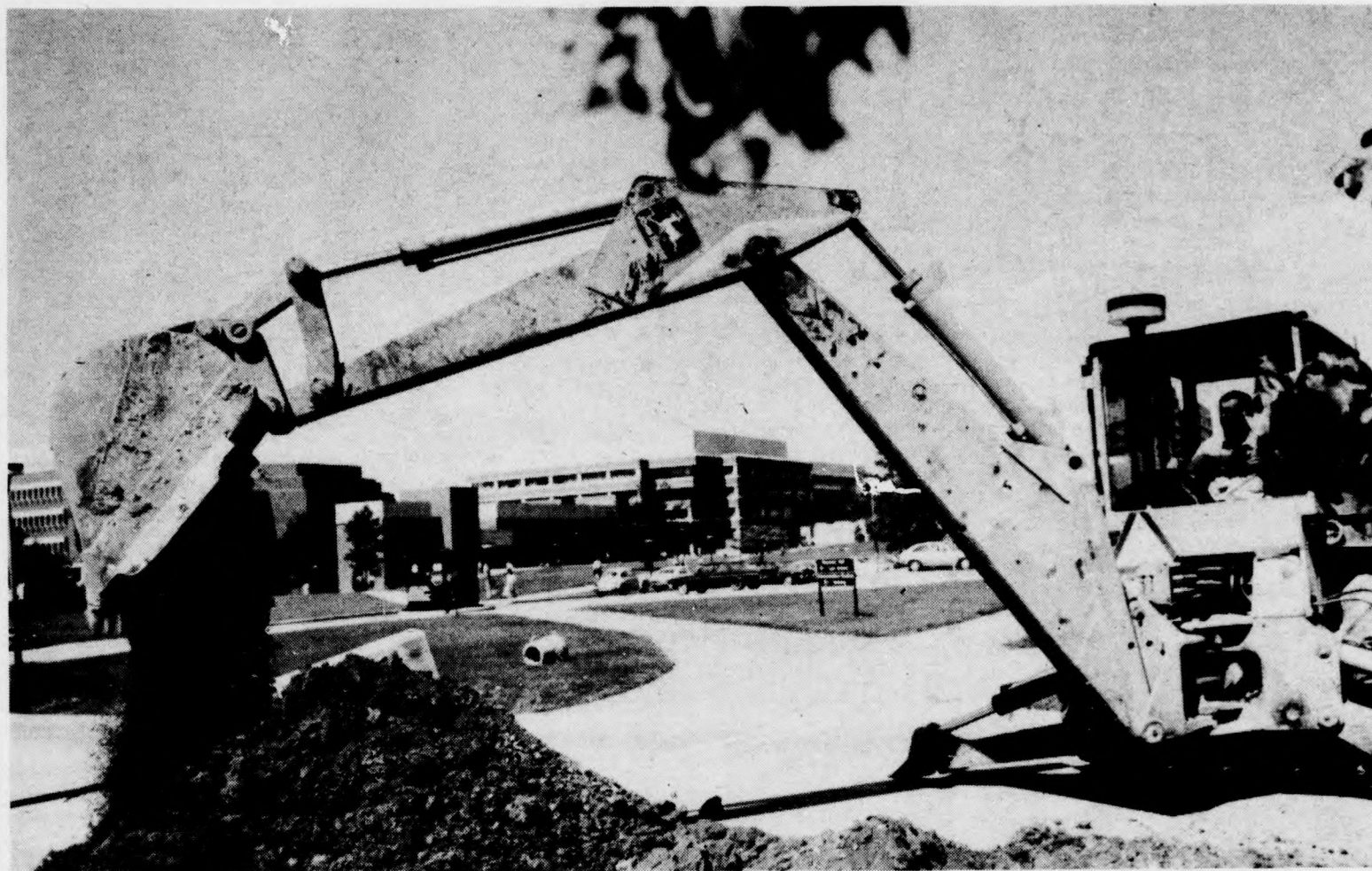


News



Fallen into any trenches at the corner of Fraser Drive and Niagara Boulevard lately? Where? Fraser Drive, the old farm road (which originally ran from Keele St. to the old Homestead) has been torn into pieces by the York University 106's "frequent service". A surprising \$300,000 grant from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities is paving the way for a new wider road that will dip south from the original Fraser Drive. It's hoped that the new road presently under construction will eliminate many car accidents.

Bethune protests continue

Ingrid Matson

Students of Bethune College are riled up over the possible loss of their dining room to the faculty of Fine Arts.

On Monday night the students held a pub walk about and carried signs denouncing the proposal for the Theatre Arts department to take over two-thirds of their dining room. They also burned an effigy of Dean Lawrence of Fine Arts last weekend.

"The reason we are so upset is because all our events are held in there," said Hal Shields, chairman of Bethune college council.

According to Shields, the controversy started last May when council first heard about the proposal. At that time, memos were sent from council to the Physical Resources Committee stating their position and requesting further information.

During the summer the facilities were being used by a daycamp for underprivileged children from the Jane-Finch area.

The renovation of the dining room, which seats over four hundred students, was to begin in August. However, when construction crews arrived they found blockades had been set up.

As a result plans were temporarily halted and more memos passed between council and Physical Resources Committee.

To date, "nothing has been taken yet; it's been held up," said Shields.

According to Shields, council recognizes the faculty of Fine Arts' need for extra space to house students in their new Master of Theatre program.

The program is comprised of twenty-two students who would be using the present dining room for acting classes and for storage of props. They feel the room is particularly suitable for their purposes because of its high ceiling.

"The college would certainly welcome it (the Masters program) to the University, but not in this dining hall," said Shields.

He further said that council is willing to alternate use with the Theatre department but, "they want it for the security of their props so they said no."

The Theatre department would like to partition off about 2,500 square feet of the 4,000 square foot room. They want to be able to use the facilities twenty four hours a day if need be.

At the present time the dining room in McLaughlin College is being used by Fine Arts for an undergraduate theatre program. These facilities were changed about five years ago in a proposal similar to the existing one.

When contacted, John Becker, Assistant Vice President for Student Relations said he believes a decision on the proposal has already been made.

"As far as I understand, the go ahead was given last week by University President Ian Macdonald," said Becker.

He expects construction of a partition separating the dining room into two areas will begin next week.

York acts against loan cuts

Jonathan Mann

The Toronto Dominion Bank is meeting widespread opposition over a new policy reducing its funds for student loans.

The opposition has taken various forms.

- The university administration, "unhappy" about the policy, according to Vice President of Student Services John Becker, has asked the bank to exempt the York branch from its national policy on student loans. The bank refused, and for the moment at least, the administration is planning no further action.

- Osgoode students and Canada Student Loan recipients Robert Clark and Steve Latt are circulating a petition, decrying the bank's "inadequate level of service" which makes four demands. Among them is "that

the bank immediately instruct the management of this branch to negotiate without reservation all student loans, grants and other government sponsored awards" or that it close its York branch.

- Osgoode's Legal and Literary

Bank is alone (for now)

The Toronto Dominion Bank may well be acting alone in cutting back on Canada Student Loans.

Officials of the Royal Bank, Bank of Montreal, and the Bank of Nova Scotia have all told *Excalibur* that there has been no indication that they will be following the TD's lead.

According to Al Gibson, Assistant Manager of Legal

Society has voted to withdraw its funds from the TD bank. The move came during a Monday evening meeting of the society. Just how much money is involved is not yet clear.

- This weekend a meeting of the Council of the York Student Federation and each of the

Services for the Royal Bank of Canada's Toronto office, the Royal Bank "will carry on as (they) have in the past."

Special Loans Officer McLeod of the Bank of Nova Scotia, though reluctant to supply his first name, did say that his bank "agreed to participate in the programme, and that hasn't changed." He indicated that he

college councils will be held to decide whether to follow Osgoode's lead. The sum involved here would be quite large. Keith Smockum, President of the CYSF, estimates that pub revenues and student fees would bring the total to over \$1,000,000, perhaps as high as \$2,000,000.

has received no word on the matter.

Andrea Cluley, Customer Services Clerk at the Bank of Montreal's Toronto office, checked with her "superiors" before answering that the bank will "definitely not (be cutting funding) at the moment." She then added ominously, "If one bank does it, you can be sure that the others will."

Council charter redrafted

Lydia Pawlenko

Canada got a new constitution this week but it's only for York students.

The Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) has approved a re-written version of its constitution, in an attempt to set clearer and more definite guidelines.

The 90 page document, formally entitled "The Charter of The Council of the York Student Federation Incorporated" is expected to be accepted and adopted by Council on September 13.

CYSF President Keith Smockum undertook the task of revising the constitution this summer in a "grass roots" effort to "take care of a lot of problem

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