

# THE PIPE

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## Strike at York?



TEACHERS ON STRIKE !

# Letter From The Editor

**Wow.** It has been a rough couple of weeks. As I am writing this, I am recalling the day before. Disaster! I guess this is what happens when things begin to pile up and it seems like it all came from nowhere. Are you feeling it too?

There are a few things I want to address in this letter. It has absolutely nothing to do with school or inspiration on how to get through the hard, crazy times at school. The Pipe should not be scared to tell students how we feel about certain issues, and I am going to unleash my anger to you. I hope we can see eye to eye.

First of all, this election we just had? Bogus. The reason why I bring it up is because of how the election affects Canadians, and that includes students. Countless amounts of money was spent to have an election this year. Where could the money have gone? Perhaps to students to pay off tuition? Perhaps the government could throw us a bone or two to make our lives less stressful? Do you know what I'm talking about? I'm sure you do. I cannot say I have student debts myself, but I feel for my friend who tells me that they're struggling right now. In the meantime, the government of Canada can hold an election whenever it wants, and waste our money doing it. How does that make sense? At least the neighbours down South have a strict regime they follow: every four years on the dot, there is a new election. Don't get me wrong-I have plenty to say about them too.

Sarah Palin, anyone? What do you think of her? To be completely honest, I hate her. I think she is an intelligent woman, but the fact that she thinks she can run a country after being the Governor of Alaska for a year and a half, please!

That is baloney and we all know it! You may be asking your self, 'Why is she talking about this crap? This has nothing to do with us!' Well, it does.

The U.S. is our biggest ally, and with their economy in the dumps right now, our will be affected even more. In fact, it's already sinking. How could a nation want to elect a Republican team who does not have a direct plan to help the economy? If John McCain and Sarah Palin are elected into office, I fear what will happen to the Americans who were on Barack Obama's side, and I fear that the economy will be at a stand still for a longer time.

The reason why I wanted to share this with you is to develop an honest relationship with readers. This is how I feel, and I want to be honest about it. I want you to email us with your comments, tell me my opinion is right or wrong, and make yourself heard. Email us at [thepipe@yorku.ca](mailto:thepipe@yorku.ca). I will be on the lookout for your comments.

Sincerely,

Jessica Vitullo  
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# PREPARE FOR A STRIKE YORK U

On October 16, 2008, I walked into my only afternoon lecture of the day. Our class had an essay due, and of course, we were all very antsy and wanted to plop our papers down onto the table near our professor, and forget about it. To my surprise, when my professor addressed the class, the topic of discussion was a far cry from our essays being handed in. Instead, it was about a possible strike at York.

A possible strike at York. Seriously. It sounds pretty scary. As soon as she told us, people were gasping, hands rose in a heartbeat because students has questions and needed answers. My professor was very good about this. She explained everything to us and held nothing back. Her honesty is what made the situation somewhat lighter. Instead of lying to students and not telling us why the strike could happen, she gave us a few reasons why members of her union wanted to strike. I think this was a great decision on behalf of my professor for being so honest. Nonetheless, honesty will not stop the strike. Neither can the students. Here is exactly what you need to know, as well as what your rights are, in case there is a strike in November.

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3903 members held a strike vote that ended on October 16, 2008. It began two days before. The reason for this vote was to tell York administration that members of the union would go on strike if demands are not met.

The union represents over 3200 graduate assistants, teaching assistants, and contract faculty at York. These members have been working on work-to-rule since October of last year. The situation has become so out of hand that these members have refused to answer student emails, or work overtime in order to scrape

the surface of their minimum job requirements-nothing more expected from these members. What happens in the end? The students suffer. We cannot email our TAs or GAs, cannot ask questions because it will take up more of their time, as well as meet with them. After all, some refuse to work overtime.

While a student's education is paid for and they are not receiving the proper assistance they need, not very much has been done to actually solve the problem and alleviate the members' stress. The vote itself was set up so the union could have more bargaining power at the table against York administration. This was a form of pressure, which did not work as well as the union had hoped.

The demands of these workers include increased wages, better job security, and even free tuition. The strike vote had a turn-out of 85% voting YES to a strike if these demands are not met. For two days a week for two months, the union has been talking with York administration, and little progress was made.

Where is York administration in all this? Well, they have been at the bargaining table, and do not find these demands realistic. Administration has said that the CUPE 3903 demands will cost the University \$116 million over two years. Providing free tuition to graduate students will cost the University \$15 million in one year.

I have talked about CUPE and its members. I have talked about York administration and their role in all of this. What happens to the students?

If a strike were to happen, the graduation of students would be in jeopardy, classes will be cancelled, and the chances of students coming to school at a time where there are picket lines everywhere on campus is likely.

What we students have to remember is both sides are thinking about what would happen to us. The lives of 50,000 students would be disrupted if a strike were to occur.

If a settlement cannot be reached, a strike will begin between October 31 and November 7.

The last time a strike happened at York, it was between October of 2000 and January 2001. The strike lasted for 76 days and the academic year was pushed back as a result of the strike. The winter semester finished in late May, meaning summer courses could not be taken, students could not work full-time, and vacations had to be postponed.

## NEW UPDATES

What I have already written is some information that was relevant the week of October 13. Since then, new developments have been made. Unfortunately, the strike drums have not stopped.

As reported by Excalibur, the new strike date is November 6. If a settlement between CUPE and York administration cannot be reached, then it is on this day that the lives of many students will be disrupted.

It is already evident that the union is serious about a strike since they voted on the issue in mid-October.

At the same time, York will do its job and lock out members of the union as of November 2. The union will go on strike first if this is apparent.

Basically, no party seems to be getting at a settlement, and certainly not before the deadline. Students have their own rights to exercise in case there is a strike. No student will be penalized for not going to class, and due dates will be pushed

for all assignments. For students exercising their right to go to class, be prepared to be held at picket lines. Members will hold students for a few minutes, meaning there is a potential to be late for class. Plus, contract faculty represents over 60% of York's faculty. Many classes will be cancelled in the first place and TAs will not be available for tutorials.

The only thing students can do is support members at the picket lines. Other than that, we wait.

# SPA News

By: Jessica Vitullo

What is a Student Peer Advisor? SPA is a team of people dedicated to helping students achieve all the best in their school years. Advisors can help you answer questions about your major, help you when major assignments begin flooding in, and so much more. SPAs are like personal coaches for students! SPAs also offer special workshops throughout the year that will benefit any student, like Essay Writing and Exam Prep.

SPAs are available to talk in room 202 of Calumet College. Drop in whenever you want, or email the team at [calpeers@yorku.ca](mailto:calpeers@yorku.ca).

To make it more convenient for students, the SPA office has set up office hours, so you will never have to drop by the office and find no one there. The hours are as follows:

Mondays from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Tuesdays from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Thursdays from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

Fridays from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Peer advisors will be in the office during these time to take your questions and help you out with whatever you need. Take advantage of this great opportunity and strive for the success you deserve!

# Breast Cancer Awareness

By: Michelle Hutchinson

On Wednesday, October 1, the beginning of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the York University bookstore, as well as 22 campus bookstores across Canada, started a fundraiser organised by Canadian Campus Retail Associates in order to raise money for breast cancer research.

York's goal for this year is \$10,000 and the bookstore will be selling pink T-shirts inscribed with "York Cares" and the pink breast cancer ribbon on the front for \$10 each.

Breast cancer is becoming more prominent in Canadian youths with increasing amounts of young people losing their lives to aggressive forms of the disease. This is the leading cause of cancer death among youth in young adults in Canada. It is also the most common cancer found in Canadian women. About 431 women are diagnosed each week and it is estimated that in 2008, 22,400 will be diagnosed and that 5,300 of these will die.

This cancer doesn't only affect older people, everyone is connected to someone who has, will have, had, or is battling this disease and it is important that we all participate and work towards a cure so that one day, cancer will be a thing of the past.

image courtesy of [www.cancergeek.com](http://www.cancergeek.com)



# Debate



By: Jessica Vitullo

## Attention Calumet Students!

This Fall, the York Debating Society (YDS) will be hosting its first Inter-college Debating Tournament! The tournament will put fourth strong, skilled, sharp minds from every college at York. Students will battle each other in several rounds of intense debating.

Details: Each college will send two teams of two members. The tournament will include three rounds of debate where each team will be randomly paired with another team from a different college. The teams that come out on top will move to the semi-final rounds, ultimately leading to the grand finals. Topics for the first two rounds will be given in advance. As for the other rounds, the topics will remain a secret. Those judging the rounds are experienced members of the YDS.

image courtesy of [oncampus.macleans.ca](http://oncampus.macleans.ca)

The format of the debate will resemble the Canadian Parliamentary style of debate.

Why: For a chance to engage in intense discussions, participate in a friendly competition, show colleges what CALUMET CAN DO, and attempt to win a really cool trophy!

When: Saturday, November 1, 2008, 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Where: Health Nursing and Environmental Studies building on the York U campus

For more information, you can contact the President of the Calumet College Council at [jzhai10@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:jzhai10@schulich.yorku.ca). You may also visit <http://www.yorku.ca/yds/events.php?category=events&page=20081101> for more information. Come out, show people what you got, and debate!

## The Pipe Needs Writers!

The Pipe is looking for people to fill the following positions:

- News Editor
- Sports Editor
- Humours Editor

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# New Students Come to York

By: Michelle Hutchinson

On Saturday, November 8, York University will hold its annual Fall Campus Day on the Keele campus. This event allows potential York students to access information about the University through both faculty and current students here at York.

The Keele campus version will run from 10:30am to 2:30pm. Potential students will have the chance to participate in events such as campus and residence tours, admissions information seminars, and seminars on the means available to students in order to pay their way through school. Representatives from most of York's faculties, including Fine Arts, Environmental



Studies, Graduate studies, Health, and many more will have booths which the students may attend in order to learn more about programs, services, courses, and admissions requirements.

There is also a Glendon component, which will be held on Sunday, November 9, between 10:30am and 3:15pm at the Glendon campus.

There is free parking and directions available for both events through the YorkU webpage for those who will attend. Tell everyone you know!

image courtesy of yu cheer.ca

# Don't Let the Freshman Fifteen turn into the Freshmen Forty-Five

By: Danica D'Onofrio

So, you're sitting at home in your track pants absolutely bamboozled as to how and when these extra pounds might have entered your bodice. With a constant press on time due to school, work and family life, well-cooked balanced meals are just not always in the cards. You're growing larger by day hoping that your winter wardrobe has enough in it to cope with the "new you" and to be frank it is flat out depressing. You feel trapped, in a sick routine you wish to change, but can't out of laziness and lack of time. Well, let me assure you that there is still hope, and the way you feel at this very moment in time can be undone. It just takes a good will, and baby, I'm about to show you the way.

Think Small: If you go into anything, in particular weight management or loss, over-bearing goals can hold you back from wanting to start. It's a misconception that in order to avoid Freshmen first year gain, you should avoid food at school all together. Choices are available; it's just a case of how badly you want to make that change. Take it day by day. Supplementing that choco-

late bar with yogurt or an apple is a good idea today, so that maybe tomorrow or the next day you can treat yourself to that chocolate bar. You can have what you want, just don't overindulge.

Exercise: Although you may feel like you look like the Michelin Man while running or walking quickly on the treadmill, every little bit counts. A 20-25 minute incline walk on a treadmill can burn up to 300 calories. That's a snack that you may have felt guilty about eating or a treat that you can now save up and have later. For those who absolutely despise the gym, be sure to take the longer way home and actively keep yourself moving. Park your car a little further away from the entrance in a parking lot so you're forced to walk a little longer, take the stairs; not the elevator, and avoid staying seated for too long when studying – this slows down the metabolism.

Eating: Poor eating habits usually stem from redundant daily routines and poor time management. If you can sit there and ask yourself, "Am I hungry?" and justifiably answer "No" than there are most definitely

other factors contributing to your increased appetite. Being in a bad mood has the tendency to set off bad eating, so try to surround yourself with good people and good things that usually don't offset your body's actual craving for food. Come exam time, stick to crunchy, energy rich snacks that your body can easily process and digest such as almonds, dried apricots, carrots, pickles and/or Lavash flatbreads. Make sure to take vitamin supplements to ensure you're getting a fair amount of B6 and B12 in your diet as well, as this will keep you energized during long study periods. Starting your day off with a warm glass of water with a quarter of a lemon stirred inside of it, alongside a small bowl of oatmeal will speed up your metabolism as the day goes by and keep you full for longer so that tempting unhealthy mid-day snacks do not seem as appealing. And finally, water is crucial. Whether you like it flavored, cold, hot, bottled, branded or boxed – drink it!

So now the question remains how do I stay motivated? One good day does not necessarily mean that everyday will be like that. Don't look at this as a drastic change to your life

and the way you do things. Think of it as a minor alteration for the sake of your sanity and schoolwork. Both [weightwatchers.ca](http://weightwatchers.ca) and [fitday.com](http://fitday.com) provide newsletters, reminders, and managing tools to help you set a weight loss goal and stick to it. In the case where you're feeling helpless and trapped because of a day of bad eating, check out a new recipe or success story to keep you on track.

It's never too late to make a change in your life; it simply comes down to how bad you want it.

# The Rape of the Canadian Election

By: Robert Vandrish

Yes, the 2008 Canadian election was raped (and we all witnessed it). Only 59.1% of eligible voters marked the X. Obviously, the results of this election do not reflect Canadian interest. I'm not contesting who should or shouldn't have won, but I would like to address the issue of voter turn-out in this recent election.

Students are known to have a low voter turn-out, but this year they were severely inconvenienced from having a voice. New election rules demand that voters present pieces of government issued ID (including name and address) to vote. For someone like myself, who lives just off campus and is originally from another city, voting was especially difficult. It meant that I could not vote at the polling station outside my house and had to travel through a couple cities to pick up my voter registration card to cast my one ballot. If I didn't have my ID on me, I would just have been sent back (as was the case with many Canadians). This new rule isn't just an inconvenience, but a total discouragement. What Elections Canada hasn't taken into account is that the level of difficulty this adds to the voting process – a large number of students didn't, or couldn't vote, aboriginal citizens didn't vote because they live on reserves (which don't have traditional addresses, like street names and house numbers) and other citizens did not vote because of lack of identification. Without much notice that there were new rules, people were bound to show up lacking the necessary documents.

In fact, many citizens were rejected at polling stations because they simply didn't own the proper ID, or did not have a "traditional" address, and more turned away discouraged because they hadn't brought their documents.

Where was the media in all this? Considering there were only 37 days in this electoral campaign, and all of them were shadowed by the U.S. election, it was not very present. It was difficult to obtain information about the election campaign, being underrepresented by the media, let alone the election process itself. Maybe lack of coverage was due to the media's reluctance to spend much of its air time on the election when Canadians have shown themselves to be apathetic. But maybe we're apathetic because there is a lack of coverage and we can't make educated decisions. Either way, Canadians were failed in this election. The Canadian voice was lost.

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**T**he International Festival of Authors has presented a variety of writers discussing several topics involving literature. From readings and signings, the festival has brought writers and readers together.

In a round table setting, four authors participated in an event called "Excuse me, but I have to write this down: Life as Material." The purpose of the event, which was held on Saturday, October 25 at the Harbourfront Centre, featured author/screenwriter David Benioff, first-time novelists Joe Dunthorne and Rivka Galchen, as well as poet/novelist Owen Sheers. Susan G. Cole, Senior Entertain-

## I FO A: Life as Material

By: Jessica Vitullo

ment and Books editor at NOW Magazine was moderating the discussion. Each writer brought something different to the table. The discussion focused on how certain aspects of the writer's life was introduced into their novel, thus presenting life as material.

David Benioff, the accomplished screenplay writer who transformed Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner* into a cinematic masterpiece, presented himself in an intelligent, yet casual manner. His main focus during the discussion revolved around his new novel entitled *City of Thieves*. The story is about the Nazi siege of Leningrad, and two main characters looking for a carton of eggs. During the seminar, Benioff commented on how he had two very different ideas, and was able to put them together in his new book.

Since Benioff's new book is about Russia during WWII, extensive research was mandatory to ensure that all facts were correct when it came down to the war and locations. Benioff discussed how his professor told him to find the best single book he could on the subject. "The book you are writing will feel research heavy," he said during the seminar. With that being said, research was necessary for developing the story, but it was important to write using his own

creativity to ensure the book was not heavy in research. As part of his research, Benioff visited Leningrad several times in order to describe the setting properly. The best research he could find came from his own grandfather who survived the siege.

Since this seminar was about how life can be used as material for literature, Benioff focused his discussion on certain aspects of his book that represents his life. In particular, the grandfather in the novel is somewhat representative of his own grandfather. Benioff confirmed that he did have a grandfather who lived in Florida. While doing research for his book, he visited his grandfather, got to know him better, as well as his stories about the siege of Leningrad. However, he did state that, "my grandfather is not the grandfather in the book." Even though the character is not his real grandfather, the stories that his grandfather told were real, and became part of his novel.

This concept of life as material in novels proves to be a great one because of Benioff's interest in writing about his grandfather, and in doing so, creating a story with elements of fiction and non-fiction. His story involves elements of true life, and he drew upon his own creativity, creating another unique novel.

# Dalmations. We Walk All Over Them

They start on the shelves.  
Short, stubby, stiff squares of multiple colours turn into mushy splatter marks underneath your feet.

First, they crack and become moist in your mouth, and sometimes they come somewhat mushy already; smooth, chalky rectangles melt into rubber within your mouth. Each becomes chewy bits of flavoured rubber. Then their final destination awaits them once your taste buds and mouth bore.

Without proper disposal handy and without penalty for spitting them out, some choose to lay them to rest upon sidewalks and roads. You walk along your nearby street and if you're lucky enough to avoid the nuisance of stepping upon fresh ones, they go unnoticed, adding unconscious grip to the walkways.

Some are asphalt black, others eraser grey. Fresh ones retain the color they held when still square or rectangular. Paste white, blue, even florescent red clumps of dental molds squish underneath your feet and become splatter marks spotting the walkways like Dalmations.

They give the area covered a look of depletion and griminess. Dingy storefronts struggle to keep their reputations as their front entrances become littered with permanent, gooey stains. Managers look to the city for an answer; the city's image depletes and disgusted citizens raise complaints.

By: Alex Cosniglio

The city replaces some sidewalks, not due to the gummy residue creeping over them, but due to cracks and unevenness. That's the solution and seems to be the only victory over the battalions of evicted pavement stickers, but the city can't afford to replace all the spoiled sidewalks.

It's been a steady lop sided battle. You buy them, bore of them, spit them out, and begin chomping on another. Where shall that one reside? Will it be reunited with its long lost neighbor? Will it join its companions upon the sticky streets of Toronto? If you've done one the courtesy, don't be one to complain when another sticks upon your shoe.

In other countries, it's a crime to spit out your gum. Here in Toronto, people seem to think they're creating artwork by spotting the sidewalks with gum.

The pasted creations have become common. Maybe it's leftover asphalt or spilt cement, but most of the time its people's dirty habits littering your streets and soon enough everyone's going to be blind to the Dalmatian sidewalks. Younger generations may even think they were laid that way!



*David Leyton-Brown  
Master of Calumet College*



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in Room 100 Calumet College*

## Fun Stuff

By: Janice Ma

**T**he first things that are associated with Halloween are the amount of candy that gets passed around and the crazy costumes people are seen sporting in. Where did this tradition come from?

It may surprise you to find out that Halloween is actually Celtic in origin. As the last day of the Celtic calendar, the end of summer, and the beginning of winter, it was a day where it was believed that the boundary between the world of the living and the dead was thinnest. On October 31, it was believed that ghosts and other spirits roamed the earth, and was an important day for prophecies.

To celebrate Samhain, Celtic priests sacrificed animals and crops to their gods, told fortunes, and wore animal costumes. The costumes were worn so that spirits would mistake them for other spirits and leave them alone. To protect themselves from unfriendly spirits and to ensure a good harvest for the next year, gifts and treats were also left outside to appease evil. This custom may have been the origin of

the trick-or-treat tradition in Halloween. Candles were also lit to help loved ones find their way back to the world of spirits.

When the Romans conquered the Celts, two Roman festivals were combined with Samhain. In these two festivals, the dead were commemorated, and the goddess of fruits and trees was honoured. This is one explanation as to why the tradition of bobbing for apples, the symbol of the goddess Pomona, is inherent in Halloween.

How then did we come to know this festival as Halloween? The name did not come to be until much later when Christianity had spread throughout the Celtic lands. November 1 was designated All Saints' Day or All-hallowmas by Pope Boniface IV, a time to honour saints and martyrs of the Christian faith. October 31 then was later known as Allhallowmesse, and eventually Halloween. The day was celebrated in a similar fashion as Samhain was celebrated.

## Voices Forward in Toronto

By: Jessica Vitullo

**B**etween Wednesday, November 12 and Sunday, November 16, the city of Toronto will be hosting Voices Forward: a festival portraying film and culture about people from Israel and Palestine. This year will be the festival's third annual event, and it is expanding. Music performances will be incorporated into the festival, as well as thought-provoking lectures and readings. Since Voices Forward began solely as a film festival, ten films will be shown during the festival. Each one was directed by an Israeli or Palestinian film director, and will tell a tale of human stories and inspiration.

Three years ago, the festival was formed by Israeli doc producer Amit Breuer. He moved to Toronto in 2005 and wanted to make information available to Canadians about their culture, information not readily available.

"If Palestinians and Israelis can't talk with each other honestly and openly here in a place as open as Toronto – how will progress be possible anywhere else in the world? Now in its third year, the growth of the festival is proof that Toronto is indeed fertile ground for an event like Voices Forward," states Amit Breuer, Executive Director.

There will be many highlights of the festival that Torontonians, the Israeli and Palestinian people will find fascinating. Here are a handful of the exciting things attendees will see:

1. Marc Glassman of "This is Not a Reading Series" will have a discussion with George Khlefi, co-author of *Palestinian Cinema: Landscape, Trauma and Memory*. George and his partner on the project, Nurith Gertz, wanted to trace the developments of Palestinian cinema. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 12 between 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM at the Gladstone Hotel. Tickets are \$15 each.

2. Multi-media installation at XEXE Gallery. It will include images from *Breaking The Silence*, an organization of veteran Israeli soldiers who interview Israeli military personnel who have served in the Palestinian occupied territories. The show will happen on Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 PM in the XEXE Gallery. This is a free event.

3. HEB2TV – conversations with the creators of an experimental broadcasting involving the daily life of the Israeli-controlled 'H2' section of Hebron, a city in Israel. This is a free event and will be held on Friday, November 14 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the XEXE Gallery.

Of course, there will be many more events in between, but this is just a taste of what will happen at the event.

Tickets will be available at the door for all events. Tickets can also be reserved in advance at [voicesforwardtickets@gmail.com](mailto:voicesforwardtickets@gmail.com). For more information on the festival, visit [www.voicesforward.com](http://www.voicesforward.com).



# Fine Events from the Fine Arts!

By: Andrew Beaudoin

This is a sampling of what York's Fine Arts community has to offer this month, all here on campus! Most of this is not heavily advertised, but I strongly suggest that, if you have the time, go check it out! More information on each event is provided at [yorku.ca/web/yorkevents/index.asp](http://yorku.ca/web/yorkevents/index.asp). Many of these performances and exhibits are free. I strongly suggest that everyone attends the Wind Symphony concert, as a bit of unabashed self-promotion!

Theatre @ York Presents The Fire Raisers – Nov. 2-10, prices vary  
Music at Midday – Nov. 3, 5, 13, 14, 18; free admission!  
Jazz at Noon – Nov. 4, free admission!  
Indie Night with David Cavan Fraser – Nov. 5, free admission!  
The Ontario Provincial Honour Band – Nov. 6, \$5 Student/Senior  
York Idol Auditions and Finals – Nov. 11 and 12, free admission!  
Tête-Bêche Visual Art Exhibit – Nov. 17-21, free admission!  
York Wind Symphony – Nov. 30, free admission!

## Infant Jealousy

By: Jessica Vitullo

A York University professor has uncovered some surprising evidence involving jealousy in infants, which is believed to begin around the "terrible twos." Not according to this study though!

Maria Legerstee is a professor in York's Department of Psychology. During a study, she found that infants react negatively when their mother's attention is diverted to another person or thing.

More specifically, her study focused on infants at three, six, and nine months. During the study, the mothers sat close by as a female researcher observed the interaction between the child and mother. When the researcher would direct their attention in a different way, the infants would look sad, not smile, and begin looking away-the jealousy. When the researcher was actually communicating with mother, the infants really took offense to it. However, if the researcher just kept busy, the infant's response was neutral.

The types of reactions that arose from these infants are usually seen when the infant is a toddler-screaming, kicking their chair or what is in close proximity. This jealousy and harsh reactions were very surprising to Professor Legerstee.

The study is part of a broad research project determining the infant's emotions and understanding at different stages in their life. The study will appear in Handbook for Jealousy: Theories, Principles, and Multidisciplinary Approaches, set to be published in Fall 2009.

## Canadian Scientists Discover Snow on Mars



By: Jessica Vitullo

The title of the article is self-explanatory. A team of Canadian scientists led by York University discovered snow falling from Martian clouds-the first observation made of this kind about Mars.

The scientists discovered the snow using a laser instrument that determines how the atmosphere and surface interacts on the planet. The instrument detected snow from clouds four kilometres above the NASA Phoenix spacecraft.

Jim Whiteway, a professor at York University, lead the team of scientists at the meteorological station in Phoenix. At the time of the discovery, he, as well as the team, was hoping to see the snow actually reach the ground.

The station in Phoenix gathers crucial information about the climate on Mars, and provides a picture of the atmosphere, about 1,200 km from the planet's north pole. The temperature, wind, and pressure sensors are all detected during the study. The study is ongoing and more will be announced when the information comes about.




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Invites Students, Fellows and the Calumet Community



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# Film Supplement

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New films come out almost every week, and we relish the oldies. Each film is different in its own way and there is always something about the films we watch we specifically remember. Whether it's a funny quote or an intense sex scene, there is always something we take away from a film.

Here are the Top 5 movie quotes, sex scenes, action movies, and on-set celeb hook-ups, ranging from many years ago to the present.

## Top 5 Movie Quotes

### 1. **"Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into mine."**

Casablanca is a dramatic romantic comedy set in World War II. Two ex-lovers collide in a hotspot in town and a spark ignites between the two, and the drama begins. The quote describes the ex-lovers meeting after being apart for a long time. It was such a great coincidence that grabbed the attention of many viewers and numerous Oscars.

### 2. **"I'll be back!"**

Who could ever forget the famous line spoken by Arnold Schwarzenegger? The sci-fi action film known as The Terminator takes place in 1984, the year it was filmed, and introduces Arnold as the "terminator", a computer/cyborg machine intended to kill his target. His most famous line was "I'll be back", and he came back in a second and third instalment.

### 3. **"You had me at 'hello'."**

Nothing proves a budding relationship than being intrigued at a simple 'hello.' Before Tom Cruise was jumping on couches, he played the famous Jerry Maguire in the film named after the character. The quote is spoken by Dorothy Boyd after Jerry Maguire proves to be a romantic.

### 4. **"You can't handle the truth!"**

Can you handle the truth? It seemed like someone couldn't in the film A Few Good Men. Even if you have not seen the movie, this quote has been repeated countless times because it is so popular. The quote is said by Jack Nicholson as Colonel Nathan Jessup, while doing a scene in court with Tom Cruise.

### 5. **"Hamburgers! The cornerstone of any nutritious breakfast."**

Pulp Fiction, directed by the famous (and slightly crazy) Quentin Tarantino, is a film which the scenes are not in chronological order. This quote is said by Samuel L. Jackson as he and his partner in crime John Travolta get ready to kill someone who went against their boss. The quote is the beginning of Samuel's questioning, following his rendition of Ezekiel 25:17.

## Top 5 Sex Scenes

### 1. **Monster's Ball**

The forbidden love between a black woman and a white man is expressed in this film. Halle Berry and Billy Bob Thornton are "star-crossed lovers" in the film, with Halle playing a very needy, lost, dependent woman, and Billy Bob keeping a huge secret from his lover. Their sex scene is extremely explicit and viewers can see every detail of their steamy romp.

### 2. **Young Frankenstein**

Believe it or not, there was a sex scene in the 1974 film! Young Frankenstein, played by Peter Boyle, sweeps the famous Elizabeth (Madeline Kahn) into his arms and reveals to watchers that he has an enormous "schwanstucker." It doesn't really roll off the tongue too well! The couple then proceeds with their love-making.

### 3. **Brokeback Mountain**

The theatre fell silent when I was watching this movie. The love-making between Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal's characters was very intense, and somewhat forbidden due to the time the movie was set. This particular sex scene was not just about the sex, but the powerful connection between both gentleman that lead them to the sacred act.

### 4. **Unfaithful**

When two strangers meet on the street, it proves to be a marriage-breaking affair. Diane Lane and Richard Gere are married in the film, when Diane's character meets Paul, played by Olivier Martinez. The characters begin a scandalous affair and there are several scenes filmed with the characters making love: from a bathroom in a restaurant to each of their homes. Each scene is intimate and very steamy.

### 5. **American Pie**

It may not have been a passionate love-making scene, but it sure was funny! Jason Biggs is in the middle of having sex with a girl from college when, suddenly, his father barges into his dorm room, and the girl's parents follow in! It was definitely a mortifying experience for Jason's character...being caught in bed by your parents!

# York U Goes Green

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On a daily basis, we are polluting the environment with the cars we drive, the litter on the ground, as well as power plants polluting the air with toxic chemicals.

How do you improve the problem? Awareness! At York University, York is U and the YFS teamed up to promote "Green Week", three days of environmental awareness to get students to open their eyes and realize what is happening to the environment and what can be done to lessen the impact of pollution.

Rob Coutts, the Chair and Committee Outreach Director of York is U, believes that this awareness began when Al Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth" came out. Besides the influence of the film, Rob says York is U organizes this event every year.

Ayesha Zubair is the Ambassador for York is U and believes that promoting awareness about the environment is essential for international students living in residence. "York has lots of international students attending [the school] and we want to promote awareness so when these students go home [to their native country], they will have this awareness and knowledge and pass it on there." This is another reason why York is U and the YFS decided to hold a week of fun-filled events

to promote awareness of taking care of the environment and using environmental-friendly products.

York University took many approaches to make students aware. On Tuesday, October 14, students participated in the Eco-Fashion Show in the Student Centre. The fashion show was held from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Models wore clothing from eco-friendly companies, such as Me to We, Anjji International, and Global Awareness Info Shop. Products from these clothing lines were sold throughout the week in Vari Hall.

Representatives from the above mentioned companies were promoting their products in Vari Hall. Me to We manufactures clothing using all-natural products like organic cotton and bamboo. The product line is sweatshop-free and domestically produced. To make things better, half of the company's profit goes to their charity partner, Free the Children. For more information, visit [www.metowestyle.com](http://www.metowestyle.com).

Anjji International sells products from Nepal and Tibet. The company's products are made from hemp and organic wool. From jewellery, handbags, and even pashminas, Anjji International is making style more environmentally friendly. Plus, the

company provides custom designs for all items available! For more information, visit [www.anjji.com](http://www.anjji.com).

Global Aware Info Shop has tons of products to offer. The shop sells new and used books, DVDs to rent or buy, and recycled gifts. Products such as help jewellery are available for purchase in the shop located in Toronto. The company is even involved in helping countries internationally by fundraising for Darfur. For more information on Global Aware, visit [www.globalaware.org](http://www.globalaware.org).

On Wednesday, October 15, York is U hosted an Eco-Food Fair in Central Square and East Bear Pitt. From 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, six eco-friendly restaurants provided students with food from their restaurants. It was a great way for students to try different food and find out what's out there that won't hurt the environment.

The CFS/YFS brought in a guest speaker to discuss the importance of protecting the environment. David Suzuki lectured in Accolade West in room 109 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Green Week concluded on Thursday, October 16 with Flick Off, a fun event (and concert!) on the Vanier Field. The Constantines were in attendance for the concert between

11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Following the outdoor concert was Arbour Day/Tree Planting near Stong Pond until 5:00 PM.

Students enjoyed the week, tried different things, and became more aware of the environment's needs.

## David Suzuki at York U

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As part of Green Week, David Suzuki, award-winning scientist, broadcaster, and environmentalist, came to York University to discuss "going green" on October 15, 2008.

His lecture discussed how Canadians could make a positive impact on the environment by changing lifestyles.

Information discussed during his three-hour lecture can be heard on his CBC program entitled The Nature of Things. Due to his accomplishments and knowledge having to do with the environment and nature, David became part of the Order of Canada and was nominated as one of the top 10 "Greatest Canadians" by CBC viewers in 2004.

## Top 5 Action Movies

### 1. True Lies

Arnold Schwarzenegger plays a special agent who is being trailed by a group of terrorists. Arnold was hired by the government to hunt down threats against the country. Meanwhile, his wife is under the impression that he is a computer salesman. His double life gets him into trouble with those chasing after him, thus creating a series of action scenes, trying to escape from trouble, and saving those who are trapped under the surveillance of the bad guys.

### 2. Mission Impossible

Tom Cruise, who plays Ethan Hunt, is on a hunt throughout the trilogy. The very first film follows Tom on a mission to find the mole in the CIA, who has framed many people for murder. The plot sets the scene for many action sequences and intense chases, which makes the movie much more interesting.

### 3. Kill Bill Vol. 1

You may be thinking that this movie should not be considered a great action movie. However, Uma Thurman pulls off her character very

well. She comes out as a strong female ready to kill. Although there is more blood spilled than violence, the parody of martial arts movies and Japanese films are used and reflected in the violence in the film, showing that the character is ready to kill anyone that stands in her way.

### 4. Star Wars

On the other hand, here is a movie that does not focus on bloodshed. Star Wars brings together technology, wacky characters, and some surprising twists. What makes this movie an action film? The famous actions scenes involving the light sabres, such as Darth Vader trying to defeat Obi-Wan. You have to admit it was an action-packed movie involving lots of protecting and rescuing.

### 5. The Dark Knight

Whether viewers were huge fans of Batman or had to see the last movie Heath Ledger was in before his death, this movie received HUGE ratings the weekend it came out. Between Batman's hunt for the Joker and his attempt at killing him on the street before cars began blowing up, as well as the very end of the movie when Batman had the Joker in his hands, there was plenty of action to go around. Viewers should not have been disappointed.

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