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Pizza Pit site likely

Campus clubs defy university eviction notice

By GORD GRAHAM

Ten student clubs have refused to vacate their offices in N105 and N109 Ross "until the administration guarantees all clubs reasonable space in the same building," says Dale Ritch, member of the Socialist League, one of the affected groups.

With assistant vice president John Becker offering "an abject apology for the abrupt and ham-fisted way" the move was announced to the clubs, it appears there are now several alternative locations available to the clubs within the Ross building. All clubs feel the central location of Ross is vital to their operation.

There have been several meetings between concerned club members and Becker since November 12, when he first gave the groups a 24 hour ultimatum to move to rooms in Winters and McLaughlin colleges. The shuffle was designed to allow Canada Manpower and Career Planning services to relocate in an ex-

panded and centralized space.

The area the clubs now favour most is the unused part of the former Pizza Pit beside the TD Bank in Central Square.

According to CYSF president Anne Scotton, who suggested the room, this solution "seemed acceptable as far as I could make out" to all clubs members she spoke to late Tuesday afternoon. Its added advantage, besides the excellent location, is that no renovations are needed before the clubs could move in.

Spaces considered earlier were the bearpit by the TD bank, and the tiled alcove at the southeast corner of Ross. These, however, would have required extensive renovations including partitioning and electrical work.

A plan to partition off the corridor beside the Scott library entrance was declared impossible by the university fire marshal, since the end doors are a fire route and cannot be blocked.

The clubs are holding a mass meeting at noon today, to discuss their plans and perhaps to reach some final decision on their preferred location.

Earlier administrative attempts to dislodge clubs for an interim period, because the work schedule for the rooms' renovations was becoming cramped, were viewed with distrust. Nick Sztrefan of the Ukrainian Students Association commented, "An interim space weakens our

bargaining power. We all know if you want something you have to push."

Myron Spolsky of the same group added, "We're not buying your stories. All the clubs are united: either we move all together or we don't move at all."

Although Becker assured students that "the intent of this move was not to oppress student clubs", his tactics throughout discussion with club members were analyzed by Ritch as

"the old divide and conquer plan." This "plan" included statements like, "Take Excalibur: there's a gross misuse of space" and advice to space-hungry clubs to "go after them!"

However, the student groups remained united in their efforts to secure a legitimate solution, and at press time it was optimistically predicted that they could be relocated in the former Pizza Pit by next Monday.



Frank Giorno photos

Assistant vice president John Becker assures club members their fate is in 'good hands', but Dale Ritch and Myron Spolsky seem underwhelmed.

About 25 club members turned up for meeting in N105 last Tuesday, to discuss the future of space allocated to their clubs.

Decisive win for OFS

By BONNIE SANDISON

All York students in member colleges of CYSF must now pay the \$1.50 fee increase proposed by the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), as a result of the vote in last week's referendum.

The decisive margin of 314 for and 123 votes against led CYSF president Anne Scotton to say the vote "reflected the campaign of OFS on campus."

Chris Harris, information officer for OFS, expressed mixed feelings of delight at the victory and disappointment at the low turnout, which amounted to only 4.5 per cent of York's day students. He cited "perhaps an overconfidence on the part of students that the OFS would be voted in" as possible explanation for the low turnout.

The success of the referendum means CYSF must now examine the mechanisms available for collection of the fees in September 1975.

This includes discussion with Bethune college, which is not a member of CYSF and whose money is distributed differently, as to whether they wish to join OFS.

The York Board of Governors will be asked later in the year to approve the \$1.50 increase in tuition fees.

College representatives to CYSF from McLaughlin, Winters and Stong were elected in last week's by-election. Gordon Graham won the McLaughlin seat by 30 to 25 while Alexander Zeldin won his Winters seat by 30 to 23, and Janet Hart won the Stong seat 49 to 37.

Calumet reps Bernie Birman and Michael Agrello, Founders reps Paul Kellogg and Boris Ejchental, and Vanier rep Klaus Ruschin were

elected by acclamation. Vanier is the one college which still has an open seat.

Cathy Henderson is the undergraduate representative for Radio York's board of directors.

New improved budget crisis

Marginal BIU increase called "disastrous"

By DOUG TINDAL

Administrators in Ontario's universities are still reeling from a body blow delivered in the legislature by minister of colleges and universities James Auld last Monday.

Auld revealed that the value of the basic income unit would increase by only 7.4 per cent next year. In the past year, the consumer price index has increased by 11.6 per cent.

Auld announced a "global sum" of \$768 million available to the province's post-secondary institutions, up 15.4 per cent from last year. These funds, however, are allocated to the institutions by taking the product of enrolment and the BIU. Thus the BIU increase, at half the increase in total money, is the most significant figure from the university perspective.

Auld indicated that the present method of allocation could be replaced by some other system agreeable to the universities and to the Ontario committee on university affairs. He added, however, "The global sums I have mentioned should not be exceeded."

Bill Farr, York vice president in charge of finance, termed Auld's alternate allocation suggestion "really diabolical".

"What he's suggesting is that some universities could agree to take a smaller grant than they would be entitled to under the BIU system, so that other universities could have more," he said. "The chances of that happening are non-existent, but it allows him to say that the universities' problems are caused by their failure to co-operate with each

other."

Reaction to the minister's statement has varied from controlled dismay to outright panic, but the word "disastrous" is in constant use.

University of Toronto president John Evans has estimated an \$8 million deficit for next year.

Ian Macdonald, York's president, is more cautious. He told Excalibur on Tuesday it would be premature of him to attempt an assessment of York's position immediately, but he admitted that a deficit was a strong possibility. "We don't have a lot of options," he said. "The question of a

deficit depends upon what we decide to do or not to do - how far can you cut back and still continue to be effective?"

Macdonald emphasized his feeling that "slashing personnel is not a viable approach."

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Police hunt grass in Winters residence

By OAKLAND ROSS

A drug bust was narrowly averted at York last Thursday.

Two metropolitan Toronto police officers entered Winters College residence after having noticed marijuana plants being cultivated in a first floor room. According to staff sergeant Bill Bishop at 31 Division, the plants were clearly visible from the street.

Pamela Clark, the don of the floor, said that "fortunately" the room's occupant was absent at the time. By promising the officers that the plants would be destroyed, Clark was able to convince the officers not to take any further action.

The officers "were very polite and anxious to avoid a disturbance," she said.

During a meeting of concerned parties held shortly after the incident, Colin Campbell, senior tutor of Winters College and a practising lawyer, explained that under Canadian law, police do not need a warrant in order to enter a private residence. As long as they have a strong suspicion that an indictable offense is going on inside the building, they can legally enter.

Campbell explained that there

were good reasons for the two officers to have behaved as they did. It is normal practice, he said, for police to patrol in pairs. And since it is an offense for a policeman to fail to report any indictable offense he witnesses, a policeman is under pressure to report all such incidents for fear of being himself reported by his partner.

George Dunn, director of York's safety and security services, explained in an interview that there is an unwritten agreement between York security and metro police that the police will inform York security of suspected offenses on campus before taking independent action. No such warning was provided on this occasion.

"But we can't pick and choose what police should and should not do," said Dunn.

Dunn described the incident as "an unfortunate thing". He said that the policemen "were just doing their job... maybe they were a bit overzealous."

Dunn also expressed fear that the incident would be "blown out of proportion". He said "our good relations with the police may be jeopardized by this constant needling". He emphasized that, in spite of last week's near arrest, the police "are not on campus to look for trouble or to make arrests".

"Excalibur is flogging a dead horse," he said. "This whole affair should be left alone."

Founders sponsors batter battle

Who says Founders mis-spends its money?

In an attempt to launch a York tradition of sorts, Founders College will host a pancake-eating contest at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow in its junior common room.

A pack of half-starved contestants will devour the batter until only one is left mobile; he or she will inherit a first prize of \$25 and all the pancakes he or she can eat.

Any York student is eligible to participate, and the whole university is cordially invited to watch the group gorge itself.

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