



## Student brief

By EDITH LINK

Only the student presentation to the Bovey Commission last Friday took issue with a proposal that students should be required to pay the full cost of their education.

Wayne Burnett, who was the principle writer of the submission, argued that lower income students would be deterred from universities if forced to borrow the money to cover the entire cost of their education.

A section in the student report that strongly urges the Commission to make regional accessibility "one of its central objectives" was challenged by Commission members, who have expressed an interest in "distance education" via electronic media.

## York revamping communications

By ERIC BRANDON

Recognizing the existing 20 year old Bell system would be unable to handle the rapidly growing needs at the University, York's Telecommunications Task Force (TTF) is preparing a proposal to completely overhaul campus communications.

Headed by John Armour, Assistant Vice-president of Physical Plant, and Allan Smith, Telecommunications Manager, the TTF began a study of how to modernize the York phone system more than two years ago, said Armour.

The current plan would incorporate not only voice communication, but a sophisticated computerized network that would carry video, radio, alarm systems and high speed

computer data transmissions all over campus. If undertaken, this project would make York's campus the most technologically advanced in Canada in telecommunications terms, said Smith.

Currently, all phone calls on campus go through the Bell office about two kilometers away, so a call from one room in the Ross building to another must travel at least four kilometers.

Under the proposed system telephone calls, video, radio and digital computer data would all run through the same pencil-thin fiber optic cable said Armour.

All computer communications on campus would be greatly improved said Smith. Not only would all com-

puters on campus be connected and more quickly accessed, but this system would make it possible to contact other Data systems anywhere in the world via satellite dish antennas said Smith.

The proposal will not be fully completed until later this fall, but some of its main features are already known. The system would cost about \$1,000 for each instrument installed (phone line and computer terminal included). About 2,500 instruments are proposed for a total cost in the neighbourhood of \$2.5 million said Armour. The system would be phased in over two or three years and will only be installed if it can pay for itself in less than 10 years, since by then advances in technology may already have rendered it obsolete, said Smith.

## Calendar

27 today

**Underwhich Editions Gaia Reading & Book Sale**, at Art Culture Resource Centre, 658 Queen St. W., 8:00 p.m. Readers include York University's bpNichol, Rafael Baretto-Rivera and Nicholas Power. Admission \$3 toward book purchase.

**The York Association of Mature Students** invites you to use the Y.A.M.S. lounge (temporarily located in 107 McLaughlin College). "Your place to rest, read, or meet other mature students."

2 tuesday

**Knowlton Nash** will be speaking in the Senate Chamber (9th Floor Ross) today at 12:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**Yoga Philosophy & Vegetarian Discussion** in Rm S872 Ross, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Presented by The Society for Self-Realization & Vedic Sciences. Everyone is welcome.

28 friday

**"Islam: The Message of all Prophets"**—Speaker: Gary Miller. 7:30 p.m. in Curtis Lecture Hall I. Come and participate. Organized by the Muslim Students' Association of York University.

3 wednesday

29 saturday

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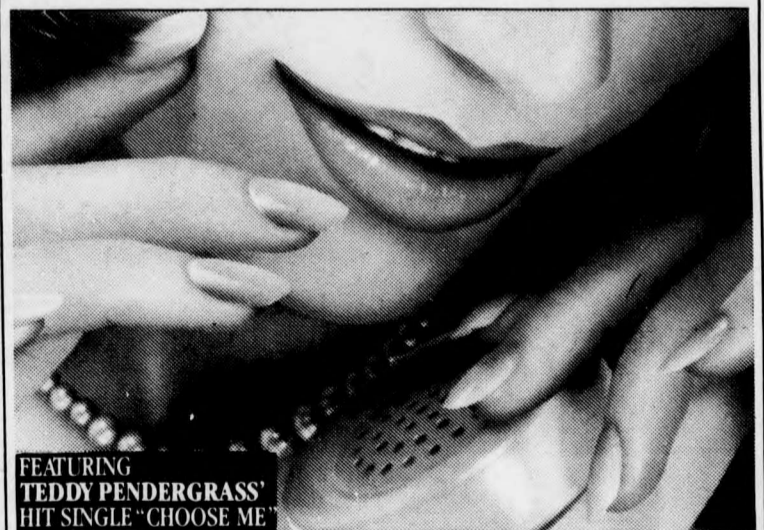
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