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 and Safety Board of the University. The Bookstore did not file a report of the incident, as it is required to do by university law, and the report was filed by the York University Staff Association. The Board did find a problem and required the Bookstore to implement certain safety precautions.

It appears to me that the University has been particularly careless in dealing with this problem, because it did not expect a problem. I cannot believe that I am the first casual worker to be so victimized or indeed the first stu-

dent so victimized. I may be the first to complain, and several people have attributed this to my American birth. However, with a casual staff 900, such victimization represents a major problem within the university, even if very few actually complain. There is a serious injustice occurring, and staff and students are likely to have their moral diminished. There is no excuse for bad administration or bad judgement. I can assure the University Administration that I am not about to let the issue disappear either on a personal level or a moral level.

—Annie Booth

**Macdonald presents IDEAs to Bovey**

By JONATHAN KAHANA

Former York president H. Ian Macdonald, head of the Innovation and Development for Employment and Advancement (IDEA) Corporation, presented a brief to the Bovey Commission at an open meeting Friday in the York Senate Chambers. Macdonald called for the commercial application of Research and Development (R and D) programs at Ontario universities.

The main thrust of the IDEA proposition comes in the form of a plan which, according to Macdonald, will remove the barriers for investors interested in supporting R and D programs. The plan consists of the following objectives:

- Improvement of the overall climate for high risk investment.
- Improvement of Ontario university research to "international standards."
- "Tilting the reward system to industrial interests."
- Ensuring the system's responsiveness and flexibility.

Macdonald said that under this plan Ontario universities could introduce 500 to 600 new products and 50 new firms per year. As he reiterated many times during the discussion, Macdonald said we should learn from the US and develop a partnership between universities, government and investors, and that now is the time to begin. Quoting the cartoon character Pogo, Macdonald said, "We are surrounded by insurmountable opportunity."

Mustard asked Macdonald how he would relieve the anxiety that exists in academic quarters, and Macdonald replied that he would "let the record (of past university-corporate collaboration) show." Commission chairperson Edmund Bovey agreed, saying "a lot of people thought that when the National Ballet received corporate sponsorship they would start performing only Swan Lake and the Nutcracker, but that hasn't happened."

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