

OBITUARY

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(For many years a metal statue of a bull stood outside at Fanshawe College, in London, Ontario until, one day in the summer of 1997, it was dismantled. The following obituary appeared in the Interrobang, the Student Newspaper Sept. 1, 1997.)

Suddenly at the outdoor intersection between A and E Blocks on Thursday, August 7, 1997 Tory, the Fanshawe Bull, in his 23rd year. A post-mortem established the cause of death to be dismemberment by acetylene torch. Exactly who issued the termination order remains a mystery. All College phones were on voice mail yesterday.

Generations of Fanshawe students and veteran employees had come to know and love Tory as a landmark and symbol of the College. Life-sized, with a strong, realistic rusty metal exterior, Tory was originally anatomically correct. But prudish zealots some years ago empowered a College welder to perform a crude and cruel bilateral orchidectomy. His dreams of retirement to stud thus dashed, "Tory was never really the same after that," said Rollie the Groundskeeper sadly.

Tory died intestate, and of course, without progeny. Yet he achieved a kind of immortality that seems ironic in light of the grotesque operation to which he was subjected. An emergency meeting of senior administration decided that his remains will be re-cycled into several thousand high quality ball-bearings for use in College vehicles.

Keep on rollin' Tory!