# Track complex begun

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After years of planning and debate construction has finally begun on the Metropolitan Toronto Track and Field Complex situated in the northern section of the York campus.

The \$4.5 million facility, a joint undertaking of York and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, will consist of an outdoor track, and indoor field house and a throwing paddock. The outdoor track is expected to be completed by the end of this year and the indoor facility by September, 1979.

The eight lane outdoor track is 400 metres long and includes facilities for throwing and jumping events.

The field house contains a four lane banked 200 metre track,a weight training room, a sports injury clinic and complete fieldevent facilities. The throwing paddock will be used specifically for javelin, discus and shot put.

Although most amateur athletic

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The University has offered a four per cent, total-comensation increase.

The association contends that the administration offer is unfair because the cost of living is rising at 9.8 per cent annually, and because York received a 5.8 per cent increase in its grant from the provincial government this year.

"The support staff has always been very low on the university's priorities and this has to change," said Evans.

Mitchell told Excalibur that the administration is "not debating whether our offer keeps pace with the cost of living, we're saying that with the present restrictions against the university, that's all the university can afford."

## Forest cleared of charges

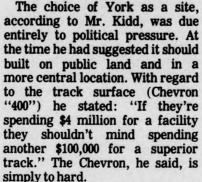
Charges of assault causing bodily harm were dismissed against York lecturer Jeffrey Forest June 19 because of lack of evidence.

Fighting broke out in Central Square last November between students and members of the York Student Movement, of which Forest is a member. He was arrested and charged following the incident. He received a two month suspension from the university shortly afterwards. His reinstatement accompanied a reprimand from York president Ian MacDonald on the recom-mendation of John Becker, assistant to the vice-president for employee and student relations. Becker said the fact that the charges were dismissed against Forest last June had no bearing on the justification on the reprimand. "I was satisfied that the allegations against Mr. Forest mentioned in my report to the President were all true," said Becker. The allegations he referred to includes two cases of punching students and one incident case of threatening a student. Forest says he intends to "carry out my struggle against the reactionary administration which has persecuted me" this year. Hee feels he was unjustly reprimanded by MacDonald and that the reprimand will prevent him from finding another job.

the complex is being constructed, there is still some dissatisfaction over the site of the facilities and the type of surface being used for both tracks.

Bruce Kidd, one of the members of the Design Committee for the complex, said that although "Metro needs a facility of this kind," it is unfortunate that it is affiliated with a university. He said he fears that York will increase its use of and eventually monopolize the facilities.





Abigail Hoffman, of the Central Region of Ontario Track and Field Association, agreed that the facilites "were overdue" and added that, because of the affiliation with a university and the distance of the complex from the central core, the taxpayers are not getting the best deal for their money. She also criticized the Chevron surface and said that only \$70,000 was needed for a better track.

David Smith, Co-ordinator of Administrative Services for Physical Education at York, stated, however, that the difference between the Chevron and a superior track was \$160,000 but that "it is like comparing a Cadillac and a Continental they're both very good." There is little chance of York monopolizing the facilities, he said, because the university and the city have already signed an agreement regularing the hours of access.

In the present agreement York will use the facilities up to 3 pm on weekdays and one weekend per month during the fall and indoor season. September 14, 1978 Excalibur 5



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