

Student Centre dispute eases

By DANIEL WOLGELERENTER
The latest in a series of disputes between the York University Development Corporation (YUDC) and the Student Centre Corporation (SCC) may be over.

According to SCC Vice-Chairperson Mourad Mardikian, the University is now prepared to honour the verbal agreement reached November 21 between the YUDC and the SCC which limits the number of food service outlets in YUDC's proposed Yorklanes complex to one sit-down restaurant.

Two weeks ago, the YUDC and its leasing agent for the Yorklanes project, Stephan Kuzoff, denied that such an agreement ever existed.

The SCC had previously been concerned that the YUDC was negotiating with other food service outlets that would compete directly with the Student Centre's food court tenants. Kuzoff had been negotiating with Saint Cinnamon and other prospective food outlets.

The Yorklanes complex will be connected to the east side of the Student Centre by an enclosed walkway.

The SCC believes that increased competition would decrease its revenues from the food court whose tenants will give the Centre a percentage of their gross earnings. These revenues will help the Centre meet operating costs and pay off its mortgage.

If the centre is not as profitable as it could be, the Student Centre levy — currently \$9 per course for all undergraduates — may have to be extended or raised, Castle told *Excalibur* last month.

But Mardikian told *Excalibur* on Monday that the YUDC "will not put in anything [in Yorklanes] that will harm the financial viability of the Student Centre."

"I think there may have been a lack of information being passed on to their agents," Mardikian said about YUDC's negotiations with

food outlets, which took place despite the agreement.

SCC Chairperson Rob Castle also believes that Kuzoff was never told about the agreement. Kuzoff said last month he was "not aware of any agreement that stipulates there be only one restaurant."

Castle and YUDC Vice-President Greg Spearn met Tuesday for the first time with provost Tom Meininger. Meininger would not comment on details of the meeting, but said that the parties have agreed to a three-week moratorium on talking to the press.

Castle also said that Spearn assured him two weeks ago that the SCC and YUDC had an agreement. Castle added, however, that there is a "grey area that's up in the air."

"It [the restaurant] wasn't left as quite a black and white issue," he said.

Neither Spearn nor Hunt could be reached for comment.

Housing by-law overruled

By NANCY PHILLIPS
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Ontario students with unrelated roommates no longer have to worry about the possibility of eviction.

Bill 128, which was given royal assent in the provincial legislature on Monday, prevents the enactment of any by-law that would restrict the number of unrelated people living together.

In North York the limit was set at three.

"It's a big advance for students," said Georgia Guy, Communication Director for the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS). "Housing has been a major stumbling block for someone going into post-secondary education."

"This will make it a bit easier," she said.

Exclusionary by-laws also existed

in Toronto, Guelph, London, Scarborough, Thunder Bay, and other municipalities.

Vice-President (external) of the CYSF Joe Zammit said he is happy with the Bill. He said, however, that North York Mayor Mel Lastman had already exempted students from the exclusionary by-law, unless complaints were registered against them.

In a letter to the CYSF, Lastman stated that he is assessing what action North York will now take.

Rea fined \$200

By ELAN KATTSIR

Failed North York Council candidate and former York Social Science instructor Bruno Rea pleaded guilty to stealing 161 of his Ward 5 rival's signs in the last municipal election and was fined \$200 in provincial court last week.

Ward 5 includes York University. Rea's father Palmino, 54, and Vincent Quattrociochi, 30, also pleaded guilty to charges of mischief and were each fined \$100.

York University Security officers alerted police after spotting election signs in the trio's pick-up truck at a nearby wooded area on November 7. The officers became suspicious when they noticed the vehicle on Fraser

Dr. without its headlights on in the early morning hours.

Soon after the incident, the 29-year-old said, "There is no excuse for our actions. It was a foolish, impulsive move done by young campaigners, frustrated that their signs were being torn up in the heat of the election campaign."

Judge Jack Bellobradic rejected defense lawyer Victor Paisley's request that the men be given conditional discharges.

According to the *North York Mirror*, Paisley argued that the act "was entirely out of character for all three" and that the men had suffered humiliation because of publicity surrounding the case.

After the judgement Rea stated: "It is a most regrettable episode."

SECURITY BEAT

By JAMES HOGGETT

At 11:00 a.m. on February 20, it was reported to York Security that someone had removed some 300 condoms from the Office of Student Affairs.

The condoms were kept under a desk. There are no suspects. Approximate value of the stolen condoms has been placed at \$150.00.

Later the same day, at approximately 12:15 a.m., it was reported that all four TD Green Machines located in Central Square were intentionally jammed.

York security believes they may have a possible suspect. Apparently, the suspect jammed the machines through the use of a transaction

card, and left a note warning the TD Bank to get its machines in order.

The same evening at a Stong College dance, a female reported that a male student grabbed her wrist and placed her hand on another's exposed penis.

The incident is now being handled internally by Stong College.

Also on February 24, at approximately 5:30, a complainant reported to York security that a money bag was missing from the Faculty Club.

Apparently, between 3:00 p.m. and 5:20 p.m., the money bag was removed from the shelf below the cash register. The bag contained approximately \$125.00 in cash.

There are no suspects.

ERRATUM

In last week's article, "Asbestos: a Question of Priorities," *Excalibur* should have identified Gilles Arsenault as a duplicating officer at Osgoode Hall Law School.

In last week's article, "CHRY: the facts, the innuendo," incorrectly stated that John Doyle was "forced" to go to a conference in Nicaragua. The person in question was actually Dani Zaretsky.

YORKDEX

Number of petitions York's Faculty of Arts received last year: 1,900

Increase in U of T's tuition fees from 1988-89 to 1989-90: 7.8 per cent

Increase in York's tuition fees from 1988-89 to 1989-90: 7.5 per cent

Number of graduate students at the University of Alberta (UofA): 3,850

Number of graduate students at York: 3,238

Number of graduate degrees granted in 1987 at UofA: 875

Number of graduate degrees granted by York in 1987: 713

Number of undergraduate students at UofA: 25,812

Number of undergraduate students at York: 31,856

Percentage of UofA undergraduate students studying in the Faculty of Arts: 23.7

Percentage of York undergraduate students studying in the Faculty of Arts: 43.7

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