

Traps on campus

York's pheasants hunted

By SHELLEY RABINOVITCH

Long considered a delicacy among the more discriminating gourmets of the world, the Ring-necked Pheasant is a beautifully coloured bird, which can be found on the York campus.

Under Canadian law, the pheasant is a protected species and cannot be hunted for either food or sport, but nevertheless some individuals has been baiting the birds out near Osgoode.

The traps, large orange crates baited with sweet potatoes, are designed to break the bird's neck once he enters. Often, the trap is not totally successful, and the bird becomes paralyzed. It soon dies of exposure to the elements. The Game and Fish Act, states that "No person shall

hunt, grouse... or ring-necked pheasant...No person shall use, set or maintain a net, trap, spring, cage or other similar contrivance for the purpose of taking or killing any game bird."

Cathy Farr, wife of York vice president Bill Farr, phoned a complaint to Excalibur Friday, after she had dismantled two traps set outside, in the play area near the Day Care Centre. Mrs. Farr, and other York residents feed the birds and watch them carefully.

"They're such pretty, clumsy animals," she said. "It just seems so selfish to let them suffer like that. Also, I feel responsible for them. Here I am feeding them, and it lures them to the traps."

If anyone has any information regarding the illegal trappers, they are urged to contact Safety and Security at 2271.

YUSA weak and inefficient, binding clerk charges

By MICHAEL BARRIS

What thoughts have York's technical workers, clerk typists, library workers, and secretaries about their staff association?

The Education Group, an ad hoc YUSA committee, berated the association two weeks ago for the university administration's "intimidation" when York refused to recognize YUSA as an organization protected under the Labour Relations Act. The Administration said that membership of 200 managerial staff in YUSA negated the Association's bid for recognition as a voluntary association.

"YUSA should represent the interests of rank and file, who have no bargaining power, no legal status," said the Education Group memo. "Why should our executive feel intimidated by the University's choice?"

Yvonne Tulk, a clerk in the Binding Department of Scott Library, complains that YUSA is weak and inefficient.

"The executive of the association talks a lot about the agenda, but does nothing," Tulk says.

Among YUSA members, "some of the women must eat Robert's Rules of Order for breakfast," she said. "And the women who belong at the meetings won't attend, because they have families to take care of."

"It's terrible to have to accept the

University's decision, but I've given up hope. I was once really active, but now I can't see any point in coming to the meetings."

Warren Holder, head of the order Section in Scott Library and YUSA vice-president, also finds his membership in the association exasperating.

"I've had it with the executive," says Holder. "It's been 120 days since the association voted to push for recognition as a voluntary organization, and the executive still hasn't done anything."

"The executive has to show leadership, because we've reached a point at York where staff are willing to accept any offers from the university. Despite articles in Excalibur about how the members have been screwed by the administration, only about 100 to 200 people turn out to each meeting.

"Our only hope lies in the Education Group," Holder says. "Beyond it, there is insufficient participation in YUSA to make it work." The apparent apathy has not impelled one secretary in the English Department to withdraw her support from YUSA, however.

"I think the staff association is very good," she said. "I think what's done behind the scenes is a lot, and quite a lot will come out of it."

"We need to have good will with the

administration. People who protest the hesitation are jumping the gun.

"We need the association. Without it, people will just sit back and moan about their problems, without doing anything to solve them."

Noel Berman, an assistant to the director or student programmes, says "YUSA is better than a union. As long as the association deals in good faith with the university, then we won't have any problems," he said.

"But if the University doesn't deal in good faith, there'll be a union formed next year."

Elizabeth Brendl, a general accounting clerk in the Temporary Office building, thinks the YUSA Executive is "doing a good job", because it's giving up its own time to help the community."

Brendl thinks the members of YUSA should support the association. "They're trying—the fact itself is significant," she said.

"This year has seen the first time that anyone has tried for the staff since the association set up. Before that, the staff had nothing."

Virginia Wyld, executive secretary to CYSF, also supports the YUSA executive.

"YUSA is a voice," she says. "Any organization is better than none. I would join a union if one was formed."

Effective Monday

Food prices hiked 10 per cent

By J.W. BELTRAME

The York University food service committee approved a 10 per cent food price hike this Monday. This decision will affect all outlets serviced by Versa Foods.

The new increased prices will go into effect Monday, Jan. 28 and will apply to all colleges on the Keele St. campus.

Norman Crandles, the committee secretary, blames the increase on the loss of sales, the rise of food costs and the large cost of operating supplies serviced by the petrol-chemical industries.

"It was anticipated that food would

increase by eight per cent, but it actually increased over 16 per cent," Crandles said.

The increased prices will not affect Glendon college. Any losses suffered from rising costs at Glendon will be footed by Beaver Foods.

York's main campus has a contract with Versa Foods which guarantees the food company its profits, with any losses to be suffered by the university.

The increases will affect most foods sold at York, with the possible exception of soft drinks and coffee. Most items will go up 5 cents, and certain products like fish will increase by 10 cents, from 65 cents to 75 cents. The

most popular items, such as hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and french fries will all be five cents more starting Monday.

The university originally budgeted for a loss of over \$107,000 until the loss of sales and rising costs began to affect profits, the committee said. At current trends, the university could again lose near \$200,000.

Crandles, however, hopes to reduce the deficit to under \$150,000. Through increased food prices, he hopes to recover \$25,000 by April 30.

The committee resolved that other means of acquiring revenue should be looked before increasing prices again.

\$50,000 slashed from Environmental budget, 80% tied in salaries

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

Environmental Studies Dean Gerald Carrothers said in an interview Tuesday, that his faculty's budget was being cut by \$50,000 from a total of approximately \$606,000.

The dean said his faculty was presently considering budget cuts and that specific information would not be available for at least a week. Carrothers did say, however, that the cuts would not be made from the ranks of the support staff because Environmental Studies' staff has already been pared down to the bare

minimum.

The dean also said that eight per cent of the budget is tied up in salaries.

When asked if his faculty would follow university vice-president Bill Farr's prediction that mostly part-time staff would be released because of the budget cuts the dean said that "in Environmental Studies full-time and part-time staff are equally important."

The \$50,000 amounts to a cut of approximately 8.25 per cent of the Environmental Studies budget.



Baited with a sweet potato, the crude traps kill the pheasants by breaking their necks. If the trap fails to kill, the bird is paralyzed and left to suffer a slow death.

CRTC won't discuss proposed FM licence

By GEORGIA CLARKE

OTTAWA—CRTC's Ontario superintendent of licensing, Percy Vaughn, will not discuss Radio York's proposed application.

A possible explanation is the CRTC's refusal to divulge any information until the application has met the standard regulations to achieve legal status and is passed along to the public hearings.

Once the applications have been processed and placed on the agenda, the commission will then openly discuss any issues.

Radio York may be holding back its application until the final document on FM radio in the private sector is released in late February or early March.

The new proposals encourage the involvement of students in applying for FM licences, and station management may feel their case will be better received at a later date.

The new principle stipulates that

FM must not take financial shortcuts by imitating AM radio, but must offer alternatives and innovative programming. Radio York says the CRTC requires a guarantee of \$75,000 to meet costs, and the station will have to incorporate to receive a non-commercial and educational licence. An additional \$2,000 is needed to cover engineering costs, according to Radio York.

According to CRTC economist John Hagborg, \$75,000 is a small figure to cover programming and engineering, but the cost is relative to the size of the operation. He conceded that it is economically feasible, but without the application in front of him, Hagborg was unable to go into specifics.

Detailed information will be available to the student body if and when the application warrants a public hearing. A board then decides whether or not to grant Radio York an FM licence. But it's a long wait. The entire process takes anywhere from six months to 1½ years, once the application is received.

Liquor licence ready by end of February

By COLAN INGLIS

York's liquor licence application is still before the Liquor Licensing Board of Ontario, but administration sources expect a licence to be granted by the end of February.

In an interview Monday, John Becker, assistant vice president for student affairs, said the university is now waiting for the LLBO inspectors to check the areas included in the licence application.

The administration has asked that between 20 and 30 areas be licensed, including all college pubs and dining halls.

The new licence will require strict management and financial control of the pubs, but nothing has been finalized, according to Becker.

However, a proposal has been presented which would set up a university licensing board to control prices and policy and a beverage manager to administer all liquor outlets on campus. Under the proposal the beverage manager would operate under Food Services as a university employee. The new management structure

would leave virtually no role for Green Bush Inn (GBI) in running campus pubs.

Michael Mouritsen, president of CYSF and secretary of GBI, said Tuesday the board of directors of GBI had proposed the beverage manager be attached directly to ancillary services and that a nine person format be adopted for the licensing board.

Mouritsen expressed concern that Versafood might gain control of all liquor outlets unless the beverage manager was separated from Food Services. But he doubted that liquor profits would be used to reduce the deficit in the food budget.

The licensing board proposed by GBI would include staff, faculty, and administration. Four of the nine members would be students.

Since the board would set the price of liquor sold from university stocks, GBI felt that strong student representation was needed.

Mouritsen sees the future role of GBI as a consultant and manager for special occasions.

Police stop pinball parlour

WATERLOO (CUP)—Waterloo regional police are cracking down on pinball machines under the guise of a directive from the Attorney-General's office. The Attorney-General's office has denied issuing any such directive.

Walter Heinrich, chief of police in Waterloo, admitted to Waterloo University student president Andy Telegdi that the directive had come not from the Attorney General but from an address given by police.

The local morality squad told Telegdi the federation would be prosecuted if the campus pinball parlour was opened. Telegdi threatened to open the centre and try a test case but changed his mind after talking to the police chief.