SECURITY BEAT

By JAMES HOGGETT

• On Tuesday, January 24, at approximately 3 p.m., York Security removed a man from the Metro Track and Field Centre, as he had not paid the required fee. He had refused to leave when asked by the Centre's staff.

The man was given a notice of trespass and banned from using the Track Centre for four months.

• On Wednesday, January 25, at 11:34 p.m., a student at Winters College reported hearing what sounded like a .22-calibre discharge outside the college area.

Metro Police and York Security investigated, but turned up no clues. • In the early hours of January 26 a student reported that a white Hyundai jumped a curb and drove along a pathway nearly running him down.

The student was unable to obtain the car's license plate number.

• On Thursday, January 26, at 8:55 p.m., York Security arrested a male student for stealing five tires and a jack from a parked automobile in lot 8A.

The suspect was later taken into custody by Metro Police.

The car involved had its windows smashed the previous week.

• At 9:45 p.m. the same evening, Metro Police advised York Security that one of two males who had been arrested by Security on November 13 has admitted to a break, entry, and theft at Marky's Deli.

The theft occurred sometime on the weekend of November 4 to 7. 30 cases of soft drinks and five cases of beer were stolen.

On November 13 a woman spotted these same men leaving her office. They appeared to have broken in.

York Security were called and the men were apprehended. However, Metro Police could only charge the men with trespassing, not with possession of burglar tools, as the security officers had illegally searched the men.

• At 9:45 p.m., Sunday a student reported that his car has been vandalized. The car, which was parked in lot DD, had been jumped on and had its side-view mirrors torn off by unknown person(s).

There were no witnesses. Damage was estimated at \$1,200. York could lose its late-night bus service if ridership does not increase dramatically over the final five months of the trial period, according to CYSF vice-president Joe Zammit. CYSF has launched an ad campaign to promote the late-night TTC service. The campaign includes posters, and mail-outs to student residents' mail boxes.

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Zammit has even done some radio interviews to generate publicity.

"We were lucky to get what service we got," Zammit said. "The TTC report recommended they give us nothing, and we had to fight for the six-month trial period. That is why we started our ad campaign, 'use it or lose it'."

York finally won the six-month trial of late-night TTC service last September with the help of North York Mayor Mel Lastman.

At that meeting the TTC said it would decide which of two possible

routes would be extended. Either the York University 106 bus, which originates at Wilson, would be extended from 12:45 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., or the Steeles 60 bus would be added to the Blue Night Network.

The TTC elected to extend the 106 bus.

"I think I've done my job," Zammit said. "Now it's up to the students to make use of the service. If they don't use the service, what can I do — hold their hand and take them on the bus?"

So far, according to Zammit, the publicity campaign has met with favourable results. However, it is not known if the number of riders has increased as a result of the campaign.

One York student, however, feels that the 106 extension is not enough. Danny Zabelismensky, spokesperson for the York University Greens, feels that the TTC should also run the Steeles 60 and the Wilson 160 buses late at night.

"I don't think there should be a trade-off of one or the other," Zabe-

lismensky said. "We need both. We need public transit on campus at night on all the routes people use."

In order to pressure the TTC, Zabelismensky has started a petition. He launched his campaign on Environmental Action Day. He also plans to set up petition sheets in the CYSF office and the Calumet Common Room.

So far he has gathered 43 signatures.

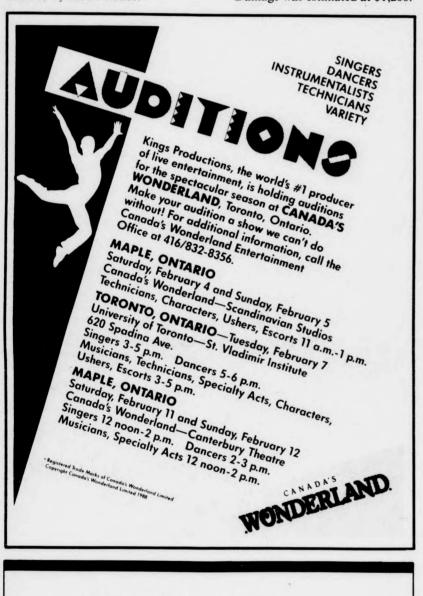
"Our main issue is safety," Zabelismensky said. "Students should not be subjected to the danger of walking to Steeles at night."

Zammit said in response to Zabelismensky, "It seems like it doesn't matter what we get, someone will complain. We should concentrate on boarding the buses to show that we need the service."

Zabelismensky also has environmental concerns.

"If people are discouraged to use buses then they will use their cars; the increase of which will have many environmental effects," Zabelismensky said.





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