Symphony No. 31 in D major (the "Hornsignal"), a work which underscores wonderful solo parts for many of the instruments that would have been included in an 18th century band, including the flute, oboe, violin, cello, double-bass, and of course, the french horn.

The first movement opened with a series of brilliant horn calls, reminiscent of a fox-hunt.

The adagio second movement had a wonderful melody, almost a duet, for first violin and first cello, linked in an elaborate setting. The minuet then brought out the horns again.

The fourth movement finale was in the form of a theme and seven variations, recalling the earlier horn fanfares, and ending in a mighty crescendo.

The orchestra was appropriately down-sized to the scale of Haydn's time, and was energetically conducted by its artistic director, Paul Robinson.



Easy to forget

by Lia Marsman

The Hard Way
directed by John Badham
Universal Pictures

The Hard Way isn't a hard film to forget.

The story is based on the usual Hollywood situation of the hard-nosed cop (James Woods), who is obsessed with capturing a daring serial killer while being saddled with a spoiled but very earnest actor (Michael J. Fox) who is researching for a role as a cop.

Both Woods and Fox get more than they bargained for, but not the audience.

Besides some excellent stunts (the final confrontation has the killer and his captors hanging precariously from the giant billboard of the actor's face), and a few sparse chuckles at the antics of Fox's character, all that's left is the caricature of the two actors' public image.

It seems, as I hear it, that both Fox and Woods had a lot of fun spoofing themselves, perhaps more than those watching them.

However, *The Hard Way* shows the true nature of a policeman's work — hard and occasionally dangerous — versus the glamorized Hollywood version of a cop's life. Under

the parody, hidden behind the laughs, the film contrasts the hard mean streets of New York and the phoney Hollywood glitz.

For Fox, it was also an enlightening experience as he gets a chance to take a close look at the world of big film stars from the outside, and throw a spotlight on the erratic and fickle behavior of a popular actor. In his own words, the star can sometimes behave like "a jerk."

The film also points out the public's tendency to see these celluloid heroes as larger than life.

When Lang (played by Fox), is noticed by a girl, she remarks, "You look a lot like Lang, but of course you are much shorter."

Also worthy of note, is a cameo appearance by Penny Marshall as a successful agent with a "let's make a buck" attitude.

Granted the weakness of the plot, this film is an effective study in contrasts: the repressed, driven cop and the chatty, spoiled star to whom everything comes easy ("Have the studio fix it."). Even physically, the two characters could not be more different — the tall, tough Woods versus the small, cute Fox.

To sum it up; keep your expectations low, and you will spend an entertaining ninety minutes.

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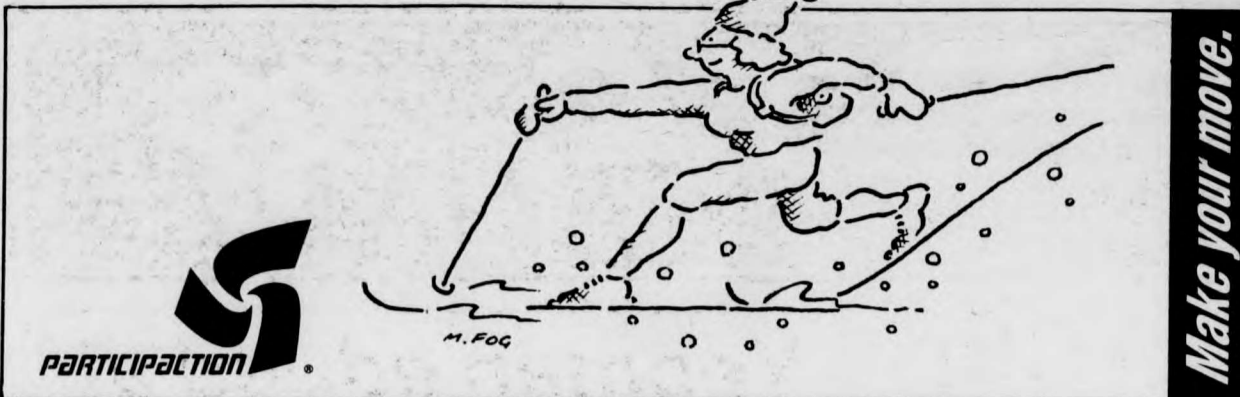
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Not to be overlooked

HUAC investigates communist sympathizers in Hollywood

by Greg B. Somer

Guilty by Suspicion directed by Martin Scorsese Warner Bros.

Guilty by Suspicion is based on a dark period in Hollywood history.

During the early 50s, the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) was in full swing, investigating suspected Communist involvement among people in the motion picture industry. Many individuals were coerced into testifying as witnesses against their colleagues, who may or not have been directly associated with subversive Communist intentions. Those neglecting to testify were placed on the "Hollywood Blacklist" which scarred their professional reputations.

Film director, David Merrill (Robert De Niro), faces a disturbing dilemma. If he testifies, future opportunities, initiated by giant studio moguls, will allow him to further his career, but unfortunately, many of his co-workers may fall victim to the committee's punishment (i.e. prison terms, and loss of the right to earn a living . . .). On the other hand, if he refuses to testify, the FBI will continue to pursue him until their needs are met.

Torn between his obsession for his trade and his obligation to those close to him, he wrestles with his conscience, then decides not to comply with the committee's demands.

As Merrill becomes increasingly belligerent, he's shocked to find that those he once depended on now reject him in an effort to protect their own reputations. If seen with him, they could be labelled as suspected Communists.

At this time, Merrill receives his sole source of strength from his family, whom he had previously neglected. His ex-wife Ruth (*The Grif-*

ters' Annette Bening) provided the emotional stability he needs, while his 10-year-old son gives him the chance to become a better father figure. These touching family scenes are natural and refreshing, contrasting the film's taut dramatic elements.

Another complimentary subplot involves Merrill's relationship with his close friend, screenwriter Bunny Baxter.

Played by George Wendt, Bunny displays great down to earth honesty.

Wendt, who is best known as beer-guzzling Norm Peterson on TV's *Cheers*, expands his potential as a man desperate to save his own skin when the committee closes in on him.

Patricia Wettig (TV's *Thirtysomething*) adds an unexpected dramatic element as Dorothy, a tragic victim of the committee's motives. As is the case with Wendt, it is great to see Wettig surpass her melodramatic television role.

To save the best for last, De Niro outshines everyone in the film, with his convincing portrayal of David Merrill. Right from the film's opening, he earns our sympathy with his sincerity and loyalty when he adamantly refuses to label his friends as communists.

Guilty by Suspicion, has one noticeable weakness. Despite their strengths, all the main characters, with the exception of Merrill, are rather contrived and one-dimensional. However, if one considers the simplified storyline, such characters may pose as necessary plot requirements.

The highlight of the film is its climactic courtroom confrontation which inevitably sweeps us towards a resounding conclusion.

One of the most intriguing films of the season, *Guilty by Suspicion* is not to be overlooked.



Film director David Merrill (played by Robert De Niro) has some hard choices to make in 1950's Hollywood.



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SPORTS



Yeowomen go silver at Cup

by Josh Rubin

What a difference a year makes.

The Yeowomen gymnastics team proved that old sports adage this past weekend, erasing memories of

last year's sixth place CIAU performance with a silver medal at this year's competition.

For the 500 or so fans at the Tait McKenzie gym, performances from York rookies Trista Bernier and Sta-

cey Umeh were the highlight of the meet.

On the meet's first day, Bernier finished sixth in the all-round competition, garnering herself a spot on the All-Canadian team in the process.

According to Boris Bajin, husband of York coach Natasa Bajin, it is Bernier's constant effort which has been the key to her success.

"Consistency is one of Trista's real strengths," Bajin said. "You have to be consistent before you start putting in more difficult moves."

Umeh, meanwhile, led all competitors in the qualifying section of the floor routine, edging out Calgary's Lisa Jefferies for top spot.

The most gutsy performance of the day, however, belonged to team captain Becky Chambers, who took third in the vault qualifying round and came in 13th overall, less than a month after breaking a bone in her right foot.

The next day, however, didn't go quite as well for the talented pair and the rest of their teammates.

Though Bernier took second in the vault competition, which is her specialty, Umeh missed the medals with her floor routine, placing fourth.

The affable 20-year-old suggested it was a case of the nerves which cost her the chance for some hardware.

"Yesterday (Friday) I was more relaxed. Today (Saturday) I was really hyper," Umeh said.

According to Natasa Bajin, however, Umeh was simply tired.

For next year, Bajin is even more optimistic, calling this year's batch of rookie's "the best generation I've had in the fifteen years I've been coaching here."

Bajin is particularly enthusiastic about Bernier and Umeh.

"They just don't make mistakes in big meets," Bajin said.

Along with 18-year-old Heidi Clark, Bernier and Umeh are likely to keep the Yeowomen competitive for several seasons to come.

Rounding out the York squad were Giovanna Lett and the graduating Susan Huff.

Yeomen edged at CIAU gymnastics

by Josh Rubin

At least there was a silver lining, but a cloud still hung over the Tait McKenzie gym this past weekend.

Hosting the CIAU championships, the Yeomen gymnastics squad missed out on a gold medal by less than a single point.

The Yeomen, defending national champions, were edged out by last year's silver medallists from Calgary 166.70 to 165.95.

A subpar performance by George Zivic left the Yeomen in need of some heroics to salvage pride during the team competition and J.P. Kraemer obliged.

The 21-year-old physical education major finished second in the all-round standings, winning the qualifying portion of the floor event in the process.

Zivic, on the other hand, came out on top in both the vault and parallel bar.

However, whereas Kraemer's lowest placing in any of the six events was a fourth in the parallel bar, Zivic dropped to 15th spot on the high bar and was ninth on the pommel horse, putting him in fourth place in the all-round competition.

Afterwards, a disappointed Kraemer reflected on how close to their western rivals the Yeomen were.

"It's a really harsh loss," Kraemer said. "If we had stuck a couple of extra land-

ings, we would have won it."

Head coach Tom Zivic agreed with Kraemer, but added he felt the Yeomen were still the superior squad.

"I'm not disappointed with finishing second," Zivic said. "I'm disappointed finishing second when we had the better team."

Kraemer sparkled again the next day in the individual event finals, copping a gold with his floor exercise and also getting three bronze medals.

Zivic was no slouch either on Saturday, adding a pair of silvers and a gold medal to his collection of hardware.

Other standout Yeoman performances were had by the Hood brothers, Mike and Colin, who finished one and two respectively in the high bar competition.

Other York gymnasts competing on the weekend were Trevor Jones and rookie Seth Bitting.

The elder Zivic was at a loss to explain his son's relatively poor performance on the weekend.

"We still haven't figured out what went wrong," said Zivic senior. "But George had a lot of pressure on him this weekend." As for the rest of the team's performance the Yeomen's mentor had a simple explanation.

"Calgary's top three athletes performed well, and ours didn't, with the exception of J.P.," Zivic said.



Jay Howard

OVER TALL BUILDINGS in a single leap, Trista Bernier grabbed herself an All-Canadian award at this past weekend's National University Cup at Tait McKenzie. Also starring for the Yeowomen was Stacey Umeh. Yeoman J.P. Kraemer finished second.

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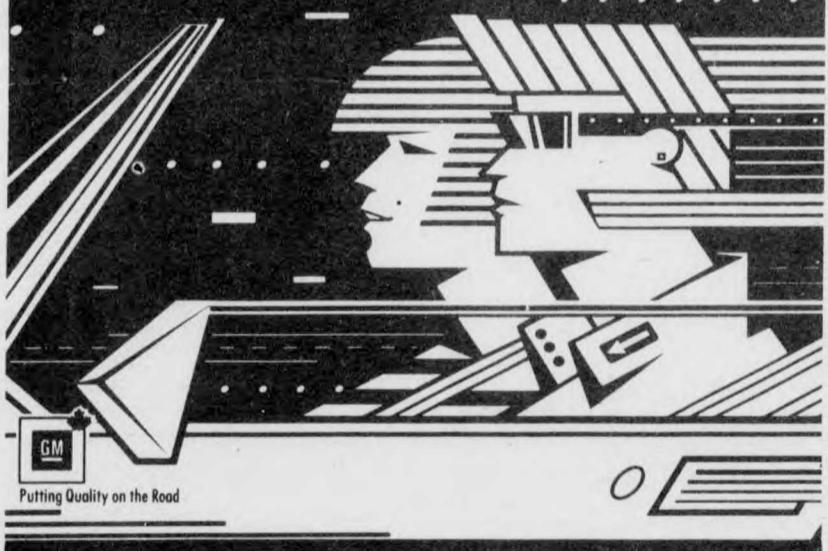
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