

No decision till April

Administration waiting for blanket liquor licence

By ROSEMARY McCracken

York University's administration, which has applied for a blanket liquor licence to cover the entire Keele campus, is still waiting for the report of the Ontario Liquor Licencing Board of Ontario.

Although the Green Bush Inn acts as manager for all pubs on campus, it was necessary for the administration of the university to apply for the licence because of an LCBO ruling that no appointments were possible through a student body, according to John Becker, assistant vice-president of student affairs.

York first made the licence application in October, 1973. Public hearings giving citizen groups the option to contest the issuing of licences to universities took place in mid-December. The Restaurant and Hotel associations, as well as the Women's League, objected to universities being permitted liquor licences.

John Mitchell, general manager of the Green Bush Inn, said the Board's rationale for the delay is that since the recent LCBO Bill 146, allowing university administrations to procure a

licence covering the entire campus, 80 to 90 per cent of Ontario universities have applied for liquor licences.

"The LLBO now has the job of selecting universities with appropriate faculties", said Mitchell.

The LLBO will certify only those campuses which are ready to meet facility requirements. Approval must be met from a LLBO inspection and pubs must also hold an inspection certificate from the hydro commission stating that the location has proper exits, dishwashers with water of 212 degrees, and proper washroom accommodations.

James Mackie, chairman of the LLBO, said that no decisions will be made concerning any Ontario university until after April 1.

According to Mitchell, York's pubs are 80 per cent ready for compliance with LCBO regulations. The improvements which are yet pending will be financially covered by the individual pubs. The Orange Snail needs a dishwasher, and the Cock and Bull has to alter its rear exits. Other than these, Mitchell said the pubs will not require renovations of extensive expenditure.

"Financially we have met with LLBO regulations. The LLBO regularly checks our books to ensure that we are financially responsible and so far we have measured up," said Mitchell.

York's campus pubs were inspected by a board official in December and the university is presently awaiting results of that report.

Mitchell said the board has to do something about issuing licences because some practices under the permit system are illegal. Technically, under the special occasion permits, any unsold liquor has to be returned the next day. Permits also add to the

board's paper work, for they need to be continually re-issued.

Under a blanket liquor licence, campus pubs will be individually charged \$20 per year rather than \$15 a day under the permit system. The licence also allows a saving of \$1.00 both on a case of beer and a bottle of liquor. A keg of beer will realize a \$15 to \$20 saving.

Harry Knox, assistant Vice-president (Business), said the procuring of licences will smooth over the general operations of the campus pubs. "A licence will relieve the necessity of getting special occasion

permits for the sum of \$15 each time a pub is held."

Mitchell is worried about how the LLBO licence will affect the coffee shops. "They will probably make them close for about two hours per day because they presume that students will be drinking from the time the pubs open until they close. I don't like the rationale that students are irresponsible."

Mackie said if the pubs were allowed to stay open all day without a break "there would be continuous drinking which would interfere with the operation of the university."

Under consideration

Argh may become bar

The McLaughlin College council has agreed to examine the cost of converting the McLaughlin coffee shop, Argh, to a licensed lounge.

Bob Porter, manager of Argh, said the new design for the room will encompass a "full licensed lounge" as opposed to the standard college pub. He is asking for an allotment of \$15,000.

Rob Wearing, councillor for the college, said the social debates room, which would be converted into the lounge, was only used once or twice this year. It remains vacant and locked the rest of the time.

The McLaughlin council has not, as yet, allocated any funds or room space. The opening for the new campus bar is projected for early September.

Questionnaire called biased

By SHELEY RABINOVITCH

A Biographical Information Blank (BIB) distributed by York's Faculty of Education has been called "slanted," "biased," and "unfair" by students trying to enter the faculty.

With questions like "What is your attitude toward people who smoke marijuana," and "As a growing youth, religion in your home was considered as," the information blank was criticized for endangering the chances of candidates trying to get into the field of education.

Dean Robert Overing, head of the Faculty of Education responded to the allegations in an interview.

"I really don't know... I'm just sorry to see that all we have taught people is to doubt and be suspicious. I guess it's a reflection on the educators.

"Actually, though, the BIB was meant to be used as research on the

personalities of persons who succeed in the faculty. They aren't even going to be looked at for about four years. By then, we'll have a good idea as to who will be successful in education."

The problem appears to stem from the introduction provided with the blank. "The attached questionnaire is not a test and there are no right or wrong answers to the items. The information that you will provide about yourself will be seen only by the researchers and will be used only for research purposes."

Students have assumed that the "researchers" are members of the faculty. They are not, according to Overing. It also appears that if every question on the blank were not completed, the questionnaire would be invalid, and the candidate would not be granted an interview in the faculty.

"Actually," said Overing, "we have been looking for four qualities in our

applicants — level of scholarship, variety of interests, ability to relate to others, and a high energy level. We originally thought of giving a battery of four different autobiographical tests, but those turned out to be more than four hours in length. As an alternative, Dr. S. Toukmanian prepared the BIB for us."

Told of allegations the blank is sexist, Overing said: "Dr. Toukmanian is a woman, so that's quite an amusing comment. I just wish that she were here to hear that."

Since complaints began to come to the dean's attention, a mimeographed letter of explanation and a handwritten comment sheet have accompanied every new BIB handed out, explaining the origin of the questions, and that completion of the form is optional.

Questions can be deleted or left unanswered.

Karl Barth group plans to discuss Karl Barth

The Karl Barth Society of North America (KBSNA) is holding its second colloquium entitled "Beyond the Theology of Karl Barth" to be held in room three of the new academic building at Victoria College on March 22 and 23. Among the topics of discussion are "Bath on Creation" and "The Question of the Absence of God". There will also be a film produced by the BBC entitled, you guessed it, "A Visit with Karl Barth". There will be dinner and coffee served during the day. For further information phone Rev. John McTavish at 884-3606.

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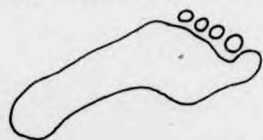
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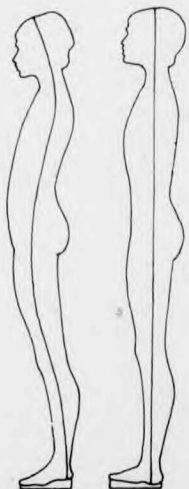
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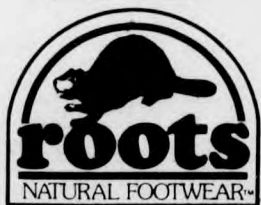
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