

Provost forms committee on race relations

By BERNARDO CIOPPA

Provost Tom Meininger has set up a Race and Ethnic Relations Committee "to enable York to provide an example of commitment and leadership in this salient area of human rights."

The Committee will also try "to improve the University community's appreciation of the complex nature of race and ethnic relations and suggest methods by which the University can support an environment of racial and ethnic tolerance," reports Meininger in a press release dated Tuesday.

Meininger was unavailable for comment.

Meininger, who was appointed Provost in January, was asked to establish a committee on racism by President H. Ian Macdonald after a Review Committee looked into a number of racial incidents a York student experienced last year.

The 16-member committee, chaired by Osgoode Hall Professor Peter Cumming, is made up of eight faculty members, four staff, and four students.

"There is a feeling on the part of the University administration that it's a good idea collectively to do everything possible to create a greater understanding in terms of racial and ethnic relations," said Professor Cumming.

Cumming said because we live in a multicultural society and York is a "microscopic" of that society, "we should be a model in fostering good relations and understanding between different groups."

He said the Committee will not deal with individual student grievances but with "more broad concerns facing the University."

The press release reports that the Committee will address issues that arise from committee

discussion or that are brought to their attention by the various groups on campus. "On the Committee's agenda will be such matters as the development of human rights procedures in the context of university governance, resource development, staff training programs," the release reports.

The Committee will solicit submissions and briefs from campus departments and will hold regular public hearings or forums.

The Committee, which will report to the Provost, will hold its first meeting next Thursday. President Macdonald and Meininger will be at this "get acquainted" meeting.

The Committee's first formal meeting will be "a few days later," said Cumming.

"Anything (the Committee) that brings people together and promotes harmony is purposeful," said Cumming.

Other Campuses

Animal house

A new Atlantic veterinary college is scheduled for construction at the University of Prince Edward Island in the fall of 1984.

A small hospital for cats and dogs, a larger hospital for horses, goats, cows and pigs, as well as an aqua-cultural centre will facilitate the study of both animal and marine life.

To be completed in 1986, the college will have an enrollment of approximately 200 undergraduates and 50 graduates.

—Campus Digest

Exam for drunks

In an attempt to encourage more responsible drinking at the University of Western Ontario, patrons at the Spoke, a university pub, will soon be able to take a breathalyzer test before they leave. The test will cost 25¢ per reading. In addition, a direct phone line to a cab company will be installed.

—The Gazette

The University of Western Ontario

Butt out fella!

A student at U of T has been put on probation for grabbing a cigarette out of the hand of another student.

Rob Macauley, a renowned anti-smoker at the college, asked Amy Becker to put out the cigarette she was smoking in a residence common room with a "No Smoking" sign. When she told him to "fuck off" and continued to smoke, Macauley took hold of her wrist and removed the butt.

Macauley has been put on probation after Becker complained to the Dean of Men. Macauley said he will appeal the decision, arguing he did not "twist, squeeze, push, or pull," Becker.

Becker said she thinks probation is too lenient.

Hold the presses

The Concordia University students' newspaper, *The Link*, was swept off the stands last week and Students' Association co-president Terry Fenwick said he may freeze the publication's budget.

Fenwick said the newspaper violated Students' Association election rules that prohibit electoral campaigning while the students are voting. An editorial in the March 6 International Women's Day issue of the *Link* endorsed two candidates running for co-presidency. The other candidates and Fenwick later filed suit with the CUSA Judicial Board.

The Board ruled against the newspaper and gave the staff two hours to get the edition off the stands.

Fenwick maintains he has "no desire to inhibit the freedom of the press," and said the newspaper could be distributed after polling.

Although the *Link* was no longer on the stands, students have been able to find copies in the newspaper office.

Fenwick chastened the newspaper staff for distributing the paper by hand and warned that "their budget will be frozen if they continue to show disrespect for the Judicial Board. I would try to freeze it myself."

—The McGill Daily

\$100 reward offered to witnesses of art vandalism

By ANDREW ZARNETT

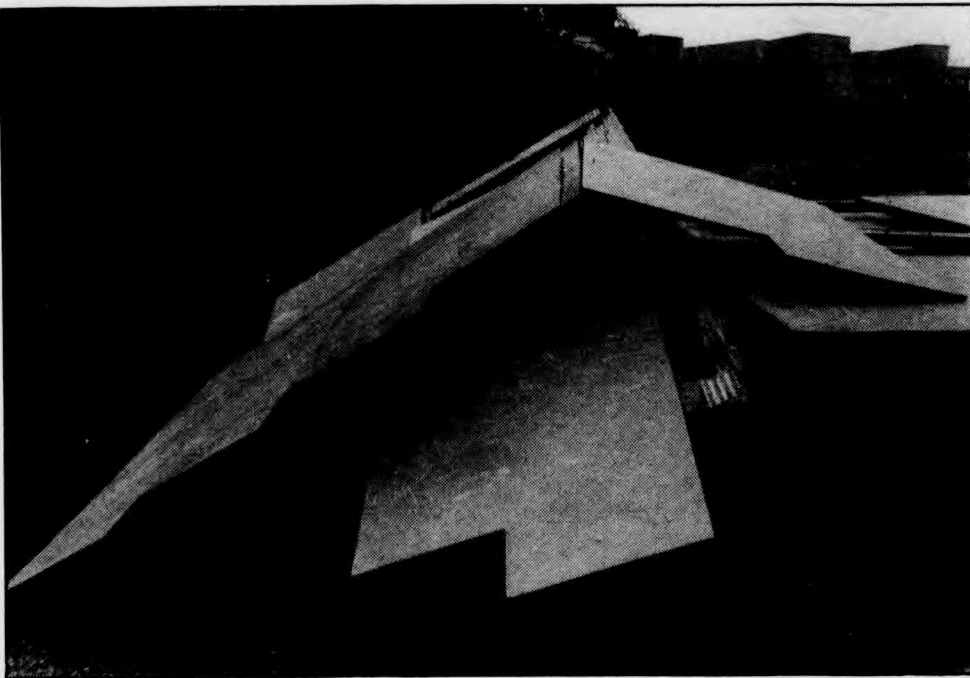
York's Department of Safety and Security is offering a \$100 reward for *bona fide* information leading to the identification of the person(s) who vandalized the Barclay Sculpture in November 1983.

In November, *Excalibur* reported that York's student security heard a loud noise in the area where the art was located, and according to some members of security, at the same time saw members of the rugby team proceeding across campus.

According to Colin Lachance, student employee of York Student Security, "They (security) found the new wooden art sculpture between the Behavioural Sciences Building and Farquharson Life Sciences Building had been knocked down."

All information involving the rugby players is circumstantial, according to John Becker, Assistant Vice-President (Student Relations). "We put an advertisement in *Excalibur* hoping for more information on who vandalized the structure."

"We haven't as yet had any response," said Geoff MacLeod, staff supervisor, Safety and Security, "but we are trying to get a lead on who is responsible."



Remains of the art sculpture demolished last November. York security has offered a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of the vandals.

Students needed to view pornographic films

By KAI MAHABIR

York University is the centre for the latest study being done for the Federal Department of Justice. The project, headed by York psychology professor James Check, will examine male reaction to pornographic films.

While these films are sexually explicit, Check said that they are "a broad cross-section of material that you would typically find in video outlets across Canada." The idea is to have a representative sample of materials for participants to view and to record their reactions.

Check, who has recently joined the Psychology Department, has been conducting research in this area for the last six years at the University of Manitoba. In the past he has studied attitudes and reactions to pornogra-

phic material but this has been limited to printed material. Check said this particular study has emerged because of the tremendous growth in the pornographic video market.

A recent report in the United States has estimated that porn videos are outselling all other video formats.

About 400 men will be needed to view three or four films and fill in questionnaires. Specific films haven't been chosen but Check said they will be representative of what is available at various video outlets across Canada.

Check's only problem is that he's finding it hard to recruit York students for the experiment. All the general subject positions have been filled, said Check, but very few students have responded to actually view the films.

"Many people understandably wish to keep their sexual lives private and so we won't be asking anyone to identify themselves (on the questionnaires)," said Check. He said all responses will be kept confidential.

He has, however, received a barrage of calls from people off campus wanting to take part in the study. He said his answering machine has recorded some 800 calls since recruitment began in the last week of February. Check said his 12-member research team has contacted about half the callers.

If you are a male, York student over the age of 18 and would like to participate in the study call 667-3962. The participants will be paid between \$10 to \$40.

Check said he wants the project underway by the end of this month and completed in June.

news bits

Student attacked

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

A York undergraduate student said she was assaulted by a man last Thursday night after getting off a TTC bus at Finch Avenue and Sentinel Road. While walking towards the University along the edge of Sentinel Katharine Davis said "a two door green car stopped beside me and the passenger started to talk to me. I kept on walking, trying to ignore them."

"One of the guys (the passenger) got out and grabbed me. While I was struggling, trying to get away, he grabbed my hair and my head snapped right back." Davis said she then ran to the library where the attendant at the reference desk called York Security, who in turn called the police.

The police at 31 Division are investigating the incident but have not yet released any details.

Lost out on space

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

York graduate Steve MacLean was not one of the two Canadians selected yesterday to travel into space on the American space

shuttle for a mission tentatively scheduled for October 24.

MacLean lost out to Marc Garneau, a 35-year-old Quebec native who resides in Ottawa and is employed by the federal defence department.

Bob Thirsk, a 30-year-old Calgary physician, will be Garneau's backup for the mission.

MacLean was one of six Canadians selected to the Canadian Space Program last December. More than 4,300 people applied for the six positions, including York President H. Ian Macdonald.

Fine arts, etc., etc.

By LAURA LUSH

Faculty of Fine Arts Dean Lionel Lawrence is proposing changing the department's name "to give the Faculty of Fine Arts a clearer and broader definition."

"I would like to move that the Faculty of Fine Arts at York University adopt a name change to: The Faculty of Fine and Performing Arts," wrote Dean Lawrence in a recent memorandum addressed to Faculty Council Chairperson Dr. Evan Cameron.

The move has been tabled pending

discussion at the next council meeting in early April.

The name Faculty of Fine Arts is "restrictive" in that it implies only the visual arts and film departments, says Lawrence. The new name would warrant attention to the three performing departments of music, theatre, and dance. He says some people hold a "simplistic view" of the Faculty of Fine Arts' definition.

The new name would also give the Faculty of Fine Arts the recognition it deserves as the largest department in the country and the third largest on the continent, according to Lawrence. There are 1,500 Fine Arts students, 200 of them at the graduate level.

"Certain constituencies at York feel the Faculty of Fine Arts has too narrow a meaning," added Dr. Cameron. A more broadly reflecting name could help strengthen the department's funding possibilities, he said.

Most Fine Arts students supported the possibility of a name change when questioned. "They might as well change it," said one first-year dance major. "As far as the present name applies, it's restrictive of dance."



A breakdancing exhibition Tuesday in Central Square.