

Atkinson Associate Dean appointed York's first Provost

By JOHN WRIGHT

Atkinson College Associate Dean and history professor Thomas Meininger was named first Provost of York University by President H. Ian Macdonald.

The position of Provost was created in order to provide an advocate at the vice-presidential level for student concerns. Meininger will also be responsible for student services and non-faculty colleges.

Meininger came to York in 1971 after completing a B.A. at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and both his M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin. Meininger's specialization is Russian and East European modern history and he has been extensively published in the field. He recently completed a book on the history of the Balkans.

In an interview, Meininger expressed his desire to "look into the whole area of student services, to determine what the objectives of our student services should be. We should set up ways and means to marshal our resources to best meet those objectives."

The following will report to and be subject to review by the Provost: Financial Aid Office, Convocation Office, the Foreign Student Advisor, Athletics, Counseling and Development, the Handicapped Student Centre,

Health Services, Off-Campus Housing, and the seven non-faculty Colleges.

Of special interest to the Provost is the Career Centre. Meininger said he plans to examine the nature of the placement services York provides, "as the aspirations of the student body change, and as their programs change, they perhaps take on more of a practical nature."

President Macdonald has placed the responsibility of addressing the question of racism and bigotry at York on the Provost. Meininger has not been officially involved with the issue but has received briefings concerning the nature of the President's special sub-committee reports and the aftermath of the decision to publish only the first of two reports. Meininger is responsible for the follow-up to the review and the reports of the special committee.

"That is a major challenge. I welcome that challenge. I think in the course of the last several months alone the University, through the President, has shown its commitment to dealing with the general issues of tolerance, bigotry, and human rights in a forthright way, in a way which shows our leadership," said Meininger.

Macdonald has asked Meininger to look into

setting up a committee on racism, and the Provost plans to initiate a standing committee on campus life.

"One of (these committees') first major tasks will be to examine, using expertise from within and without the University, to be sure that institutional racism does not happen at York. You cannot force any individual to be a better person. What the institutions of a society can do, however, is to assure that there are safeguards meant to prevent outward expressions of hostility or discrimination," Meininger said.

Meininger points to the implementation of the report on sexual harassment in the University as an example of the type of "solid definition and protection" that he would hope to be able to provide to the community concerning racism and discrimination.

As a senior member of the University administration, Meininger will sit on the Executive, Policy, and Planning committees, and the Senate. He will also attend Board meetings.

Meininger was chosen from several applicants by a special presidential advisory committee. Members of the group included Council of the York Student Federation President Chris Summerhayes, Macdonald,



Thomas Meininger

William Farr, vice-president, Finance and Employee relations, and Tom Treaves, dean of the Faculty of Arts. Meininger is to officially assume his position February 1.



It's mine! CYSF President Chris Summerhayes holds on to the sculpture the Central Square Coordinating Committee wants to get rid of because they say it's obstructing the hallway outside the CYSF office.

Summerhayes sides with sculpture against Central Square Committee

By GARY SYMONS

The Central Square Co-ordinating Committee (CSCC) wants the sculpture outside CYSF offices removed because they consider it an "obstruction."

The CSCC is the York body charged with revamping the "overcrowded Central Square concourse."

Donated to CYSF by York University artist Scott Childs, the sculpture, titled "Carousel," was placed in the hallway by CYSF president Chris Summerhayes in September.

Summerhayes, the only student representative on CSCC, was completely opposed to the order. "Why do we have a Faculty of Fine Arts if they can't display their work where people can see it?" he said.

"I tried to go through the proper channels, but there were not proper channels. There seemed to be no one able to OK it (the placement of the piece). But then how did those Telidon machines get there? Nobody in a position of power seems to know how they got there," said Summerhayes.

CSCC Chairman and Finance Manager Don Nesbitt admitted his committee did not exist when Summerhayes was trying to clear the piece with administration, but claimed the

sculpture is "nevertheless an obstruction of the Central Square Concourse." According to the CSCC mandate, the committee's first priority is "to provide an effective flow for traffic."

The question is, then, is it art or is it just in the way?

To Nesbitt it's in the way. The statue, which he referred to as "Oh, that monstrosity," is just another of the many objects to be removed from the passageway. "The sculpture is only one obstruction," he said. "Both the Telidon machines and the sale racks outside retail outlets will also have to be moved. My main concern is that a blind student will stumble into these things and possibly be injured."

Summerhayes, however, disagreed. "There's no point in moving it unless they want to drive a fire-truck through the hallway. There's still at least a 15-foot passageway out there," he said.

While conceding his willingness to remove "Carousel" "if and when they move the Telidons," Summerhayes criticized the other Committee members for what he believed was an undue concern over the sculpture.

"Why don't they deal with problems that concern students more, such as the Bearpit issue, rather than this sculpture that doesn't really affect everyday student life? It's ludicrous," he said.

York student dies in crash

By ROGER NEWLOVE

A tragic car accident claimed the life of a 20-year old York history student Monday afternoon. Carolyn Rosenberg of Sandringham Drive, Downsview, was killed when her car went out of control after being hit by a van while she was turning left from Keele St. onto the St. Lawrence Blvd. entrance of the campus.

Witness Carolyn Freedman, who was in the car behind Rosenberg at the time recounted the accident, which occurred shortly after 1:30 p.m. Freedman said Rosenberg was waiting to make a left turn off Keele St. at the traffic lights at St. Lawrence. She said there was a car in the southbound lane waiting to make a left turn onto Canarctic Dr. The Rosenberg vehicle started creeping forward and then started to

cross the southbound lanes when she was struck by a southbound van. "I'm sure she didn't see the van," said Freedman.

Police said no charges would be laid.

The lights at the intersection have a flashing green only during the morning rush hour period. Freedman said as a result of Rosenberg's death many people were talking about extending the advanced green throughout the day. Freedman said her father spoke to Metro Roads and Traffic officials on the issue but was told that extending the operation of the advanced green wouldn't resolve the problem—the light eventually stops flashing, creating the same situation as before.

Memorial services for Rosenberg were held yesterday at the Adath Israel Synagogue.

Barbershop shorn of stereo

By GARY SYMONS

The Hairplace barbershop in Central Square was broken into early yesterday morning and a portable stereo was stolen.

Store owner Felice Bizzarro said no cash was taken and a small television set was left untouched. Bizzarro said the stereo, a 45-watt Clairtone, was worth approximately \$700. Ironically, one of the stereo's features was a burglar alarm.

Staff Supervisor of York Security Geoff MacLeod said the thief or thieves entered the shop via a smashed window. A foot-long metal pipe was found inside the store but rust prevented police from taking fingerprints.

Replacement cost of the window was approximately \$200.

A Ross building custodian reported the

burglary to York Security at 4:40 a.m. but no one heard the window breaking. Custodians told MacLeod that they saw nothing out of the ordinary as late as 3:30 a.m.

Bizzarro said he thought the robbery must have been perpetrated by someone who knew the building. "They must have known their way around to know when the caretakers wouldn't be around."

How the building was entered remains a mystery. "This place is supposed to be closed from midnight to 6 a.m.," said Bizzarro. "How did these people get in?"

MacLeod affirmed that the midnight shift security staff locks the Ross-Scott building complex after 12 p.m., but said there was no forced entry of outside doors.

Metro police said they have no leads in the case at present.



York's Volleyball Yeomen came out on the losing end in the finals of the fifth annual Excalibur Volleyball Classic. They lost three games to one against Ball State. See story on page 12.