Holidays or Holy Days?

Students at Glendon College and at colleges and universities across Canada welcome any break or holiday they can get. Most know the reasons behind the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter breaks, but what about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur? Ask any Glendonite what the real meaning behind these Jewish holidays is and you may get the response, "to catch up" or even "to start doing course work." But there is definitely a more significant meaning behind Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur than just a couple of days off.

Because York University has a significant Jewish population, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, are regarded as religious holidays. Rosh Hashanah commemorates the anniversary of Creation and ushers in a ten-day period of ethical and spiritual restoration. During these ten days of penitence, Jews look for forgiveness and restoration with God and human-kind. Rosh Hashanah is celebrated for two days and devoted Jews close all businesses and forbid the handling of money on these days and Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement, the culmination of the ten penitent days after Rosh Hashanah. This holy day starts at sundown on the previous evening and ends with the appearance of the first three stars the following night. During Yom Kippur, Jews abstain from all food and drink in the spirit of repentance and self-affliction. The day is spent in the synagogue in prayer and confession. After a huge feast which breaks the fast, Jewish people are spiritually refreshed and able to complete the tasks of the new year. Does knowing the meaning behind these Jewish holy days make a difference? Probably not, after all, a couple of days off are always appreciated. But, at least we know whom to thank.

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Incorporation 8-1-1

After four hours of discussing other issues at length, councillors and directors present refrained from tabling this last motion on the Agenda. The GCSU had decided to arrange a special meeting before undertaking incorporation procedures, so that students would have the chance to bring their questions and concerns into the debate. The motion was passed almost unanimously with a vote of 8-1-1.

The issue has surfaced each and every year and since procedures are quite lengthy, by the time a decision was made, council got dissolved and new representatives had to start from scratch.

Past experiences at Calumet and Atkinson Colleges show that unincorporated student bodies have difficulties standing up to the administration. "This is nothing new; they've all tried it in past years and failed," said Mark Kroesen, former GCSU councillor, speaking vehemently against incorporation. Kroesen was actually the second to speak on the issue and left the hall before hearing merits of incorporation, by Grant Wagman (Osgoode student who prepared a special report for the GCSU in June). Matt Tingley VP internal to the YFS, and other GCSU members. Tingley, among others, raised awareness in regards to liability exposure. He mentioned that the fact that the union is legally non-existent causes directors and presidents to be personally liable in cases of legal action. "It is actually not possible for a party to prosecute the union. Therefore, if an incident happens, they sue the individuals, personally and go after the wealthiest...involved."

For his part, Wagman said that colleges who decide not to incorporate could, at one point, incur astronomical costs. He asserted that when the University's Board of Directors dissolved the council of Calumet College (the administration does not have the capability of dissolving incorporated bodies), $50 000 was left in the bank accounts of one of the councils. The University informed the treasurer and the executive that this was University money, and the formers were summoned to return it. 'When they declined, the University threatened to sue the Treasurer personally," said Wagman. Under personal threats, the treasurer gave-in. This would not happen with an incorporated student body. If you want to know more, 1) a thorough incorporation article in French was in the Sept 25 Protém. 2) Wagman's report is available at the GCSU.

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Position Compromettante

Les conservateurs sont des conservateurs parce qu’ils adhèrent à l’idéologie que véhicule leur parti et un conservateur n’est pas membre d’un parti libéral simplement parce qu’un parti libéral ne légifère pas sur les mêmes questions d’action sociale, de consommation et d’entreprise. Donc, si un conservateur se livre à l’idéologie, il peut perdre l’intérêt pour l’environnement ou pour les citoyens dans l’unité publique et au sein du parti, un conservateur qui sait la clôture,

Direction Jeunesse, membre de l’Alliance pour la création d’une université franco-ontarienne (UFO), a été confidemment invité à élaborer un document final sur la question de l’identité et de la part de l’Ontario French in the planification strategique et de ce, dans le but de mieux desservir les Franco-Ontariens et Franco-Ontariennes. Nous avons donc tenu une série de Contracts dans le Centre/Sud-Ouest et c’est là, au sein de ces groupes de représentation et de responsables de votre organe d’alerte particulière.

Cette lettre donne donc un appui explicite à Direction Jeunesse. Un organisme, qui rappelons-le, fait partie, de l’Alliance pour l’UFO. Dans la brochure qui accompagne le lançament de la campagne pour la création de l’UFO, on peut lire que l’Université bilingue devrait être remplaçée par une université de langue française. Sa rue, Mme. Mme. Omaha parce que dans les multiples institutions, chacun a droit à son opinion et qu’il est normal, dans sa position, de reconnaître l’existence d’un organisme francophone.

L’assiduité Chantal St-Onge, dont le mandat est de représenter les étudiants de Glendon se trouve être la vice-présidente de Direction Jeunesse (désormais jusqu’en fin de semaine dernière où son mandat se terminait). Elle a confié à PROTEM que peu importe ses convictions personnelles elle reconnait le fait qu’elle représente désormais les étudiants de Glendon et que l’association étudiante se penche en faveur de leur position. En effet, à la création de l’UFO elle insistait personnellement sur le fait que la campagne de lancement de UFO est principalement à la charge du public et recueille les opinions. Or se trouve donc entre l’intention, l’action et la représentativité politique et les convictions personnelles d’un individu. Tout porte à croire que cette marge ne soit pas perçue de la même façon par la collectivité.

Sous recommandation de Chantale St-Onge, Nancy Pelletier coordonnatrice des activités étudiantes dont le mandat consiste entre autres à promouvoir les activités francophones, s’est présentée comme candidate au Conseil d’administration dans l’intention d’intégrer Glendon aux activités communautaires de la francophonie ontarienne et a été élue. Deux jours plus tard elle a remis sa démission au Conseil. On n’avait puis du porter à son attention, le constat de la brochure du lancement de UFO, alors qu’elle a voulu reprendre les questions suggérée si cette position n’entrait pas en conflit d’intérêt avec son emploi à Glendon. C’est donc dire que certaines personnes perçoivent un conflit d’intérêt, par rapport à leur mandat alors que d’autre ont la conviction du contraire. Cependant il ne faudrait pas juger à la première compétence des principaux concerné puisqu’il s’agit purement d’une question d’éthique.

Maintenant que notre petit conservateur du département de santé prends dans un bain d’eau chaude des plus comprenants, le petit conservateur devra répondre à ses convictions paradoxelement écartées. Si le petit conservateur est pour la construction d’une école catéchise mais il encouragera ouvertement ou discrètement le dénaturaliser des fondations de l’institution sur lequel il assis son petit dernier, le petit conservateur risque d’être victime lui aussi de l’effondrement qui aura été provoquée par sa propre négligence.

**Thx goodness, that was WEIRD**

Something very bizarre occurred at the last GCSU meeting, so bizarre that I feel obligated to report it aloud to you. I’m sure you will ponder the situation a little further. As you already knew, the Council was to decide last Thursday whether it would go on with the impeachment proceedings against the president, Diane Chantale. It is fair to say that the results were relief for most of us.

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REFERENDUM: QUEBEC
STUDENTS READY TO GO IT ALONE

Jim Bridges

TORONTO (CUP) — With a little over a month before the vote, Quebec students are gearing up for the province's referendum on sovereignty.

Princess Rebelo, president of the Federation Étudiante Universitaire du Québec, which represents more than 100,000 Quebec university students, says that if the vote were up to Quebec students, there would be a clear sovereignist victory.

Rebelo, who is a post-secondary education student by the federal government, has made it more difficult for his federation — and Quebec students — to take a federalist stance.

"With more cuts to spending (from the federal government), we are getting more interested in being more sovereignist," he said.

"Last year, we put a lot of pressure on the federal government, but we didn't get any response to our requests. It is difficult for us to be interested in staying in Canada.

"Believe me, Quebec students would benefit under a sovereign Quebec by eliminating the Canadian federal government’s role in education funding.

"If we want to be sure that universities and education in Quebec can be financed efficiently, we can be more sure if we pay our tax only in Quebec."

But many students, especially at English universities in the province, are worried about the future of post-secondary education in an independent Quebec.

"It could mean an aversion of out-of-province students to Quebec, most of whom are English," he said. "It could affect enrollment for English universities," said Jonathan Canuthers, president of Concordia's students' council.

"I think there would be only a small English university."

With cuts to post-secondary education, he fears the government would not support all English universities that currently exist in the province.

"At some point, it would mean the end of the Bishop's," Wilson said. "McGill and Concordia don't have as much to lose." Rebelo rejects, saying it would not be in the interest of sovereign Quebec to get rid of English universities.

"Many young people are for the independence of Quebec but not for the abolition of English institutions," he said.

"For Quebec, it would be a bad choice not to preserve the quality of McGill and support it after the referendum."

"The main issue for Quebec, Francophones, according to Rebelo, is the self-emancipation they will be given with sovereignty and the ability to decide their own support.

"It is important to have control to choose what we want. After sovereignty, it will be impossible for us to blame anyone else," Rebelo said.

"The French don't want to change the life of anglophone Quebec. We just want the majority of Quebec to control Quebec." But Canuthers is less optimistic.

"Quebec's interests, like much of the province's population, are weighing the choices in the referendum against the economic and political realities, instead of simply thinking of the issue as one of language or national identity, he said.

"These days are of realism. You can't just wave a flag and hope the population will follow," he said.

While student leaders in Quebec have the option to resign, it's up to the students to propose impeachment but that a 2/3rd majority was only required to propose impeachment but that a simple majority would suffice to achieve a successful impeachment.

"The game is, therefore, the referendum. It's up to the students. And I don't want to resign [but] felt that I was forced to." Rebelo said it has been agreed that a notice of motion to all members proposing the impeachment of at least one week's written Notice of Motion to all members of Council." Canuthers Sawicki, the Speaker of the GCSU interpreted this as meaning that a two-third majority was only required to propose impeachment but that a simple majority would suffice to achieve a successful impeachment. Moreover, voicing Kroesen pointed out that to suspend a member's powers requires a two-thirds majority, and that impeachment was just as serious, if not indeed more serious, and should therefore require a two-thirds vote.

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The luxury of negotiating their Canada Student Loans (CSL) with any bank is no longer a reality. Under a new government act, only CIBC, Royal Bank and the Bank of Nova Scotia will be permitted to CSL agreements with students.

Students with past CSLs at non-participatory banks are forced to open new accounts. This transferring of CSLs has left many OSAP recipients confused and frustrated. Lisa Boynton, a second year psychology major, explained her ordeal. Boynton used to deal with the Toronto Dominion (TD) bank, but not anymore. "Now I have to open another account. I don't like running around for my banking."

Another student, a fourth year chemistry major, agreed with Boynton. "This would have been one less thing to worry about if it was informed sooner about the changes." Because of the one billion dollar debt in defaulted loans, the government needed a new program which would guarantee repayment. Implemented in September, 1994, the Canada Student Financial Assistance Act makes the banks responsible for collecting repayments. However, students weren't alerted of these changes until very late in August. Derek Carlisle, a Policy Analyst with the CSL Program, believes that the delay can be blamed on the banks. "Negotiations with banks were still ongoing in mid-July," he said. "TD and the Bank of Montreal decided at the last minute to opt out."

A one page bulletin explaining the changes was sent to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. Carlisle said that 25,000 of these bulletins were to be mailed to the homes of OSAP students. However, because of government cutbacks, the ministry didn't send out the information. Therefore, many students were still unaware of the changes.

A financial aid officer explained that many students usually found out about the changes when they picked up their loan documents. Since nothing was finalized with the banks, York's financial aid office couldn't mail their own memos to OSAP students. "It was difficult to post anything," she said. "We didn't have anything formal enough to extend to students."

According to the financial aid officer, a toll free number was set up to deal with student concerns. However, it seems that not many students took advantage of this service. Students like Doris Rackett, a third year psychology student, did not know this number existed. She believes that not enough is being done to help students, "It's like nobody cares."

Dimitri Katsaounis, a third year History major, shares Rackett's concerns. "A little more understanding would be helpful."

Leesa Barnes

(CUPE) TORONTO - A new school year brings new problems for OSAP students.

LA SOIRÉE PUB DE DIRECTION-JEUNESSE: UN FRANC SUCCÈS

Jean-Marc Duguay

La soirée spectacle du groupe musical franco-ontarien Cormoran au Café de la Terrasse le 23 septembre dernier, a semblé être grandement apprécié par son auditoire qui remplissait la salle.

Pensée dans le cadre de l'assemblée générale annuelle de Direction Jeunesse, dont il y avait déjà une atmosphère de fête avant même que Cormoran ne produise une seule note. Même si le groupe jouait devant des spectateurs "prêtrechautés", s'orientait pour les retröid. Les musiciens ont interprété leur répertoire de chansons et musiques variées, allant d'un son puissant à base de guitare électrique à des ballades intimes accompagnées de guitares acoustiques. Jouant leurs propres compositions ainsi que celles d'artistes connus, les membres de Cormoran ont démontré une gamme impressionnante de talents.


Toutefois, il y a des plans en cours pour que Cormoran revienne à Glendon, dans le cadre du festival d'hiver en février. Tous ceux qui l'ont manqués cette fois pourront donc le reprendre.
I don’t know what type of student takes a vacation after just two weeks of school, but I did. Not that I am trying to build up a general sense of arrogance about myself, but it has been about two years since I’ve really ventured beyond Toronto’s metropolitan boundaries.

Up north would have been nice, but I’ve been breathing city air for so long that I don’t think my body could have withstood the purity. I’m a city boy and as far as I am concerned, trees are the things that grow up through those spaces in the concrete.

I have been in school much too long for my own good and one would think that, by now, I could handle it. By the end of the first week, I found myself faced with a choice: either get out of town or scream out at the top of my lungs. Not being one for dramatics, I chose the former and ended up in Boston, Massachusetts.

Luckily, I have a friend in Boston, or more specifically, in Allston which, when pronounced with the proper Bostonian accent (known as Masshole), sounds more like “Austin”. Actually, the Boston metropolitan area is made up of a number of small mini-cities such as Brookline (where you practically can’t smoke a cigarette on the street) and Dorchester (proounced “Doachestahn”), forming one geographically small urban area.

Imagine the Beaches and Parkdale being separated by a big parking lot and you will get an idea of what it’s like. As in any city where traffic jams are the norm and parking rules are draconian, Boston is the perfect place to be on two wheels. So if you plan on coming here, bring your bike.

Not quite; as I am sitting here on the porch of this old house in Allston, I feel much the same as I would in Toronto. This neighborhood even has a similar feel to that of the Annex, with its old houses divided into apartments, a large student population and its ethnic stores.

But judging by the reactions that my friend from Boston received while up in Canada this summer, it would seem as if many Canadians have an ill conceived notion that all of America is like Bad Ass, Texas or else, Compton, California. Granting that these places conjure up ugly images of mid-afternoon gun battles in the streets, the U.S.A. is a large country with a diverse population; and the things that happen in one place (or even the same place over different times of day) go on everywhere and all the time. Not all of America is like Bad Ass, Texas.

This past Summer, I met so many people visiting from all over the world, that I felt like Canada’s official goodwill ambassador—a practical one for dramatics, 1 chose welcoming committee. I have absolutely no idea how many times I actually ended up saying “welcome to Boston.” But I did end up having to explain myself away, when confronted with some of the reactions my American friend was getting.

It was as if she was a refugee—the victim of some tyrannical regime, as if she had just escaped the clutches of the Nazis. As in any bad place; you must feel relieved to be safe on the other side of the border... And it’s not that all Canadians are guilty of this, or that I am entirely innocent myself, but the only excuse I could think of was to blame it on the media.

Scapegoating the media is always a convenient way to escape controversy, but in this respect, it actually seems to make sense. To become the victim of negative portrayals of the U.S.A. Whether it is “Cops” on the television or news stories of fatality, car jackings in Florida, images of American violence have become the norm. With the exception of maybe travel and entertainment stories, the media is generally not in the business of reporting anything that falls into the realm of “the nice.”

Considering that the average Canadian travel experience in America is usually in places such as New York City, Florida or L.A, where we are told to lock our doors and don’t go into this or that neighborhood, it is of no surprise that some of us are becoming armchair experts on American society. Combine this with the nationalistic need to differentiate ourselves from those south of the border and you have a formula for America bashing.

One incident, during my stay in Boston, seemed to be the talk of the town. I first heard about it from some of my friend’s room mates and then exessively from the local news. I was standing in the check-out line of some new-age supermarket, patiently waiting to pay for one of those one-inorganic carcanogenically spayed lemon, while the cashier gabbed endlessly with the woman in front of me.

The topic of discussion was murder, but what really caught my interest was the reaction of this particular custom. What she said was that her daughter (sounding more like “doah-tah”) cut through the park of the murder scene at night on a regular basis, but that from this point on, she no longer would.

The thought going through her mind was that she would be cutting through an inner city park anytime after dusk, in the first place. She did not know of any women (or men for that matter) with any concern for their personal safety, who would consider it a good idea to cut through even a small park like Allen Gardens at night.

When I mentioned this to my friend, she told me that she often cuts through that same Allen park after dark; and I have the feeling that she always will. This was an attitude to which I was accustomed and I certainly helped dispel any myth of “America the bad,” by my actions by that time anyway.

I like where I live and I don’t have any plans of moving to any other city in the near future. But this is where I come out of the closet and say that I feel at home in Boston and I’d like to go back soon.

The whole idea of Word’s Worth is to examine English in a revealing way. Talking to Patrick Joly, a native speaker of French, about the different systems of swearing in our languages, we discovered that in French as well as in English, we use sex and elimination to swear by. But the purpose of this column is to learn something about “linguistic ovens”, and about the arbitrariness of the concepts that need to be handled with them.

In some cases, it’s understandable, like in reference to certain old prevalent dysphemisms, such as racial epithets or sexist stereotypes. In other cases, there is no necessity except for societal hang-ups. Whence some sociological hang-ups? Not for me to answer. Why, for in-stance, in the thirteenth century, was the Anglo-Saxon society of England, named after the reign of King Alfred, so much more prudish than the English who lived just 300 years later? So that no longer the rich who are the fashion trend-setters, but the under classes. This can be hatched up by hypo-theses, but not now, next year you’ll just have to take my word for it. The point is that luckly, at least about things related to sex and elimination, society seems to be losing its linguistic taboos. Which is a good thing, for this encourages people to look at what is really going on rather than skirting issues. Com-munication is a Good Thing. So, with a socio-linguistic basis, but without formal training and with as few technical terms as possible. The goal: to speak classism in reverse; what’s cool now, what used to be cool.
Du 22 au 24 décembre se déroulait l’Assemblée générale annuelle de Direction Jeuness. La journée du samedi eut lieu ici dans les locaux de Glendon à Toronto. Ce dernier offrait notamment des ateliers de formation pour les jeunes francophones et entrepreneurs, remettant en question la base même de son organisation.


D’autres ont fait une distinction claire entre le franco-ontarien de ’soule et une personne francophone habitant en Ontario. Certes, cette différence existe, mais la question est de savoir quelles membres privilégiés de la francophonie ontarienne est inclus au sein de petits organismes à tendance “élitiste” tel que D.J. On parle de croire des débats de recherche mais, avec quoi?

Autre phase controversée de cette conférence fut sans contredit, le lancement d’une campagne de sensibilisation pour la création d’une université francophone-ontarienne, qui comme le discours, s’est vendu contradictoire. Il s’agit d’une brochure intitulée “UFO LA SOLUTION” qui rappelle ironiquement le slogan social-nationaliste allemand de l’époque nazie “LA SOLUTION FINALE”. Ce dossier a été piloté par une Université franco-ontarienne qui regroupe six organismes ayant activement contribué à la création du réseau d’enseignement francophone à distance dont le Collège Glendon est partenaire.

La brochure stipule : "Quand nos étudiants de français entreprennent des études dans les collèges principalement anglophones [...] ils n’ont plus d’argent français. Nous héritiers de diplomates qui ne peuvent pas ‘franciser’, c’est en français que la langue maternelle constitue une revendication pleine de bon sens mais faut-il pour autant tourner le dos à l’éducation bilingue en prétendant naïvement y tirer son compte [...] dans l’isolement. N’est-ce pas le mandat des universités bilingues de formater des étudiants qui maîtrisent leur langue seconde au même titre que leur langue maternelle? Non, ce n’est strictement pas l’idée de la création d’une université bilingue en Ontario, mais une préoccupation à la démarche de D.J. et de tous ses collaborateurs, mais plutôt l’idéalisme chauvin qui transparaît sous le voile de la bonne intention. De toute façon, faillait-il exprimer dans un langage aussi confus et dégradant à l’égard de tout ce qui n’est pour 100% français pour revendiquer la création d’une université française? Un discours de persécution, qui reflète sans doute une attitude minoritaire, mais dont la force n’a pour défaut que cette perpétuelle contradiction qui s’émane de chacune des lignes de l’idée de partenariat si souvent exprimée. Je ne sais si en fin de semaine se limite-t-elle à un partenariat si sélectif qu’il faut par créer des barrières plutôt que des ponts?“

Suzanne: 

Cynic at Large - Social Communication

... went out for dinner with some friends the other night. It was a heinous kind of thought that could ever be conceived. No, I am not talking about chain smoking in the booth right next to the non-smoking section or attempting to order in the language of the style of food. What I saw left those in the dust. While I was calmly munching on nachos with my friends, the self-styled Lee lacoca behind us received a rather loud phone call. Not only did it ring so loudly that most people turned to look, but the person you just cut in line was driving as it is; they don’t need the added distraction of a phone. I mean, realistically, when was the last time you saw someone signal before changing lanes? Do you think that having a car phone will improve upon things like that? There are enough gadgets in a car to fool around with as it is, there’s the radio, that CD player that holds six disks, the heating, the mirrors, the seats and if you smoke too... good luck!

As far as I’m concerned, the only circumstance under which it is permissible to have a car phone would be if you need it to display your car-phone number. That way the person you just cut off could call you up and tell you off personally instead of just gesturing in your rearview mirror. But then again, maybe that’s just me...
Drugstore
(Polygram)
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CD REVIEW

London trio Drugstore may initially seem to echo the tortured ramblings of Warhol Starry, but this band is neither as melancholic or self-indulgent; it is overtly manic depressives in the most charmingly aggressive way, ignoring the borrowed tambourine, quite traditionally innovative as well.

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An impressive first full-length effort, the debut will likely intrigue the discerning audiophile, though the underground listenership and even the fickle press in the U.K. have long acknowledged Drugstore's pull. Their strange sweetness - a child-like whisper spewing out poison onto a wall of moaning bass, soaring strings and haunted downbeats - results in a delicious chaos.

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However, Eve was a good film, while Showgirls is so cliché-heavy it doesn't even make the "so-bad-it's-good" category. Besides, the tired storyline, can be constar when it is written by the highest paid screenwriter in Hollywood (of Basic Instinct fame), but could have been written as a 14 year old boy's wet dream, the dialogue is especially lame. Successive lines delivered in all seriousness got laughs, (including: "we'll do what we do in Vegas ...

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Further, the totally un-original plot is filled with all things gratuitous. The nudity could be constar when it is necessary for the story's advance- ment, but it is all female and full-frontal, except for one shot of the backside of Zack the "entertainment director" (Kyle MacLaughlin). It is also completely unnecessary.

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TORONTO (CUP) — The voices of fate whispered: “if you build it, they will come.”

On September 23, 1995, with York University’s brand new $600,000 stadium complete, the prophecy was carried out.

The York Yeomen football team ended the longest losing streak in the history of Canadian collegiate sports — 7 games — and they did it at home.

After ten years of playing their home games away from home at the distant Esther Shiner stadium, the Yeomen showed nosyayers a new home and a capacity crowd was all they needed to help defeat the Windsor Lancers, 5-8.

This victory marks a new way of life for athletes, coaches and football fans at York. No longer would the Yeomen be taken for granted by their opponents.

This win, although not erasing the six-and-a-half years of pitiful loss, has given York something that it lacked since the streak began — hope.

On this day, long before the opening drive, there was a different feeling in the air. With an estimated 2,100 boisterous spectators in attendance — all waiting anxiously to witness history in the making — the Yeomen could not — and would not — disappoint.

On Windsor’s opening drive, Lancer’s starting quarterback Andy Vasily fumbled, giving York second down with 57-yard line. The Yeomen put together an impressive drive ending in a 35-yard field goal, and set the tone of the game.

Before halftime, York’s all-star wide receiver Andre Batson scored the Yeomen’s second touchdowns by rushing 75 yards on a Windsor punt return. Batson finished the game with 172 yards rushing on kick-offs and punt returns.

“We never lost confidence in ourselves,” said exhausted Batson after the game. “It was just a matter of execution and that’s what we focused on. The streak has finally ended we’re 1-2. This is a new season on.

But the story throughout the game was undisputed play. Time and time again, Windsor drew costly penalties when they were in close. Add that to their two missed field goals, two fumbles and three interceptions and you have the making of a long afternoon for the Lancers.

The Yeomen defense, with three starters on the sidelines, frustrated Windsor’s rushing game, holding them scoreless in the second half. Andre Batson sealed the victory for the Yeomen with just under eight seconds of the game and mass to do now. It’s party time and it’s been a long time coming.”

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