

TTC gives us run-around not ride-around

by John Lancaster

Despite requests from York, the Toronto Transit Commission will run no additional buses into the York campus. Buses other than rush-hour specials will continue to drop students at the Keele Street stop.

The TTC claims more passengers are being carried to and from Highway 7 than to and from York. Hence routing of Highway 7 buses through the campus would inconvenience the majority of the route's passengers.

But a study by student Harlan Creighton (VII) counters this. According to Creighton, Monday through Friday buses carry approximately 1500 passengers a day to and from the university. An average of 40 people per bus board or depart buses at York while approximately three passengers per vehicle travel between the university and Highway 7.

The TTC claims the Highway 7 buses do not have the time to make the diversion

into the campus.

However, Creighton's study reveals that buses rest an unscheduled 15 - 20 minutes Monday through Saturday at the northern terminus of their route.

Creighton observes that buses travel from Finch to Lawrence in the same time they run from Finch to Highway 7. The Finch-Highway 7 route however has a fifty mile-per-hour speed limit, fewer stops and is only two-thirds the length of the Finch-Lawrence run.

The TTC alleges that York security officers have prevented TTC vehicles routed through the campus from entering the grounds. They claim security officers have complained of buses trespassing on university property.

Security chief C. Becksted denied both charges.

Creighton says TTC vehicles serve Vaughn Town-

ship outside the Metro boundary, while students, faculty and staff of York are denied adequate bus service.

York has not asked that more busses be added to the route, only that the present Highway 7 busses loop through the campus.

An Excalibur poll reveals that most women students dislike walking out to Keele Street at night. One girl, a former day student admitted fear of the trip motivated her to move into residence.

Here is a cross-section of student opinion:

Valerie Grant (FI): I think it's foolish, walking in from that road at night. One night a girl friend and I were attacked by a rabid cat. We were terrified. Jane Probert (FI): I don't like it one bit. There's a pretty cold tail wind. Kerry French (FI): I think most girls would be afraid of being attacked. Sh-

annon Murtagh (FI): I hate it. It's dark. It's lonely. It's cold.

The present service is not only undesirable but unsafe. Northbound busses deposit passengers in the mud on the East side of Keele. There are no adequate boarding or waiting facilities.

More important, there is no protective crossing. Passengers must dash unprotected across a fifty mile per hour heavily travelled highway.

At present day-students without a car are effectively denied participation in many extra-curricular activities which require them to make a trip to the campus. Resident students do not have ready access to the city. Indeed a substantial number of prospective students have preferred the University of Toronto to York because York is so poorly serviced by public transport.



It's 30 below, my books weigh 40 pounds, I've lost my last car ticket, and you want to know how I like taking the bus? £(7)1%h@

York profs get C.C. grants

by Linda Bohnen

Three York professors have been awarded Canada Council grants. Prof. Robert V. Presthus, Chairman of the Political Science department, will receive \$18,000 towards a three-year study on Canadian and American interest groups.

The study will investigate groups in three Canadian provinces and analogous states, as well as Washington and Ottawa. It will also compare the attitudes Americans and Canadians harbor toward such groups.

J.H. Warkentin, Associate Prof. of Geography and F.F. Schindler, Assistant Prof. of Political Science will each receive \$5,000.

Warkentin will be investigating the history of settlement in Alberta. Schindler will be studying advance opinion polls and computers.

Rustication, a compelling new saga of rural Toronto

by Eleanor Copeland

A new smash hit called The Thirty-Nine Seats, directed by U.R. Rusticated and produced by Y.U. Senate is now playing at Keele and Steeles.

The C.O.E.A.S. (Committee on Examination and Academic Standards, for the illiterate) wish to thank the faculty advisors and college masters without whom this bomb-of-the-year would not have been possible.

Approximately 150 freshman (not a huge turnout) auditioned last January for this E-pic. But after multi-interviews, consultations and reviews it was found that only six lacked enough stardom to be taken out of orbit.

The other 141 returned to the workshop to fight out another three months.

This has been a Rustications Production--released in conjunction with the schedule of festivities for April.

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Protest over fee hike

by Anne Wright and Ross Howard

A special meeting of the YSC has been called to discuss the proposed residence fee increase.

All students are urged to attend the meeting, in the Vanier Residence common room, Friday, March 8, at 1 p.m.

This special meeting follows a five and one half hour meeting of the YSC Tuesday night, when Horace Campbell was appointed to chair a committee to investigate the proposed residence increase to 950 dollars for a single room, from 815 dollars.

Several members of an unofficial committee which has been attempting to investigate the full cost of residence life sat through the meeting without being heard. YSC lost adequate members to form a quorum before the students had a chance to speak. President John Adams appointed Campbell's committee to include the un-

heard students and present a report at the Friday meeting.

At an earlier informal meeting of these students proposals were heard from members of the three college residences to reduce maid services, reduce the number of dons in the residences, and change the system of professors being served at the head table at students' expense.

It was suggested maid service could be greatly reduced, cutting the cost from 96,000 dollars to 30,000 dollars. However, insufficient information was available to prove this at the meeting.

The students complained that the university administration officials they met with refused to give them any information on what all the expenses are for, beyond a pre-released sheet of inadequate facts.

Proposals were held at the earlier informal meeting

to officially protest to the Ontario government for a specific grant to York to help pay for the residences and their mortgage, and a guarantee that student loans will be increased next year.

YSC is sending two students to an Ontario Union of Students conference this weekend on combatting residence fees and student co-op costs.

The York Board of Governors meets Monday March 11, to vote on the fee increase proposal.

YSC has given no indication of what action it will take at the Friday meeting.

P.C. Club hosts Stanfield

by Doreen Menaker

The Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (of Progressive Conservative, not underwear, fame) will be at York Monday March 11, at 4:00 PM.

Stanfield, leader of the PC Party, will be a guest of the York Young Progressive Conservative Club.

After a five-minute address, any students interested are encouraged to question him on anything from politics to poverty.

Tackle F-Ball meeting on Thursday, in Phys. Ed.

Do you want tackle football at York?

To find out how many people want to play tackle football, the Phys Ed Department is holding a meeting Tuesday March 12, 4 p.m., 3rd floor, Phys Ed Building.

If enough experienced players show an interest, it could weigh heavily on those who allocate the funds for equipping a team.

The cows is comin'--moo-ve

by Arnim Pitt

Construction on the new cattle and chicken barn is progressing rapidly, according to co-ordinating officials.

The huge barn, with a capacity for 2000 beef and milk cows, and many chickens, is the first phase of the York Faculty of Agriculture.

The barn, and the surrounding 'compost and refuse' containers, are being erected on the road leading out to the Phys Ed building, across from the library.

The steel frame for the building is already up, and

some of the roofing is finished.

It is understood the cattle will be sold to Versafoods during the year in



an attempt to improve the quality of hamburgers.

No figures are available on the number of students planning to register in the Agriculture courses at this time.

It is understood that most of the faculty offices and a large number of the administrative offices will be contained in the same building, if such is possible.

A student survey recently conducted indicates this type of building is best suited for the administration, in an attempt to keep them close to subjects they are familiar with.