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Gun Violence in Toronto



YFS Losing Supporters Due to Free Speech Coalition Jessica Vitullo

Students at York University are feeling silenced by the YFS. There is a petition circulating on Facebook to allow Free Speech among students, groups, individuals, and their beliefs they feel should be voiced. The following information comes from their

On June 1, 2008 the York University's undergraduate student union, the York Federation of Students (YFS), passed an Operation Policy they have deemed the 'Pro-Choice Policy'. The Policy States:

"No YFS resources, space, recognition or funding will be allocated to enhance groups/individuals whose primary/sole purpose is anti-choice activities. Such activities would be defined as any campaign, action, distribution, solicitation, lobbying efforts, (etc) that seeks to limit any individual's right to choose what they can or cannot do with one's own body."

"Further, no YFS resources, space, recognition or funding will be allocated to enhance groups/individuals who are members of or directly affiliated with external organizations whose primary/sole purpose is anti-choice activities."

YCFS is being formed in solidarity of those individuals who believe that the YFS' policy is undemocratic and opposes the freedom of speech.

YCFS believes that this matter ought to be put to a campus-wide vote in a referendum.

For more information, log onto Facebook and search the group titled "York Coalition for Free Speech." You can also visit <http://www.petitiononline.com/go1984/petition.html>.

Letter From The Editor

While I was sitting down with my laptop, contemplating what to write for this month's letter, I thought of a few things I should let readers know.

1. The Pipe is ready for change! It is our goal to make this a great newspaper and read by all students, not just Calumet students! How do we make this a better paper? We need you! The Pipe is always looking for contributors! If you're into creative writing, then send us your work for publishing. It's a great opportunity for potential journalists and authors! Plus, if you find you are not seeing something you want in the newspaper, tell us!

2. I have to give each member of The Pipe staff a tremendous applause for being such a good team and working hard on their articles. **Work hard, play hard!** Every month is crunch time for students, which brings me to my next point.

3. Although school started only a month ago, it seems like the work is already piling on. I get home from school every day and hit the books! When I'm not doing homework, I'm trying to manage work and my social life! This brings me to my next point again! Here's a piece of advice: work hard, play hard.

4. As you will see in the October issue, there are some really cool events happening on campus and in Downtown Toronto. Taking a break from school and enjoying yourself is important. I know I would go crazy if I did not take some time for myself! Being able to manage everything in your life is definitely not an easy task, but possible!

The next time you're sitting at your desk and ready to pull your hair out, think of this mantra: **I can do this!** Maybe I should take my own advice every once in awhile!

Hope you had a great first month of school! Keep in touch. Email us at thepipe@yorku.ca with any comments, questions, or concerns. We look forward to seeing you in our office as soon as the construction in Calumet has cleared!

Best of luck,

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Toronto School Shooting: New Developments

By: Jessica Vitullo

Tuesday, September 16 of this year was a deadly day in Toronto. A 16-year-old boy was taken to the hospital in critical condition after being shot outside of Brendale Business and Technical Institute near Midland Avenue and Lawrence Avenue. It was the first of three shootings in Toronto that left two men dead.

The shooting occurred just before noon that day. According to Toronto police Chief Bill Blair, the 16-year-old victim was involved in some sort of quarrel with several young men, and one of them pulled out his gun and fired a shot.

When police arrived on the scene, the teenager shot made it inside the school, surrounded by his own blood. He was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital with a wound in his stomach or chest (police were not sure at the time).

On the same day, one man was killed and another was sent to the hospital after a shooting occurred in Northwest Toronto at a playground near Jane Street and Driftwood Avenue.

Police made it to the scene of the crime at 5:15 that afternoon and found both victims shot on the basketball court. One man was pronounced dead on the scene. The second man died shortly after.

Three suspects were seen speeding away in a silver or grey sedan.

In terms of the school shooting, one person was taken into custody for questioning that afternoon before the other shootings, but was not named a suspect.

After the shooting at Brendale, David and Mary Thomson Collegiate, Donwood Park Junior and Highbrook Learning Centre schools were under lockdown for most of the afternoon that day while police were looking for suspects.

Parents were surrounding the perimeter of the



Picture courtesy of CBC News

school, concerned and waiting to hear from the police. Some parents who attended the school commented on how the school was never viewed as dangerous in the past. Unfortunately, it is the people in Toronto creating these dangerous scenarios.

After evidence mounted, the police charged 18-year-old Mark Deicsics who was involved in the shooting with criminal offences. He was charged with robbery while armed with a firearm, and not complying with bail conditions.

The victim involved in the shooting, who cannot be named due to the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was charged for one count of robbery while armed with a firearm. He was and has been expected to make a full recovery.



Picture courtesy of Peter Redman from The National Post

Police were under the assumption that this was not a random act, which is why the victim was charged.

Although this particular crime has been solved, the violence in Toronto is not something that citizens should take lightly. In this case, many innocent students were caught in the crossfire and someone could have been hurt.

On the same day, a man was shot in a park-out in the open. This puts innocent people at risk of death for another person's irresponsible actions.

What can Toronto do to end gun violence? It is my belief that parents need to educate their children on the issue at hand. If children are well-educated and taught that gun violence is wrong and deadly, hopefully they can be count on to stay out of trouble and obey the law.

However, maybe this situation cannot be helped by parental control. Maybe getting an education will not help. After all, I drive by some high schools and I see students outside when they should be in class. This is the result of a changed society where people think they can do whatever they want, whenever they want. When this happens, not only do the innocent people get hurt, but so do those who are involved in gun violence.

Transgendered Housing NOT Cancelled

By: Robert Vandrish

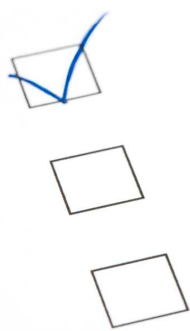
You may have heard that there are no transgender suites at York this year and that only one student was eligible for such housing and you would have heard right. But if you heard that the pilot project for Transgendered Housing was cancelled, then you most definitely heard wrong.

But if no one is living in a Transgendered residence, doesn't that mean that it's cancelled or postponed? The answer is simply no. Transgender related questions are still a part of the residence application forms and there is still going to be space available for trans students in residence. Yes, this year, there was only one eligible student, but that is no reason to cancel this project.

If there was an underused washroom on campus, should it be closed? That washroom needs to be accessible if ever a student needs it, said Dr. Bobby Noble. This year, transgendered housing may very well have been that washroom. But there is one big difference between this pilot project and an underused washroom – this project made headlines and shook up communities on and off the York campus. This project is a symbol that things are moving forward and a symbol that there is space available for students with specific needs. Dr. Noble recalls students having to work with what schools had, but now, he mentions, schools are listening to what their students need. This helps transgendered students who might otherwise not attend post-secondary institutions.

Simply because there was a low number of eligible applicants doesn't mean the project is to be postponed. This pilot project is on-going and is going to need a couple years to see where it goes and what changes might need to be made.

The pilot isn't taking you for a ride – you're telling it where to go. If we can take away any symbolism from the transgendered housing, it's that people are listening to our needs. So...what do you have to say?



U of T Fightfees 14

By: Andrew Beaudoin



For those of us who live on campus, or have in the past, the phrase “affordable student housing” provokes one of two reactions: either a perking of the ears and a bit of raised hope for your bank account (until, at least, you realize that it's a myth)... or you just skip that middle part, and laugh at what is obviously a joke.

At the University of Toronto on March 20th, a group of students wanted a third option: much like what happened recently at York, they organized an originally non-violent protest in the form of a sit-in. The main reason behind this – among others – was the administration's decision to raise residence fees at New College Residence, but other issues such as tuition fees and Israeli apartheid were raised as well.

The students moved into Simcoe Hall and demanded a meeting with Mr. David Naylor, the President of the University, who was not in his office that day. Told that they could not see him, they refused to move until he met with him – and when the campus police attempted to intervene, the protest turned violent on both sides. There is a video on YouTube that shows about four grainy minutes of the altercation, but both sides accuse the other of being the instigator.

Basically, we've gone back to kindergarten. Johnny and Sarah have gotten into a fight, and all that the teacher hears?

“She started it!”

On one side, we have fourteen students, dubbed the “U of T Fightfees Fourteen”, who are questioning their President's ability to govern fairly, and worrying that this is a “crackdown on student rights”, as one of the fourteen said. These students, who were only a fraction of the students involved at Simcoe Hall, have been...

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She Started It!

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charged with forcible confinement, forcible detainer, and mischief, with one minor among them being charged with uttering threats as well. Basically, they're charged with keeping staff in their offices through blocking the hallways.

On the other side, we have the University administration, staff, and police, who maintain that the students were committing illegal acts in an unsafe and disruptive manner, and that they were only reacting to violent actions of students. Basically? "They started it!"

The U of T Fightfees 14 have been to court twice, on July 3rd and Sept 4th of this year, and both times, the prosecution has failed to produce disclosure – evidence that can be used against the fourteen defendants – and thus, the case drags on. In its wake are the fourteen accused, hanging on the court's eventual decision, along with any other dissidents on the U of T – and other universities, including York.

If this is the precedence that has been set, if this is what future dissidents can look at as an example of what might happen, what is to happen to the future of protests?

As you can probably recall if this is not your first year on York's campus, last year a sit-in at York to request the prohibition of sweatshop-produced products on campus resulted in a peaceful, positive conclusion – York's policies were reviewed and changed. If this problem at U of T had happened the year before, would the sit-in at York have occurred?

What if there are further protests being planned, that would have resulted in as positive a result as the one at York last year, that are being re-thought out right now, in response to the charges laid against these dissidents?

Granted, "who started it" is not especially clear at this point – and it's just a tad more important than Johnny versus Sarah – and if the violence had not started, perhaps the protest would have been successful as well. But it's well-known that most people do not properly hear of both sides of every issue; groups affiliated with Always Question, one of the major organizing groups, are likely to only hear their side of the story, and not even necessarily question the possibility that one of the students began the violence, or that it could have been avoidable. After all, as the common saying (at least in my parents' house) goes, 'common sense is the least common of all senses' – and the ability to be objective is even rarer.

Hopefully, future protests -at all Universities-will be more peaceful, productive, and above all, positive.

Osgoode Hall is #1!

By: Jessica Vitullo

York University's Osgoode Hall Law School received a great ranking in Maclean's magazine's second annual ranking of Canadian law schools.

Osgoode was ranked first in Canada for "faculty quality" and placed third overall out of 16 Canadian law schools.

According to Maclean's website, the formation of the law school ranking was created with Professor Brian Leiter, a Professor of Law and director of the Center for Law, Philosophy, and Human Values at the University of Chicago. "My central motivation for undertaking this task was to show that it's actually possible to evaluate law schools in ways that are meaningful," said Professor Leiter.

The rankings for each school were determined by two factors. Fifty per cent of the ranking was determined by faculty quality and 50 per cent by graduate quality.

Osgoode Hall Law School Dean Patrick Monahan states that, "Maclean's assessment of faculty quality is derived from the frequency with which our faculty's publications are cited in legal periodicals." Maclean's assessment further emphasizes the great faculty that stands behind the law school. "In an improvement from last year, Maclean's included citations in international, as well as Canadian journals." Monahan believes that this indicates the scholarly significance of work that the faculty members undertake. The faculty is now being highly regarded and referred to in this survey.

Osgoode's third place ranking was based on the "graduate quality" of the school. Maclean's magazine defines this as "how many of each school's graduates are serving as associates at law firms on Lexpert's list of the largest firms in nine Canadian regions, or at one of the five leading New York firms, according to the employment website Vault." In order to make this assessment, biographies of thousands of lawyers at dozens of firms were examined. This particular ranking is what Monahan found too narrowed.

"Maclean's only looks at the largest law firms in Toronto and not other types of work, such as the government, legal clinics, and public sector organizations. These lawyers are being left out of the survey. I do not see why it should only be based on law firm hiring when there are lawyers working in smaller, high quality firms [or in different fields]," said Monahan.

When asked about what could be done to improve the survey, Monahan stated that Maclean's should look at the programs offered...continuation on page 6.

York Runs the Marathon of Hope By: Michelle Hutchinson



as the availability of pledge sheets in the York is U of-
surface, there were a variety of ways to donate to the cause, including the donation of money on Friday, September 12th, during a new event – The Great Canadian Head Shave, where members of the York University and surrounding communities participated in shaving their heads in support of cancer research.

Terry Fox was raised in Port Coquitlam, BC. He was very active as a teenager and was involved in many sports. At only 18, Fox was diagnosed with bone cancer and was forced to have his right leg amputated six inches above the knee in 1977. Fox was so influenced by the suffering of other cancer patients; many of them young children, during his stay in the hospital that he decided to run across Canada in support of cancer research. He started his journey on April 20, 1980 in St. John's Newfoundland. He ran 42 kilometres a day through Canada's Atlantic provinces, Quebec, and Ontario before he was forced to stop running in Thunder Bay, Ontario, because cancer had appeared in his lungs.

To date, more than \$400 million has been raised worldwide in Terry Fox's name for cancer research. There are thousands of volunteers in Canada and worldwide who organize Terry Fox Run events where people gather to raise money for a great cause in the name of an amazing man.

This year on Sunday, September 14th, York University's students, staff, and faculty signed up for and joined in on the 28th annual Terry Fox *Marathon of Hope* Run. As well

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Canadian Lawyer reported the different changes among Canadian Universities, one of them being that Osgoode is now partnered with New York University's School of Law for a joint program for students on both sides of the border. This will provide a new learning experience for aspiring lawyers.

Canadian Lawyer's survey had law students grade the law schools on seven different standards: Curriculum, Faculty, Professors, Testing, Facilities, Practice Relevance, and Recommendation. Osgoode's overall grade from the magazine was a B+, with various A's on their report card. The Building Osgoode Campaign launched last year to raise money for renovation and expansion helped the school to get the top rating.

Although the ranking done by Macleans could have been done differently, Osgoode did receive great recognition for many people to see.

For more information, visit www.oncampus.macleans.ca/education and www.canadianlawyermag.com.



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Canada Votes 2008

By: Michelle Hutchinson

You may have heard that there's a Canadian federal election coming up and thought to yourself, "Why should I care?" For one, voting is one of the most important things that one can do for their country. Our generation is supposed to be "the future", right? So why not do something about it?

Since we at The Pipe are dedicated to our readers, we thought that we'd help you out by doing some of the research for you, and you can find it right here.

First of all, **why** is the election being held in the first place?

Well, this question hasn't been answered in a straightforward way by anyone, but my best guess (based on what *has* been said) is that our current minority government was unable to work with the opposition to make viable decisions and because of this, an election has been called with the hope of rectifying the problem.

When is the election to be held?

October 14th, 2008.

Who are the main candidates and **what** is their party affiliation? **What** are the **key election issues and promises**?

Included here is a list of the candidates in the five most prominent politicians in Canada, the party that they represent, the party website, and a list of key election issues and promises relative to the party and its candidates.

Stephen Harper – Conservative www.conservative.ca

- Extend Canadian mission in Afghanistan to 2011.
- Tough anti-crime legislation including minimum sentences for gun crimes.
- Introduce maximum life sentences for offenders as young as 14 convicted of first-or second-degree murder; maximum 14-year sentences for youths who commit violent crimes.
- End conditional sentencing (house arrest) for up to 30 serious crimes.
- Green plan over Kyoto program.
- Ban kid-friendly flavours and additives from tobacco products.

Stephane Dion – Liberal www.liberal.ca

- Impose "green shift" carbon tax.
- End Canadian combat mission in Afghanistan in February 2009 (introduce training mission).

- More money to provinces for health care.
- Improved public health care.
- Child care allowance and daycare programs.
- 200,000 student bursaries of up to \$3,500 per year over four years, and guaranteed eligibility for \$5,000 student loans, regardless of parental income.
- Simplify the tax system for post-secondary students, providing most students about \$1000 a year.

Jack Layton – NDP www.ndp.ca/home

- Immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan.
- Improved publicly funded health care (national health care, homecare, housing, drug plans).
- Trade agreements to exclude water, culture, health, education.
- Alternative energy to meet Kyoto protocol
- Creation of 'green collar' jobs
- Cap credit-card interest rates at 5% over prime
- Outlaw automated banking machine fees
- \$125 million a year to forgive student loans for medical-school grads who spend 10 years as family physicians.

Gilles Duceppe – Bloc Quebecois www.blocquebecois.org

- Immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan.
- \$15 billion federal spending on various policies,
- Quebec should be sovereign but defends province's interests from Confederation.

Elizabeth May – Green www.greenparty.ca

- Withdrawal from Afghanistan.
- Proportional representation.
- More government investment in health and education.
- New carbon tax.
- Increase GST by 6% to finance infrastructure improvements.

I suggest doing your own research on the candidates and looking also at the people who are running in your particular riding and their policies as well. Also, it has been rumoured that the Leader's Debates of 2008 are set to take place on Wednesday, October 1 from 8 to 10 p.m. EDT (French language) and Thursday, October 2 from 9 to 11 p.m. EDT (English language).

TTC Roast

By: Alex Consiglio

Most think summer is over and winter's bitter bite looms around the corner. Just as people prepare their farewells to one of the wettest summers, school starts, the sky clears, and the sun rests on their shoulders.

Students walk the campus with slumped shoulders, some wearing shorts and others regretting jeans. Those at the bus stops seek shade under trees and fan themselves with their syllabus.

On the bus, students become baking sardines; they're squeezed tightly in an aluminum box baking under the sun's inimitable gaze. There's no A/C and the bus' 6x4 windows only offer an opening of 1x4—located at the uppermost portion. There's barely a breeze and not even enough room to fan.

The temperature rises as the bus churns onward. Students struggle to breathe the sticky, thin air and their bodies release heat through sticky, dripping sweat. The odour on the bus soon grows bitter and those dreading winter begin to wish for its cold, refreshing bite.

Trevor, being one of the few wearing shorts, still complains, "I'm dripping here. F—k it's hot, you'd think he'd [the bus driver] put the air on, or open the doors when at a standstill." When he asks why the air isn't on the bus driver responds, "It ain't working," and gives him a shrug to brush him off.

The bus continues along its scheduled route and as people file off, the temperature decreases. Those filing off take deep breaths of fresh air and the faces of those filing on twitch as the heat and stench hit their noses.

"You smell that?" Trevor asks.

"Yah, it's that guy who just got on," replies his friend.

The fumes of liquor sweat seep out of the man. The seeping liquor wages battle against the incessant stench of body odour. Some now have room to fan but do so not for air-conditioning, but to waft away the fumes creeping towards their faces.

The drunken man holds tight to an overhead bar and sways with the bus. His head droops on his chest and those around him lean away, fearful of what might spew out of him next.

Across from Trevor there's a girl chatting away on her cell, oblivious to everything around her. With every beep of a requested stop the drunken man's head bobs up, he squints, mumbles, and his head flops back down on his chest. Trevor and his friend squeeze behind the man.

Beep. The drunkard's head bobs up again and he

growls. Shuffling his feet, he holds tight to the overhead bar and attempts to walk towards the exit—the bus reaches the stop and breaks—he trips over his own feet, losing his grip on the bar and tilting over onto the unsuspecting chatterbox. She stops mid-sentence, her mouth gaping. He pops up quickly and mumbles an apology as he continues swaying towards the front exit.

He stops behind another commuter and reaches over him to deposit his fare. The bus driver opens the doors and the first man hurries off, slowly followed by the slanted drunkard.

It's public transit and such instances are unavoidable; you just have to make due according to first year Seneca at York student, Francis Granieri, "You have to find the right spot," he says. "It depends on the bus's windows and where the sun is."

When asked how often he rides an air-conditioned bus Francis replies, "This is my first time on one. It's a big change from the old non-air-conditioned buses." He goes on to say that "Maybe the heavy routes with even more people get the newer air-conditioned buses, here on route 107 [the same route as Trevor], I'm usually stuck sweating buckets."

The TTC has a Complaints, Compliments, and Suggestions Hotline, useless unless you have specific information. To start, the Bus Number, Run Number, License Plate, and Route Name, otherwise your complaint floats uselessly through the air.

Alternatively, the TTC also lists Adam Giambrone's email address, and if you can't properly fill out a complaint form, the last thing you want to do is take a meager complaint to a the TTC chair.

For future reference, Trevor and Francis now know the information they need in order to get results from a complaint filed against the TTC. For the time being, they'll just have to make due.

Picture courtesy of www.3.ttc.ca.



Toronto International Film Festival

By: Janice Ma

The 33rd Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), the largest public film festival in the world, came to an end after having announced its awards on September 13th, 2008. About a quarter million visitors attended the festival and watched the more than 300 films on display.

The audience favourite this year was *Slumdog Millionaire*, which won the **Cadillac People's Choice Award**. The movie has already been much talked about since the winner of the Cadillac award is often later nominated for Academy Awards. Based on Vikas Swaroop's book *Q and A*, the film follows the story of an 18 year old unconventional slum dweller who wins the Indian version of "Who Wants to be A Millionaire?"

Other award winners at TIFF are as follows:

Award for Best Canadian Short Film: **Block B**

Its name deriving from that of a building, the film examines the lives of an Indian community living in modern Malaysia, exploring the themes of resilience and hope.

CITYTV Award for Best Canadian First feature film: **Before Tomorrow and Lost Song**

Based on the novel by Jørn Riel, the film is a moving drama about an Inuit woman and her grandson, who face the challenge of survival when trapped on an island.

Lost Song. A moving story exploring isolation, change,

Art Gallery of York U Presents Opposition Exhibition

By: Janice Ma

Waiting in between classes with nothing to do? Looking for something to do on campus for free? You are cordially double-dared to visit the Art Gallery of York University.

Located in Accolade East, the gallery started featuring a new fall exhibition "No. It is Opposition" on September 17th. A strange title to

be sure, until you notice how it is a bit of a bit on campus has you fired up a palindrome. Just as palindromes are for more artwork, the AGYU will be words that can be read the same way at the Toronto International Art Fair, backwards and forwards, so too can happening between the 2nd and 6th of the exhibited works that are dis- October at the Toronto Convention played be read to be the same but Centre where the landscape of Park- different at the same time. This can dale will be brought to viewers. be clearly seen with how the exhibi- Later, the landscape of TIAF will be tion is set-up. The visitor ends up en- reflected in Parkdale in December. tering the exhibition twice and gets A free AGYU Performance Bus the unique opportunity to see the will be touring the Toronto Interna- same work twice but differently. tional Art Fair up to the upArt Con-

Brazilian artist Carla Zaccagnini describes it as "forking paths and the crossroads." It'll be a real life exercise in finding the differences between seemingly replicated art, and the similarities between seemingly disparate pieces.

There's more. In case the exhi-

and depression, the film follows the lives of Elisabeth, Pierre and their new-born baby in a remote area north of Montreal.

DIESEL DISCOVERY AWARD: **Hunger**

Taking place in North Ireland's infamous Maze Prison, the film follows the lives of several political inmates in 1981 as they seek to gain special status for republican prisoners.

FIPRESCI Prize Discovery: **Lymelife**

Seen through the eyes of a 15 year old teenager in the late 1970s, the film examines the lives of one suburban family in the midst of a Lyme disease outbreak, exploring themes of first love, family, and the elusive American Dream.

FIPRESCI Prize for Special Presentation: **Disgrace**

The relationship of a father and his daughter is challenged when they both become victims of an attack.



will be touring the Toronto International Art Fair up to the upArt Contemporary Art Fair at the Gladstone Hotel, to its final destination at the Convenience Gallery, the Parkdale International Art Fair, before looping back on October 5th at 12:30pm, so the lack of a car is definitely no excuse to miss these views.

On A Budget? Here's How You \$ave on a Cell *By: Jessica Vitullo*

It's the beginning of October, tuitions have been paid either by parents or students, and most books bought already. What does that mean? A huge dent in the bank account, regardless of who paid for what. If you paid for schooling or your books, chances are good you are trying to stick to a tight budget, working as often as you can to pay for what you need to, while maintaining your grades.

Whether you are working to earn a few bucks for yourself or to pay for school, it becomes hard to stay on a budget when the bills pile up (whatever bills they are—lunches, clothing, etc), businesses are still making money, and they want yours too. One of the necessities for students (not all students—I know I need one though!) is a cell phone. Having a cell phone is no doubt a very convenient way to keep in touch with people. I should know—I use my cell phone constantly. I can't remember the last time I picked up my house phone! However, having a cell phone means paying that monthly bill. My bills are always high, and I'm sure I'm not the only person with this problem. That is why I decided to do some research on what businesses are offering to students.

The York Federation of Student (YFS) is York U's own government. The YFS represents over 45,000 undergraduate students and provides students with many different services. You can see these services by visiting www.yfs.ca. One of the services the YFS offers students is discounts on cell phones. It does not matter what cell phone you want, the YFS offers huge savings. Students can get certain phones for \$0! Sounds like a pretty sweet deal! Newer phones cost a bit more, but compared to buying the phone at another business, you'll definitely save a few bucks!

Once you get your phone, you'll have to choose a plan. The following is a handful of plans to choose from.

\$20 Monthly Airtime – Includes 50 weekday minutes, 1000 evening and weekend minutes.

\$25 Incoming Calls – 50 weekday minutes, 1000 evening and weekend minutes, 500 incoming minutes.

\$30 Unlimited Incoming Calls – 100 weekday minutes, unlimited evening and weekend minutes, unlimited incoming calls.

\$45 Unlimited Incoming Calls – 300 weekday minutes, unlimited evening and weekend minutes, unlimited incoming calls.

The price for text messaging on all plans is \$0.15 each. For more rate plans, visit www.yfs.ca/mobile.



Bell offers a variety of plans at great rates. All incoming plans include call waiting, conference calling, and unlimited incoming minutes. That means you get more for your money!

Über \$25 Incoming – 100 anytime local minutes, 1000 evening and weekend minutes.

Über \$30 Incoming – 150 anytime local minutes, unlimited nights and weekend minutes.

All Fab Five plans include call waiting, conference calling to two people, unlimited local, long distance, and text messages to and from 5 numbers on any network!

Über \$25 Fab Five – 100 anytime local minutes, 1000 evening and weekend minutes.

Über \$30 Fab Five – 150 anytime local minutes, unlimited evening and weekend minutes.

For more information, visit www.bell.ca.

Rogers offers Mega Value plans, so students can get a lot out of their plan without dipping into the piggy bank when the bill rolls in.

\$25 plan including 250 anytime minutes.

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The NFL—Week One

By: Chris Steip

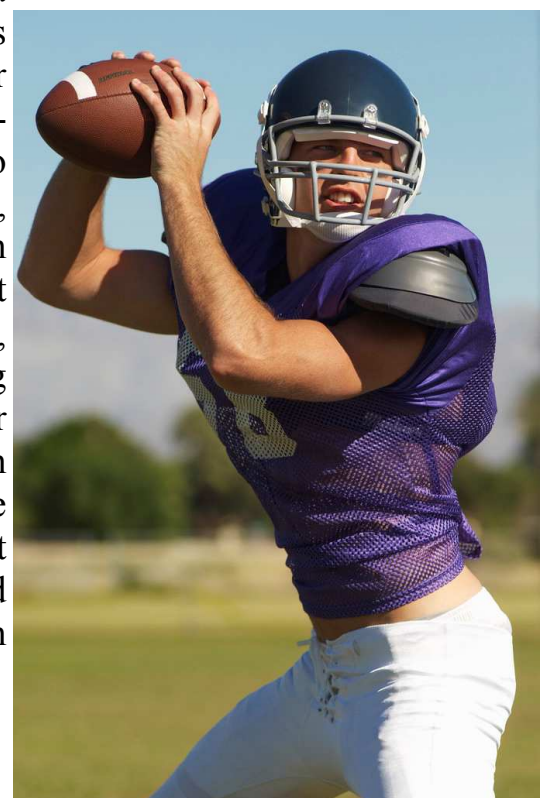
Week One: The return of Favre, the demise of Brady and a new era in Packer history. There were probably other dramas to follow around the league, but this is a short piece, so I'll stick with the important league-wide stories.

Favre back in the green colours! It may not be the green and gold, but green and white still looks great on the legend. Hopefully their close call with the bottom crawlers Miami Dolphins was due to adjusting to the dynamics of a new team and Favre can click with the offense and make a playoff run.

Personally, I am not a Patriots fan, but I could imagine they must be having a hard time. Considering New England has gone from Super Bowl championships and a near perfect season to losing the big game at the hands of a massive underdog and losing their future hall-of-famer quarterback for the season. Could the Patriots go from a dynasty to missing the playoffs, or can the second string quarterback do some damage control?

The Green Bay Packers went through some massive changes with the 'retirement' of Favre. Many cynics dismissed Rogers as too inexperienced to step out of Favre's shadow and run an offense, but he stepped it up in week one to take home a victory. As I write this article at watch week two, he already has three touchdowns in the first half. Perhaps he was extremely underrated.

In other news, a new Atlanta Falcons team won their opener versus Detroit, Buffalo creamed Seattle, Carolina upset San Diego in the last minute dramatics, and the reigning champs ran over Washington. Given the first week of the NFL, I would predict an entertaining and explosive season with new top dogs.



VIVA ON STRIKE

By: Jessica Vitullo

On Wednesday, September 24 (just last week), the Amalgamated Transit Union 113 (ATU113) and Veolia Transportation Inc. (drivers for Viva) rejected a tentative agreement from the union and went on strike the next day.

As a result of the strike, it was known that no Viva buses would be on the roads. This included Viva Blue, Viva Pink, Viva Green, Viva Orange, and Viva Purple. However, YRT, TTC, and Brampton Transit services operating in York Region continued to operate as usual.

What does this mean for University students? Unfortunately, headaches and frustration, and the

search for another mode of transportation to school. With parents working during the day, that could be one option out the window. It is times like these when students have to work together and try to carpool.

What has York been doing to make this challenge somewhat easier? Depending on how fast you are, there is available parking in the visitor lots on campus, including York Lanes Parking Garage, Student Services Parking Garage, Arboretum Parking Garage, Founders road Visitor's Lot and North West Gate Visitor's Lot. For more information, you can visit www.yorku.ca/parking.

North Toronto and Vaughan has a carpool ride-matching service online. It helps community members get in touch with others who take similar routes to school. You can register at www.smartcommutentv.ca

Zipcar is a car sharing company. This service is available to faculty members, staff, and students.

Members have access to two Zipcar's on the Keele Campus, and many more located throughout the City of Toronto. Visit www.zipcar.com/yorku for more info.

On Monday, September 29th, there were talks about the Viva resuming operations. However, nothing was confirmed on Monday and thousands were still stranded. In total, over 35,000 people have been stranded because of the strike.

The YRT General Manager Don Gordon was hoping that both sides could come to a negotiation.

By the time this newspaper is in your hands, hopefully a verdict would have been chosen, or those 35,000 will still be stranded.

For additional information, you can visit www.ttc.ca, or call 416-393-INFO. You can also visit www.yrt.ca for extra information.

Facebook, Anyone?

By: Chris Steip

We post our daily activities, post pictures of parties, divulge how we feel and what events we are attending. All of this information is made available to our "friends."

But why? Why do we have to let a world wide network know everything about us? Is it because we are chauvinistic and self-indulgent, or because we are so insecure that we need to prove we are fun, popular, interesting, and possibly attractive?

The reason for our complete disclosure of personal information may be for a variety of reasons, but either way, the result is the same.

We seem to have created an Orson Wells-type BIG BROTHER society. If anyone including potential employees, parents, and even the government want to know something about us, it would be as simple as going on Facebook.

Although security has been upgraded substantially, the information is out there for the taking. The extent of our exposure to undesirable people looking up our infor-

mation is determined by how much we post. Unfortunately, most of us broadcast too much. This has implications greater than most of us probably consider. Facebook has placed us in a situation where they could, and there probably is always someone monitoring our feelings, events, pictures, and much more.

The odd thing is, even if I am being ridiculously cynical and paranoid, although a higher power may not be tracking us, WE are. We have become BIG BROTHER and unlike 1984, we have put ourselves in this position willingly and are carrying out the actions of BIG BROTHER as we "Facebook stalk people."

Perhaps I am completely wrong and it's all in good fun, but I have seen people Facebook stalk for hours. Maybe they have stalked you and you stalked them. I have even been asked for my Facebook at job interviews.

Either way, do what you want with social networks, but please consider what you post and how much info you make public. Even if you think people aren't digitally stalking you, they probably are.

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