

Money-conscious administration makes

Vari big haul

by Peter Stathis

Hotel tycoon, George Vari has donated two million dollars to York University, the largest personal gift in the university's history.

The money will be spent on what is presently a big hole in the ground next to the Ross Building. The foundation has literally been set for a new 130,000 square foot building, to be named Vari Hall. It will house the departments of Anthropology, Economics, History and Sociology, and offer additional classroom and office space, four extra lecture halls, and a micro-computer lab. The hall

will also act as York's new main entrance: a front door to the rest of the city.

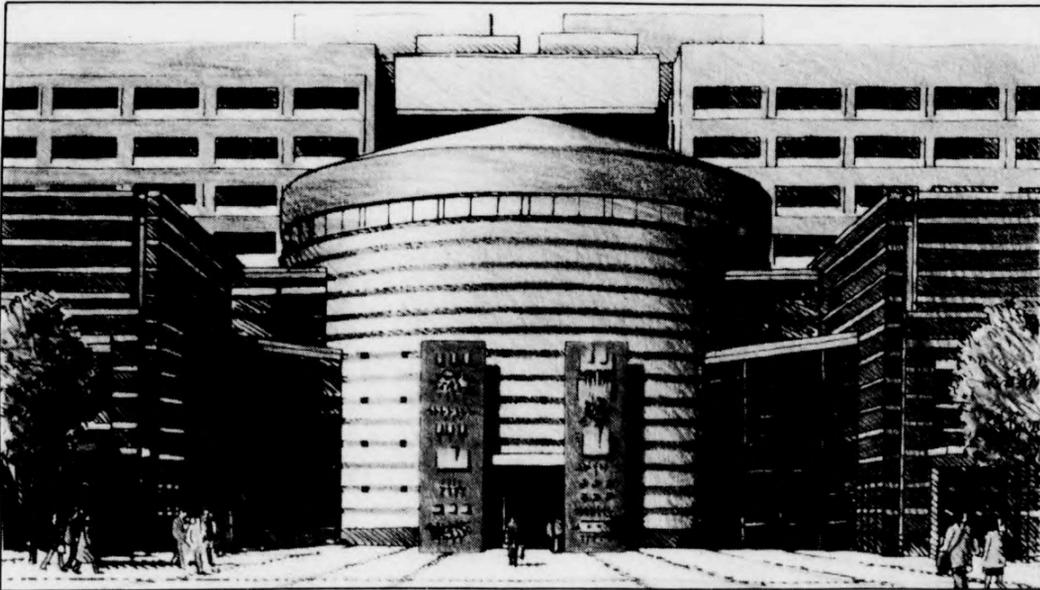
Ian Lithgow, Vice President External Affairs, said the donation has been in the works for over a year, but the university wanted to wait until the actual construction of the building had begun.

Lithgow estimates Vari Hall should be open to students and faculty by September of 1991, barring any possible labour strikes. Vari's own company, Sefri Construction International, will build the hall on a break-even basis. Vari also built the Novotel Hotel in North York.

Vari's massive donation to York

came out of a sense of gratitude and honour. According to Lithgow, he wanted to return something to a community which has given him so much. (Vari and his wife, Helen, came to Canada after escaping the repressive regime in Hungary in 1957.) "Mr. Vari loves the multicultural aspect of York. He wanted to show his support for the university because it has been open to all races and cultures", said Lithgow.

Burdened by last year's dubious grant from Japanese billionaire Ryoichi Sasakawa, the self-acclaimed "world richest fascist," York administration is pleased with the chance to redeem itself.



George Van Hall will be York's new door to the world when completed in 1991. Vari donated \$2 million to York

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"Your computer is stoned"

by Paul Gazzola

A virus that infected the Faculty of Administrative Studies' computer system last January has left no long-term ill effects.

According to Ali Makooiy, staff member of the Market Support Group, the virus was curbed just two days after being discovered, thereby preventing any "obnoxious damage." Speed is essential when dealing with computer viruses because, as Makooiy said, "you either destroy it or you lose your data."

The virus in the Administrative Studies' system was a "stone virus," named after the fact that it causes the computer to hang or freeze. The message, "Your computer is stoned," then appears on the screen, making the user aware of the malfunction. This particular virus affects the computer's operating memory as well as its hard-disk if in use.

The problem was dealt with in two steps. First, control of the internal environment (the computer system) had to be regained. This was done by installing an anti-virus programme, simply called "SCAN anti-virus," into the computer. The second step was to make the external environment (the people using the computers) aware of the virus. All users were asked to take their floppy disks to the faculty's advising office so they could be tested and purged of the virus. This would prevent the virus from re-entering through an infected floppy disk.

Though this particular virus has been wiped out, there is still constant monitoring for others. "Everyday there are new viruses," said Makooiy, "and the anti-viruses are always one step behind."

Security BEAT

Six shirts and three pairs of trousers belonging to the library guard were stolen from the Osgoode Law Library on April 13. Actual cost was \$332.

A jogger struck a student in the face for imitating him while the student waited for a bus on April 14. The runner fled before being identified and the victim was taken to hospital for concussion and cuts.

A male indecently exposed himself to a female student on April 16. He was described as white, 5'10", 160 lbs, dirty blond neck length hair, approximately 50 years old.

Four adolescents tried to steal chocolate bars and soft drinks valued at \$50 from the Stong dining hall on April 21. When confronted, they dropped the items and fled on their BMX bikes.

student stole a small amount of milk from the Founders cafeteria on April 25. The suspect had a previous complaint lodged against him. The matter will be resolved by Founders college itself.

An anonymous bomb threat was made against the Tait McKenzie Building on April 26. The entire building was searched but no bomb or suspect were discovered. At the time of the call, there were two exams taking place in the building.

A male was found using classroom S416 in the Ross Building as a place to sleep on April 28. He was unable to prove that he was a student and is suspected of similar activity in the past. He was given a notice of trespass and escorted off campus.

A faculty member reported someone tried to break into his office in the Ross Building on April 30. Upon opening the door, he saw a student holding a piece of plastic in his hand and claiming that he was looking for his term paper. The student is also suspected of previously destroying university property.

A faculty member received several obscene telephone calls on her office phone on May 4. She claimed that similar calls had been left at her home and office since September 1989. Her office calls have been forwarded to the Security Control Centre.

The manager of the Central Square cafeteria witnessed someone steal \$800 from his office cabinet and then run off on May 7. A security officer later arrested the suspect and turned him over to Metro Police who charged him with break, entry, theft and possession of stolen property and burglary tools.

A black and white television was found on the ground outside the building on 22 Moon road on May 8. It appeared the TV had been dropped from an upper floor.