

York joins Toronto as subway opens

By Paul Kellogg

Sometime early Saturday morning, a few hours before sunrise, York University will join the city of Toronto.

Stranded for over ten years in the inaccessible wastes of northern Downsview, York, on Saturday, will enter a new era with the beginning of regular bus service between the campus and the Wilson station of the new Spadina subway line.

The new route will cut hours from the weekly commuting time of many York students. For those in residence, it means that for the first time ever, a night out on the town will mean more than a file of fish and a quiet coffee at the Keele St. McDonalds.

It was almost four years ago that the Yonge subway

line opened its Finch station, the last minor revolution for York commuters. Until the Finch station opened, Yorkites were at the mercy of the Keele St. bus, perhaps the worst bus route in Toronto, if not North America. It's hour-long journey from York to the Lansdowne subway station was more often than not turned into a two-hour marathon by any combination of long waits, rush-hour traffic jams, or bad weather.

The Finch station was a marked improvement over that, for anyone who lived east of Bathurst. The opening of the Wilson station and the Spadina line should make life easier for those of use who don't.

For a map and travel information on this new transportation marvel, see "University Newsbeat", page 12.



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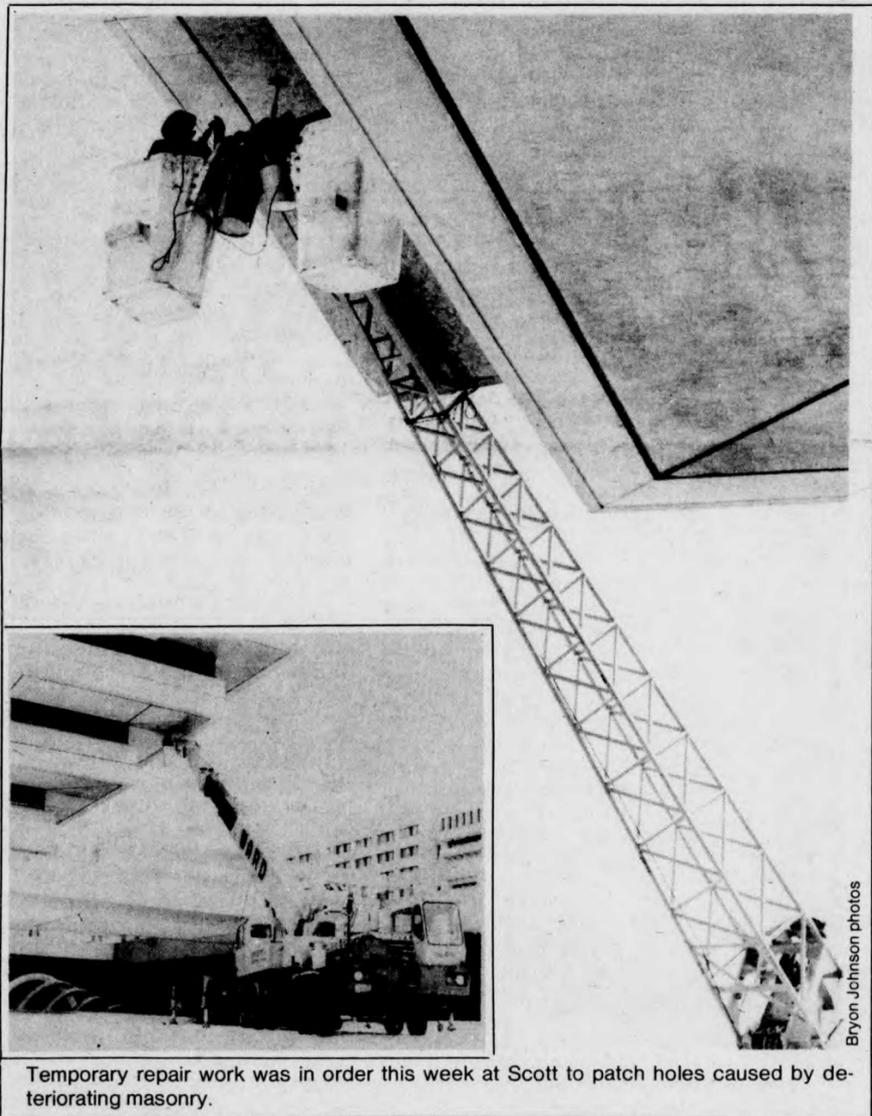
The Saturday opening of the new Spadina subway line means some of us will never use the Keele bus again.

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Temporary repair work was in order this week at Scott to patch holes caused by deteriorating masonry.

Miriam Edelson at Osgoode

By Al Bell

"The average, middle-class family can pretty well forget about sending their kid to law school or any other professional faculty under the proposed new Ontario Student Aid Plan," said Miriam Edelson, Chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students.

As the keynote speaker at a Monday afternoon strategy session in the Osgoode Hall Pub., Edelson predicted, "In the future,

professional faculties will once again become the exclusive preserve of an elite."

Edelson's comments were echoed by co-panelist, Carol Beckman, President of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, who labelled the OSAP proposals "a grossly inequitable, totally unfair, bureaucratic sledgehammer aimed at excluding lower and middle income families."

Both women took swipes at Minister of Colleges and Universities, Dr. Harry Parrott, but



Miriam Edelson of OFS

concluded the time for "useless approaches" directly to Dr. Parrott is at an end.

"We need new strategies," said Edelson. "Students are frustrated. They're angry, but they don't know where to turn to take further action".

The dilemma reflects the absolute power of the provincial government in matters concerning OSAP. Changes in the plan are passed solely on the signature of the minister. They do not

require a debate or vote in the House though both opposition parties have condemned the measure.

In response, Edelson will address the Cabinet later this month in an attempt to persuade Dr. Parrott's colleagues to prevail upon the minister to alter his position.

But as Beckman pointed out later in the meeting; "Even if they can comprehend the dumbness of the OSAP changes, I

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Budget axe hits part-time profs

By Agnes Kruchio

Fears among York university's 400 part-time professors that as many as 300 of their numbers may be without a job in the wake of current budget cuts were confirmed earlier this week.

Sydney Eisen, outgoing dean of the faculty of arts, the faculty with the largest share of the university's budget, said in an interview there will be drastic reductions in the number of part-time faculty to be retained.

While not all of them will be let go, the dean said, if the budget cuts required under the current measures are held to, 580 of the 600 hours the faculty of arts now has with part-time instructors would be wiped out.

"The faculty of arts has to cut a total \$1,540,000 out of a total potential university deficit of about \$4 million," the dean told *Excalibur*.

"We have argued that we should not have to do it in one year because it may seriously affect our curriculum," the dean said.

He said in order to cut this deeply into the faculty's budget of approximately \$16 million may even mean that some students could not adequately complete their programme.

Most seriously affected, he said, would be the general education departments such as social science. "These departments have more flexibility," he said.

But in a statement to a meeting of the council of the faculty of arts two weeks ago, dean Eisen said cutting part-time budgets would seriously penalize departments who at present use them but not departments who do not use part-time teachers extensively. The full cut would mean a cut of 14% in the total number of hours taught in the faculty he said. "That's pretty risky for the academic programme," he added.

According to Eisen among the victims of the cuts would be many college tutorials and many hours in the writing workshop.

"It is entirely possible," he said, "that more than half of the part-time professors would not be rehired under required million-dollar-plus budget cut." At present the faculty of arts employs about 200 part-time teachers.

The teachers to be left without a job are not

teaching assistants, or graduate students, he said. Many of them are extremely well qualified people. "Some of them have a very deep commitment to York," he said. Some have chosen to stay at York for a long time and made their careers at York Eisen said.

Increases in class size, fewer number of tutorials, more lectures-only courses and simply less choice of courses will be some of the ways to cope with the shortfall, he said.

"I hope it won't hurt general education at the university, the principle of education

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Council votes impeachment of 2 ULS'ers

By Lynn Snelling

The Council of the York Student Federation met in the Senate Chambers last Wednesday, January 18 to discuss a number of issues, high lighted by the impeachment of Vanier student council representative, Cheryl Pruitt.

Richard Lichtenstein and Ryan Shoychot, co-organizers of the movement against Pruitt, presented a petition at the Wednesday meeting, signed by 130 Vanier students to support their views that Pruitt and another Vanier rep. Jane Chisolm were "using council for a political forum, outside the views of the college and the university". Lichtenstein accused Pruitt of speaking out against the college system at previous meetings, directly opposing the feelings of the Vanier students. Pruitt denied these accusations and reminded Lichtenstein that the students knew, even though she and two other Vanier representatives were acclaimed that she was elected on a program of the ULS. (United Left Slate).

Before the meeting, Pruitt knew nothing at all of her planned impeachment. In

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