

# Student Centre may sue the University

By DANIEL WOLGELERENTER and ADAM KARDASH

The dispute between the Student Centre Corporation (SCC) and the York University Development Corporation (YUDC) is not over.

The SCC has threatened to sue the University if the YUDC goes ahead with plans to put more than one food outlet in its Yorklanes complex. The SCC feels these plans contravene the November agreement with the YUDC limiting Yorklanes to one food service outlet.

"We feel that any more than one outlet could contribute to lost revenues in the food operations of the Student Centre, and a loss of revenue could render unviable our financial situation vis-à-vis our operating costs," said SCC vice-chair Mourad Mardikian.

"We've checked with our legal advisors and we feel we have a good case," he said.

YUDC Vice-president Greg Spearn said that YUDC is negotiating with 12-15 retailers for space in Yorklanes — four of which are food outlets — representing roughly 60 per cent of the complex's capacity — the minimum amount required by the Board of Governors to begin construction. Spearn said, however, that he would not start construction until he was assured of filling the whole building.

"We're uncertain about filling it completely with dry retail. And the dry retailers we've spoken to want more food outlets because they'll increase traffic," he said.

The SCC will receive a percentage of its food court tenants' gross earnings, which will help cover the Centre's operating

expenses and mortgage payments. The SCC is concerned that competition from food outlets in Yorklanes — to be connected to the east side of the Student Centre by an enclosed walkway — would force the SCC to increase the Student Centre levy or extend the Centre's mortgage.

Mardikian said that at a meeting between YUDC and SCC on February 28, Spearn said there were new "market considerations" that had surfaced which forced YUDC to reconsider limiting the number of food outlets to one.

"The marketplace is dictating that there has to be more than one food outlet in Yorklanes," Spearn said. "Now that we're out in the market place, we know more. In the fall, we were speculating.

"They're quite right to be concerned about their future revenues. I understand their worries, but they're not properly founded," he said. "There's a clear understanding [on the part of the University and YUDC] to protect the Student Centre's revenue stream."

He added that he has instructed YUDC's leasing agent Stephanie Kuzoff to "stay away from food court tenants and people the SCC is talking to."

Spearn said that president Harry Arthurs and vice-president Bill Farr have to approve the financing "based on committed leases, and right now I don't have any commitments."

Farr said that he couldn't make a decision yet, but he did say that he thought "there was an assurance that YUDC was planning to restrain itself to one restaurant."

Arthurs could not be reached for comment.

# Fired Vandoo editor reinstated

By NANCY PHILLIPS

The editor of Vanier College's *Vandoo* has been reinstated for one more issue, after being fired from the newspaper two weeks ago by the Vanier College Council (VCC).

The decision was made at Monday's Council meeting. Darryl Wiggers was fired by the

VCC because legal action was threatened against the paper. Several Council members also objected to the negative and excessively satirical tone of the paper.

Vanier's master Mary Sue McCarthy said Council was "worried about legal action and [Wigger's] severe, unethical treatment in his articles."

In January's *Vandoo* Wiggers published a confidential letter written by acting security supervisors Terry Wright to the Security Advisory Council, which had been leaked to the paper.

Wiggers also published what McCarthy called a "slandorous" letter in *Vandoo's* latest issue. In both cases Council was threatened with legal action.

Wiggers objected to the way he was fired. He cited 14 violations of the VCC constitution, including the stipulation that Council can only fire an editor for financial mismanagement, unless removal is recommended by Vanier's board of publications — which has not met all year.

He was also angry that he was not given the opportunity to defend himself before Council decided to fire him.

After Monday's meeting Vanier president Phil Downes said the constitutional issue was only technical, and that a board of publications would have come to the same decision.

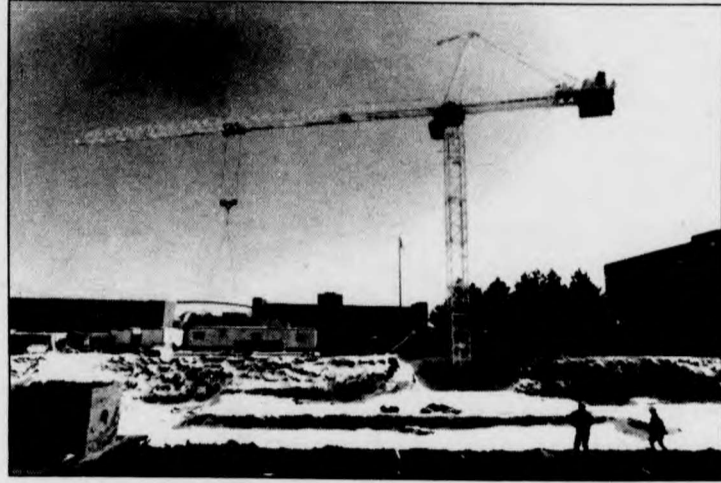
"We just wanted to settle the issue as quickly and effectively as possible," he said.

possible," he said. Downes said, however, that one reason Wiggers was reinstated was because VCC "recognized its constitutional violations."

McCarthy said Wiggers was reinstated by Council because it felt the College would benefit by having its paper published, and that it would also allow next year's editor an opportunity to get some experience before he takes on the job.

Wiggers said he was surprised and pleased with his reinstatement.

"I had already planned to take a different approach [with the paper]. I saw a need to take a more positive approach to issues," he said.



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## Construction Update

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- The excavation of the new Student Centre Site is complete. A tower crane has been erected on the site, located south of the Stedman Lecture hall, and concrete forming began yesterday, according to Debbie Kee, construction and scheduling officer.
- The start date for the New Academic Building and Entry Pavillion has been set for the fall 1989. These new buildings will be located on the east side of the Ross Building, replacing the former ramp from the ground floor to the second floor terrace level.
- Fine Arts Phase III "is coming along," says Debbie Kee. There were some delays in construction, caused partially by design changes. Full occupancy is expected by fall 1989.
- Temporary classrooms erected for the winter summer term have been in use since February 6. They are located on Rideau Road opposite the new Computer Methods Building.
- Work on the Moon Road extension, south of Fine Arts Phase III, "is progressing," says Debbie Kee. The underground work, placement of sanitary and storm sewers, is complete. Paving the road should start in May, weather permitting.



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