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THE STUDENT WEEKLY OF YORK UNIVERSITY

Multi-Million Dollar Housing Project



Folk singer, Mike Snook (pictured above) entertained at the opening of Founders' College's renovated Coffee House last Saturday. The new Coffee House, completely redecorated and featuring special lighting and new stereo is open 2 to 5 p.m. and 10 to 12 p.m. on weekdays.

CUS Withdrawals - A Healthy Sign?

Regina (CUP)--A Canadian Union of Students official has termed the recent withdrawal of eight universities from CUS a 'healthy sign' that students are trying to relate to their academic communities.

Students are beginning to think realistically about what the academic community is, and how they can best relate to it, field secretary Rolli Cacchioni said in an interview here two weeks ago.

Some universities feel they can't relate through CUS, Cacchioni added, and this is why they have withdrawn.

The field Secretary said CUS will only become relevant to Canadian students if local students' councils relate its programs to their electorates.

'What the SRC is doing at Regina campus is quite irrelevant to the individual student,' charged Cacchioni, 'They are tied up with petty administrative

matters.'

'Until they realize the difference between being a legislative rather than an administrative body, they can't be active on this campus. The student council must realize it is an integral part of the university community--not an adjunct to it.'

Cacchioni claimed Canadian universities are 'middle-class ghettos which function like corporations in which the raw material--students--is fed in one end, computerized and processed, then exuded at the other end as university students who have achieved the union ticket necessary for success in our society.'

He called on students and faculty to become responsible for making the university 'a more humane place' in which to live.

'Students should be working on programs such as universal accessibility and democracy in the university to achieve that end,' he said.

YSA In Financial Trouble

The York Student Agencies, which sells jackets, crests, etc. to students, has a debt of approximately \$2,650.

Bill Dolman (F2), Y.S.A. chairman, said that he is trying to get loans from the student councils at York. He said that Mr. Henry Best, director of student services, had come to him and seemed very concerned about the situation.

Last fall there were bills outstanding that totalled \$1,891.26. The administration loaned this amount to Y.S.A.

Since then, another \$750 (approx.) in unpaid bills has accumulated. 'On December 20, 1966, when I took stock,' Mr. Dolman said, 'we were approximately \$440 in the black. Bills outstanding totalled \$3,600, stock totalled \$3,350, and cash on hand \$680. These figures are all approximate.'

When asked why the Y.S.A. was over-stocked, Mr. Dolman said that he has to buy in large quantities to cut down on the

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Public Housing and Student Co-op

Plans for a multi-million dollar housing development immediately west of the York University Steele's campus were revealed at an A.C.S.A. meeting last night.

This was the first A.C.S.A. meeting open to the public. Except for the first 15 minutes, which were held in camera, any interested student was allowed in to hear plans for the proposed development.

The plan included a six hundred-unit public housing project and a university-housing cooperative that may have as many as nine hundred units.

The property is now jointly-owned by the Ontario Housing Corporation and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Mr. Henry Best, director of student services at York, said that the university has written to the Ontario Housing Corporation asking them to keep the university needs in mind before giving any go-ahead for a development of the property.

This letter and a subcommittee of the Campus Housing Advisory Committee set up to investigate development plans are the only official actions York University has taken. The Atkinson students, however, have gone ahead on their own and set up the 'York Community Co-Operative'.

This Co-Operative, now in the process of being incorporated, and the idea for the proposed development were initiated by Mr. Adelman, a teacher of philosophy in Atkinson College. Mr. Adelman has had previous experience in University of Toronto Co-operatives and, as a result of this experience and several written articles, he was recently

invited on a speaking tour in California.

Mr. Adelman said at last night's meeting that he had written the Ontario Housing Corporation. However, he said as he had just returned from California, he had not yet had time to find out their position.

When asked about the cost of the development, Mr. Adelman said he would take a guess at \$30 million. He also said that rents would be about 10 to 15% lower than comparable accommodations elsewhere in Metro.

The undergraduates at the meeting expressed concern that they had not been consulted on the project. A.C.S.A. committee members said that before they could advise the university to give its backing to this project they would have to be assured that all interests were being looked after. The Atkinson students objected to this and said that it was an Atkinson pet project, and although the undergraduate students would not be excluded from the project, they had never come forward and asked to be considered.

By the end of the meeting the undergraduates' position was that if this property is the only choice property near the campus, undergraduates needs should certainly be included in the plan. If, however, there are other sites available, it was felt that the undergraduates should go ahead with a co-operative development plan of their own.

No one at the meeting was certain whether there was any other property available near the campus for such a development.

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New Vanier Council

The newly elected Vanier College Council met for the first time last Tuesday.

The Vanier Council is unique among college councils in that there is no president, and that council members are not elected to specific posts. Also the council has four elected members of faculty sitting on it. A by-election will be held for the two remaining faculty posts.

Richard Sand will be chairman for two weeks. At the end of this time another council member will be elected as chairman.

Senator Donates To Library

United States Senator Maurine Neuberger has made a substantial donation to the library of York University.

The Senator from Oregon has gifted the university with more than 200 volumes of particular interest to students of contemporary U.S. history.

Books include Congressional Records, volumes on U.S. treaties and international agreements and books dealing with U.S. foreign policy. They will be kept in the Documents Division of the York University Library.

The arrangement was made through Dr. T. Olson of the university's Political Science Department, formerly Administrative Assistant to Senator Neuberger.

Doxey Resigns

Professor George Doxey has resigned as the chairman of the Department of Economics.

He will however remain at York as a professor in the department. He said that his resignation was due to the pressure of the job and the demands of his work.

He would like to devote more time to teaching and his interest in scholarships. He is chairman of the Scholarship Committee at York.

He hopes to be able to give Excalibur a more complete statement at a later date.

VANIER VANDALISM—VENDING MACHINES REMOVED

by Ross Howard

The coke-vending machine in Vanier College was extensively damaged again, between 9 and 11 p.m. Wednesday. As a result of this latest act of vandalism, the master of the college, Dr. Fowle, has ordered the immediate removal of all vending machines from Vanier.

The machine was short-circuited and the motor severely damaged, the refrigerant unit tampered with, and the refrigerating gas allowed to escape. Dr. Fowle said he was very disappointed in this matter. No estimation is available yet on the cost of the damages.

NOTICE--ALL SWIMMERS

A Red Cross Instructors Course is going to be held at York Campus beginning in February. All interested students are requested to contact Miss J.D. Johnson as soon as possible to fill out applications forms for the course. A minimum number of 20 students must register for the course in order that it might be given.