

# Cops on Campus

## Mark Monfette

York students will be able to stroll a little slower across campus at night, thanks to a student security service about to be established.

As of Oct. 3, members of the security service will be patrolling the grounds and inspecting the buildings for vandalism and theft. The radio-equipped teams, sporting red jackets for easy identification, will have no powers of arrest beyond those of the average citizen.



"But," says Keith Smockum, President of the York student council, "their main purpose is deterrence."

Smockum hoped that the security service will help create a better environment by making the campus a safer place to live.

Last year the university spent \$46,000 to repair specific vandalism (mostly broken windows, elevators, traffic signs and fire equipment) and George Dunn, head of Safety and Security, estimates the actual cost at closer to \$100,000. There were also a number of alleged assaults, 12 indecent exposures and one rape.

"If the security service can cut vandalism by 10 per cent," said Smockum, "then they will have paid for the cost of the programme."

The service will operate seven days of the week. One pair of students will patrol the campus Sunday to Wednesday, from 9 pm to 1 am, and two pairs will patrol it from Thursday to Saturday, 9 pm to 2 am.

The service can be reached by calling Emergency at 667-3333.

Anyone interested in applying for the paid positions of co-ordinator or patroller should stop in at the C.Y.S.F. office at 105 Central Square. When the service is fully operational, 30 to 40 positions will be available.

At 8 pm on Tuesday evening, in Winters' Senior Common Room, a lawyer and two police constables will instruct the students on their rights and how to handle themselves on the job.

## Anti-government ?

GUELPH (CUP) — Ontario's Young Progressive Conservatives will meet in early October with the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) to discuss the PC's allegations that the OFS is on an "anti-government campaign".

The Ontario Progressive Conservative Campus Association (OPCCA) claims the OFS is distorting facts and creating an anti-student resentment among the public over the issues of student aid and university funding.

OFS chairperson Chris McKillop denies the organization's stand is "anti-government".

"Sure we're against the government's policies in terms of restraint and the quality of education, but isn't that part of the democratic process," she asked?

Education Minister Bette Stephenson has said that no one has proved to her that there is a correlation between funding of education systems and the quality of education.

As well as agreeing to meet with the Young Tories, the OFS has decided to invite Young Liberal and Young NDP associations to hold meetings with them as well.

## Handicapped Centre

Handicapped students at York now have a full-time centre to help them overcome any problems they may have.

Established in 1977, the centre didn't really receive official recognition and funding until this year. It now has two full-time co-ordinators, Jennifer Straw and Judy Snow. According to Snow, the centre does anything to help a handicapped student remain academically viable.

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Among other things, the centre's volunteers help the students take notes, locate books in the library, assist in feeding at lunch and read material for the blind.

Counselling, both before university and during, and both personal and academic, is offered. Employment and mobility (how to get about the

campus) counselling are available as well.

The centre also acts as an information and resource outlet for students writing essays or doing research on disability or for handicapped students needing specialized information.

According to Judy Snow, more volunteers are urgently required, especially males. The centre is located in Room 135 of the Behavioral Sciences Building.

## Coming Home

### Barb Mainguy

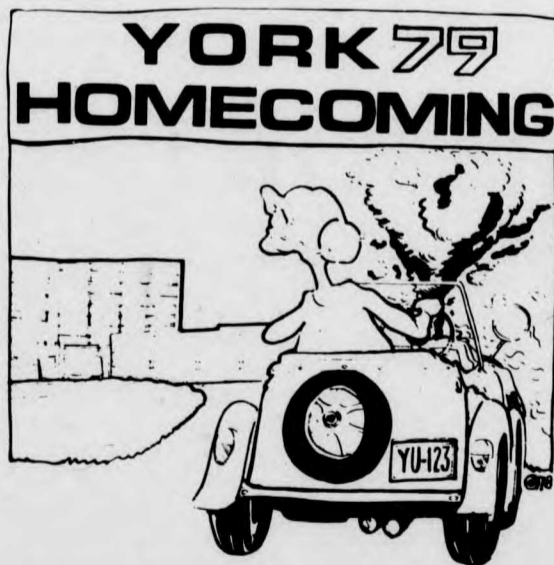
Last year saw the first ever Alumni Homecoming at York University. It was a hastily planned operation put together by dedicated individuals who, after 19 years, at last had a budget to go with their enthusiasm. Although it was termed a success, it was a last minute affair, which lacked the finishing touches.

So plans for this year's event began in April, and the response has been excellent from within the colleges and individual faculties, as well as from the campus at large.

This year the day is October 13th, and the activity expected to draw crowds, is the long-awaited opening of the Metro Toronto Track and Field Centre at York. While no numbers have been estimated, Co-ordinator for Alumni Affairs, Steve Dranitsaris, hopes for at least greater attendance than last year — when 600 participants (about 2% of the graduate population) turned out in support.

Events include dinners and dances throughout the colleges, exhibitions of visual art, the second annual Bethune arts and crafts show, a luncheon address on legal aspects of the entertainment field by concert promoter Bill Ballard, and a special lecture on "China Today" by Professor Peter Mitchell, who recently returned from two years as the Cultural Representative for the Canadian Embassy in Peking.

The York Yeoman will play the University of Waterloo at 2 pm on the main football field, and



"the fine arts show is going to be terrific from what I've seen, and from what I know they have up their sleeve," says Dranitsaris.

A full list of the day's events is available from the Alumni Affairs Office, Room 112 in the Administrative Studies Building.

Above all, the Alumni Association feels that "Homecoming is the fun day of the year for the York family. It's set up for Alumni members to meet old friends, mix, meet old people, and have a good time."

## garin sof ma'arav

is a group which will be establishing a noshav shitufi in the Galilee.

We are holding a retreat on October 5-7 at Camp Shalom, near Gravenhurst.

Any and all who are interested in knowing more about our group and the retreat are urged to contact the Israel Aliyah Centre at 781-4660 during office hours.

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