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Construction is being completed at new West Office Building adjacent to Tait McKenzie Athletic Centre. The structure will house student and administrative services formally at Ross Building and TOB.

## York faculty union goes to conciliation

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

The York University Faculty Association (YUFA) began conciliation proceedings last Thursday, August 9, after negotiations with University representatives dried up in early July. Both sides met downtown again at the Labor Building with the conciliator on Friday.

The meetings will continue as long as the conciliator believes progress is being made. If on the other hand the negotiations prove fruitless the conciliator can do one of two things, said Bill Farr, Vice President (Finance and Employee Relations).

In a report to the provincial Ministry of Labor the conciliator could recommend that a special Board of Interest attempt to mediate the dispute, "which never happens," says Farr. Alternately a state of "no board" is declared. At this point the "16 day clock" begins, said Farr. After this period YUFA would be in a legal position to strike.

Chief YUFA negotiator Hollis Rinehart said that the union could take job action "in late August at the earliest."

The primary problem in the negotiations involves money, although many other issues are being discussed.

"The university announced that they were not going to move beyond a five percent increase," said Rinehart. Yet "we know the university has got a 10 percent increase in its income. Their refusal to talk beyond that (the five percent offer) really killed the negotiations right from the start," continued Rinehart.

Farr said the Board of Governors decided that to keep within the five percent figure would be within "the best interest" of the university, and that this figure was negotiable.

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## Bell rings in new era of expansion as WOB and EOB replace TOB

By COSMO VECCHIARELLI

Over a decade since putting up its last building, York has ended its construction drought by erecting a new office building and approving a \$5 million extension to the Farquharson Life Sciences Building.

Half of the West Office Building (WOB), on the northwest sector of the campus, will be used to house a number of student and administrative services this September. The other half of the building may be occupied by some Physical Education faculty next school year.

Dr. George Bell, Vice-President (External Relations and University Development), said that he was glad the University no longer had to "butcher" existing buildings to make more faculty and administrative office space available. "We've gone through the last two or three years each summer modifying and adjusting present buildings . . . We were running out of alternatives . . . We looked at that and said, 'Why don't we create some new accommodations?'" said Bell.

The new building is adjacent to the Temporary Office Building (TOB), which will be renamed the East Office Building (EOB). Both buildings are situated northwest of the Ross

Building.

The services moving to WOB include admissions, the York Enquiry Service (YES), Development Alumni Affairs, School Liaison, and the Department of Communication. The services moving to EOB include Personnel and Financial Aid.

The total cost of the project, according to Dr. Bell, is estimated to be \$2.5 million over the next five years. The building itself cost \$1.6 million, while furnishings and the moving of people cost approximately \$216,000. The balance of the \$2.5 million will go into finishing the rest of the WOB.

"God willing," said Dr. Bell, "the building will be ready for use by September."

The only other plans for construction include the long-delayed addition to the Life Sciences Building. The plan has been in the works for several years, and only became feasible with a grant of \$3.5 million from Queen's Park. "We're very pleased" (with the grant), said Dr. Bell. "The building is a \$5 million project . . . and the other \$1.5 million will come from our campaign budget raised from the private sector," he added.



Fine Arts grads at summer convocation. Would-be Karsh snaps some quick ones before ceremonies begin.

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## VP Found subs for president

By LISA SCHWARTZ

York's president-elect, Harry William Arthurs, will not be replacing current president H. Ian Macdonald immediately when he steps down on September 1.



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President-Elect Harry Arthurs

Arthurs will be studying in Europe until December on a Killam Research Fellowship and, therefore, will not return to take over the reins in the president's office until January 1. Vice President of Academic Affairs, William C. Found, has been appointed Acting President for the interim period of September 1 to January 1.

Born in Toronto, Arthurs received his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Toronto, and did his graduate work in law at Harvard before joining the faculty at Osgoode Hall Law School in 1961. Arthurs was Dean at Osgoode from 1972 until 1977.

Arthurs' primary competition came from rival presidential candidates Arthur M. Kruger, former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at the University of Toronto, and Brian G. Wilson of Queensland, Australia since 1977.

Macdonald will assume teaching duties in the Faculty of Administrative Studies this fall, in addition to maintaining his chairmanship of the provincial government's IDEA Corporation.

## Student centre talks under way

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

A twenty-one year old plan to build a student centre on campus was revived this summer by the Council of York Student Federation (CYSF), its constituency councils and a number of highly placed York administrators.

Plans for a similar "University Centre" date back to 1963 when York's master plan for the main campus was drawn up.

A building the "the size of Osgoode (Hall) or the business administration building," with "50,000 feet of gross space," is the type of building presently being considered, said CYSF president Chris Summerhayes last Thursday.

The proposed building might be "stuck between Osgoode and Atkinson," or between "Steacie (Science Library) and Farquharson (Life Sciences building)," added Summerhayes, who would much prefer the latter because of its more central location.

Since the building would be financed by students, a massive lobbying effort is presently underway to try and generate enough student council—and, ultimately, student—support for the venture. Yet, York's Provost, Tom Meininger, emphasized that the proposal is a "student initiative" and that the university administration is "just trying to help" the students deal with the logistics of the proposal.

There have been three meetings of student leaders and university administrators since June 19 when the idea was first presented to the

students. This first gathering was a dinner organized by Meininger, at which Chris Summerhayes spoke at length on the desirability of a student centre.

Vice-President of Finance and Employee Relations, Bill Farr, and Provost Meininger stated that the University administration was prepared to assist the students financially if enough student support was generated. What form this assistance might take was not agreed upon at the meeting, though the possibility of a long term loan, guaranteed by the university, was discussed.

Farr stated that a yearly fee of anywhere between \$20 to \$40 a student would be a cost the students might reasonably be expected to pay. Earlier, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Tom Traves said that the expected fee might be \$50.

In July, Summerhayes stated that "We're not really sure exactly how much money is going to be needed. This will come out when we get the study done." The study is being overseen by CYSF representative Chris Costello. The main body of 50 people involved in the discussions will be broken down into three committees to look at the research, design and funding aspects of the proposal. Later their individual findings will be presented to the main committee for discussion. The final report will then be written. "We hope to have the plan ready to present to the Board of Governors by next May," said Summerhayes.