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## Beaver gets five-year food service contract

By GARRY MARR

Beaver Foods will be given a five-year contract following the recommendations of a report completed by the University Food and Beverage Service Committee (UFBSC), announced Norman Crandles Director of Housing and Food Services at York, last week.

In addition, Crandles said that the scrip system would be changing to a credit card system for next year. Credit card users, who in effect constitute resident students, will only be able to purchase food from the Complex 1 and Complex 2 cafeterias; these complexes comprise the cafeterias in Winters, Founders, Stong and Bethune. Students with the cards will not be able to use them anywhere else on campus.

Crandles explained that the purpose of having a meal plan is to provide seven-day service to students. Yet, while Beaver foods is obligated to operate their cafeterias at hours that are not extremely profitable, other eating establishments on campus have the luxury of opening only at more profitable hours and still having full access to scrip.

Now that Beaver Foods will be the only locations where resident students can use their university accounts, they plan to translate this extra income into improving their service. Hugh McIntosh, district manager for Beaver Foods, indicated that this exclusive access to resident student food accounts "justifies improvements to the cafeterias." He noted that his company would be responding to some of the criticisms levied at them. "There will be retraining of staff, faster service and

simply a better ambience in which to eat." He added that the cafeterias would be modified to "make them look trendy."

The UFBSC examined the results of a resident student survey before recommending Beaver for the five-year contract. Approximately 1800 survey questionnaires were handed out with a 24% response rate. Beaver rated unfavorably in a number of areas including quality of food, sufficiency and variety of food, appearance of food, consistency of portions, staff courtesy, and cleanliness. However, Beaver performed just adequately on quantity and sufficiency of food, while the question of cleanliness owes more to York's continuing cockroach problem than to Beaver.

The Committee agreed to a contract based on Beaver Foods' assurances that measures would be taken to correct unfavourable ratings. Members on the Committee also took into account that Beaver had not finished all proposed improvements when the survey was taken, which also contributed to their unfavourable ratings. Also, Beaver was in a transition year and had to make do with existing facilities.

Beaver is currently planning \$750,000 in renovations to existing dining halls and cafeterias. McIntosh said his company would continue to monitor service in the future and would also encourage ongoing feedback from students.

Crandles said he was expecting some backlash from students with the "absolute flexibility of scrip gone, but with the catering company capturing all sales we can demand a better level of service."

## \$1-M donation creates new chemistry chair

By JAMES FLAGAL

A recent personal endowment of \$1-million to York University will help expand the already thriving atmospheric chemistry programme.

Mary Rogers donated \$1-million to York University last week in memory of her late husband Guy Warwick Rogers, Chairman of St. Mary's Cement Ltd. Because of his love for the outdoors, Rogers wants the money to be donated to the atmospheric chemistry programme, and a chair to be set up under her husband's name.

"My grandfather was terribly concerned about the environment," said Guy Burry, "and we wanted the funds to be directed towards pure and applied science and the contribution to be significant and lasting." Warwick is a graduate of York, and says that the institution's excellence is often overlooked in the surrounding community, and that the Warwicks chose York because of its "world class atmospheric chemistry programme."

Lynn Cornett, Director of Communications, says the contribution "will elevate the university's status in atmospheric chemistry even more." The Roger endowment is the second largest private donation in York's

history.

The Roger donation will create the second chair in atmospheric chemistry at York. The first chair was established last year after York was awarded a grant from the National Sciences Environmental Research Council (NSERC). However, in order to set up the chair, York required an industrial donor which turned out to be another federal agency, Atmospheric Environmental Studies (AES), a group which already had a close relationship with York's chemistry department. Heironi Niki, a prominent atmospheric chemist who worked for the Ford Motor Corporation, was appointed to the \$1-million NSERC/AES chair last year.

Also, the Canadian Institute for Research in Atmospheric Chemistry (CIRAC) will be set up on campus and funded by the University, the government, and the private sector. The formal opening of CIRAC will take place next month and the organization will be housed in the Steacie Library. The Centre will give both graduate and undergraduate atmospheric chemistry students an opportunity to conduct research into fields like acid rain and the ozone layer. In fact, York University is the only Canadian school with a graduate atmospheric chemistry programme.



JENNIFER CRANE

**CENSORED AIRWAVES?** Radio York faces possible eviction on February 15th, unless it comes to an agreement with the administration. Station manager Mel Broitman has personally asked President Arthurs to reconsider the matter on January 14, but Arthurs still hasn't responded to the station's concerns and he leaves the country for a three-week vacation on Friday.

## Clause threatens CHRY freedom

By PAULA TORNECK

Radio York could be forced to vacate its premises by February 15 if an agreement between CHRY and the University is not signed and executed by that date.

The point of contention in the draft agreement now under negotiation is Section 37 (iii). If kept in its original state, this stipulation would allow the University the power to reclaim the space occupied by the radio station and terminate student funding to CHRY if their conduct is deemed damaging to the University's reputation. This formal agreement is now required because Radio York is an independent corporation operating on campus.

The Section states: "The license to the radio corporation to occupy the licensed premises shall cease and determine, and the payment to the radio corporation of any funding administered by the university shall terminate . . . after a decision of the university discipline Tribunal that the radio corporation or its directors or officers have been guilty of conduct deemed by that tribunal to be prejudicial to the interests or damaging to the reputation of the university."

The University Discipline Tribunal is an independent organization set up by York President Harry Arthurs to handle disciplinary action on campus. It is comprised of 12 members, six faculty and six students, who are appointed by the administration.

According to CHRY station manager Mel Broitman, section 37 is ambiguous, thus granting the University full censorship over CHRY broadcasting rights. "CHRY views this as a serious threat to their journalistic freedom and freedom of expression," said Broitman. He added that "in the worst case scenario, if the University was involved in something that was not in the interest of some of the community members, they (York community) still have the right to know what's happening."

Administration Provost Tom Meininger, who until recently was representing the administration, concedes the open-endedness of the clause and its capability of being abused. Yet he states, "There is nothing remotely resembling censorship in the words or the purpose of the words."

The University is adamant that the clause stay in the agreement. Meininger explains that "CHRY thinks they should obtain what appears to be blanket immunity where the University setting is concerned." CHRY feels that if they are accused of abusing their broadcasting rights, the charge should be dealt with in court or by the CRTC.

The University, however, does not think this is enough regulation. "The University is, in a real sense, a self-contained community. There is an expectation in the University community that we adhere to the law of the land . . . and then some," says Meininger.

The University wants to delegate the Discipline Tribunal the power to decide what may be too offensive to broadcast to students. Examples include issues related to racial discrimination or offensive, bigoted, or sexist remarks. These concerns are all clearly described in the CRTC Regulations and the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The University, however, feels that the CRTC Regulations are not enough to protect its own reputation. "Although there is a formal separation (between CHRY and the University), the reality is that they are as much a part of this place as any other student-based organization or activity. Why should they have immunity?" says Meininger.

Broitman feels the University's comment that CHRY wants to be autonomous from community standards is false. "We believe whole-heartedly in working with the community. We have the community of the University working here (in the station)."

Broitman added that CHRY is

doing everything in its power to come to an agreement with the University. In his opinion, CHRY does not anticipate having to deal with the University's ultimatum. The station's Board of Directors unanimously

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JEAN LIEBMAN,  
YORK SECRETARY

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