

Braille maps on campus

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by **HEATHER SANGSTER** ork is becoming "a more accessible campus for everybody," says Karen Swartz of York's Office for Students with Disabilites (OSD).

Six tactile maps of the campus are being hung in various locations to aid visually impaired students at York.

According to Swartz, her office initiated the proposal for the maps. The actual project was developed through the Canada Employment for Disabled Students Office.

The design of the maps was started last summer by a student who used the computer and braille printer available at the OSD.

The maps are in six locations: on the first floor opposite the south elevator in Atkinson College; outside room 101F in the Behavioural Sciences Building; opposite room B140 in the main hallway of the West Office Building; near room 120 Vanier College; on the third floor near room S314 in the Ross Building and in the off-campus housing listings hallway in Curtis Lecture Hall.

## New fire route for campus

by KARREN GRIFFEL onstruction will begin on new fire access route in July. Debbie Kee, communications officer for the Construction Department of Physical Plant said the work should be finished by the end of August. The fire access route is being built to deal with the closing of the loading dock at Ross which will be necessary for the construction of the Entry Pavillion. As there will be no vehicular traffic in front of the Ross Building, there must be an alternative for emergency access, explained Kee. The new route will be six metres wide, and will run along the south side of the Ross/Central Square complex from the Moon Road extension to parking lot DD. The construction will be a nuisance for everyone, said Kee, but it will be conducted in three phases to maintain maximum pedestrian access. The construction of the route requires the removal of most of the trees in the area, said Kee, but they will be temporarily relocated to the "upper courtyard" between Atkinson and 22 Moon Road. Kee said that safety is the first and foremost concern. Her department asks that everyone obey all signs and barriers connected with the construction.

he body of Peter Kaiser is buried in the path of the new access road leading into the campus from the west, and it must be moved, but where to?

Kaiser came to Canada as a United Empire Loyalist and settled in North York in 1780. His farm is now the York campus and the Pioneer Village to the west.

When Kaiser died in 1824 he was buried beside a cherry tree on his farm. His sons were buried on the farm later in what is now the historical cemetery of Pioneer Village.

The logical place for reburial is

with his sons in the Pioneer Village Cemetery, but it has been declared closed under Ontario Law. No further burials are permitted there.

Kaiser's direct descendant, also named Peter Kaiser, wants the grave to be transferred to the Pioneer Village Cemetery.

North York Controller Basil Hall and Labour Minister Dalton Bales are trying to find a loophole. "Obviously that's where he should be buried," Hall said. "He was one of the first if not the first pioneer in what is now North York."

## "although it is nothing concrete, it is a positive move"

by MARK WRIGHT ork University Faculty Association (YUFA) members have chosen to delay their decision on whether or not to vote on the tentative contract agreement reached on May 9 between YUFA's negotiation committee and the university.

The May 18 meeting was "adjourned to June 12 because the proposal was only handed out at the meeting and the membership felt that they needed more time to look it over," said YUFA negotiation committee chairperson Kevin Jones.

He added that although there were some concerns voiced at the meeting about affirmative action and professorial rank, the committee has recommended that the members accept the agreement.

"The committee was pleased with the negotiations and felt that the monetary package was very fair," Jones said.

With regards to the issue of the faculty/student ratio, the improvement of which was one of YUFA's main goals in negotiating a new contract, Jones said that "there is going to be a committee struck which will look at the problem and although it is nothing concrete, it is a positive move."

Jones said the turnout for the meeting was fairly low, which is unusual for a contract meeting. However, it was his understanding that the majority of YUFA members were fairly happy with the results of the negotiations.

Paula O'Reilly, co-chairperson for the administration's negotiation committee, felt that the tentative settlement was fair, if leaning a little to the high side.

"There were a lot of compromises made. The settlement on the wage package had to be discussed within a two-year agreement and we felt we had to put a lot more money into it if the university wasn't going to be constantly re-negotiating," O'Reilly said.

"We recognize that our faculty have to live in Toronto. But the fact of the matter is that we are not being funded according to Toronto's cost of living. When we go beyond the cost of living we can't afford it."

"Unless funding improves, the result may impact on other areas of the university," she concluded.

YUFA's contract with the university expired on April 30.

## securitybeat

A bomb threat was made by an anonymous male to the Security Control Centre on May 5. The male said over the telephone that the bomb was in Vanier's cafeteria. A second call warning of bombs in Founders and Winters colleges was received 25 minutes later. Building searches did not turn up any explosive devices.

3101 Bloor St. W. 239-1255 1867 Yonge Street 481-8585 A fire in an Assiniboine apartment occurred on May 6 because a stove burner was left on. The situation was compounded because the off-switch was damaged by the heat. An electrician turned off all the power, and the North York Fire Department was called.

A student complained that her car had been damaged in parking lot JJ on May 9. On investigation, Security determined that the damage did not occur there and that the student had fabricated her story. Metro Police agreed with Security's assessment and are considering laying charges.

A vehicle failed to stop for a stop sign on May 13 and was pulled over by Security. The vehicle and driver were from a pizza company which had previously been banned from college residences because of traffic and other violations. A university trespass notice was issued.

A student complained on May 16 that his Nike shoes were stolen from his gym bag while he was taking a shower in the Tait McKenzie building. There are no suspects.

A vehicle was stuck in the mud by the ball field on May 16. \$200 damage to the grass was caused while the driver attempted to extricate the vehicle.

A large group of youths attempted to enter a TTC bus through the centre doors on May 17. The driver immediately called TTC control, York Security and Metro Police. The police were able to restore order.

A male was observed walking through Vanier College wearing only his underpants on May 18. Security found his clothes and escorted him off campus. He appeared to be intoxicated.