

Needs only a last rubber stamp

The subway connection finally comes to York

By EVAN LEIBOVITCH

After being ratified at a public ratepayers meeting last Wednesday the proposed York University TTC route needs only a final rubber stamp by Metro Council to become official.

The meeting was called by Ward 3 alderman Marilyn Meshberg after complaints were raised by the Grandravine Ratepayers Association concerning two proposed TTC routes in the Downsview area. The routes were set to begin service in conjunction with the opening of the Spadina subway line this September.

The first route planned was to travel from the new subway terminal at Wilson and Dufferin west on Wilson, north on Keele, west on Grandravine, and north on Sentinel, bringing it into the York Campus from the south end.

Once on campus, the route would loop clockwise on Fraser Road, stopping at Osgoode, Complex 2, Ice Palace, Temporary Office Building, and Complex 1. It would then travel towards the Ross building, providing a driver rest stop at the bus bays where the York Bus Service presently operates. From there, it would return via Fraser Road to Sentinel, and make the return trip to Wilson.

A second route under debate, though not affecting York directly, could have an effect on students living in high rise developments near the University. It was to run from the Wilson Station to the densely populated Jane - Finch area via Wilson Heights, Sheppard, Grandravine, and Driftwood. This route was one branch of a main line, whose other branch will replace the Highway 7 Keele service.

The opposition from the ratepayers' group was that the additions of bus traffic would further congest the already - excessive traffic on Grandravine and present a safety hazard to small children in the neighbourhood.

The meeting at the Yorkwoods Public Library on Finch Ave. was well attended, and by the time the opening remarks were made, about 150 people filled the room, many of them standing.

Alderman Meshberg was in attendance at the front table, as well as Pat O'Neill, Ward 5 alderman, and representatives from the TTC and the North York transportation department.

Representing York at the meeting were five CYSF members Barry Edson, Paul Hayden, Peter Donkers, Jon Wheatcroft, and Evan Leibovitch were present at the meeting; all but Leibovitch are on the CYSF executive. Also present were a member of Stong's cultural committee, and a member of Atkinson Student Council.

CYSF had originally chartered a TTC bus to take about 50 students to the meeting, but the bus was sent back when it was discovered that all the York students wishing to attend could travel in one car. Both McLaughlin and Vanier councils were approached during their Wednesday meetings to send representatives but both declined.

Before discussions began, there was much small talk between the aisles debating the leadership of Angelo Grittani, head of the Grandravine Ratepayers association.

The discussion opened up as Grittani stated his position, that the people of Grandravine should not have to suffer the extra traffic for the benefit of those living above Finch.

Angry debate followed as residents spoke in favour of the routes, stressing that a bus route would serve the majority in the community and decrease the total



Soon, you too will have a direct link to this happy bunch as the York University bus link to the subway becomes reality this September.

amount of traffic. They added that people would be encouraged to leave their cars at home in favour of taking the bus.

A frequent example was the complaint of parents who were afraid of letting their children walk alone from the major roads (Finch-Jane) and had to drive them using Grandravine as a thoroughfare.

Grittani spoke on the issue of safety, mentioning that one child had recently been killed by a car in that area, and that the bus traffic would complicate matters.

Edson spoke on behalf of CYSF, supporting both routes, stating that students depended heavily on public transit. The Sentinel route

could aide the relationship between York and the Downsview community, he said.

The CYSF speakers were received well by the group supporting the routes, according to Peter Donkers, Director of Student Services. "However," he said, "The feeling was made clear that we were considered as a community entirely separate from the residential area. I hope that the future CYSFs will take this opportunity to invite neighbouring residents to take advantage of the many facilities York has to offer."

In a conversation with Excalibur prior to the meeting, Meshberg said that she personally supported the

implementation of the York route, though she remained silent during the discussion.

After many of the people had had a chance to speak and the speeches were starting to sound repetitive, Edson proposed a motion that the TTC implement both routes. The motion passed by a four to one margin.

The proposed routes now go to Metro Council for final approval though controller Bob Yuill, who was present at the meeting, said that the procedure should go smoothly after the overwhelming support by the ratepayers' group. "After all, it wasn't exactly a close decision", he remarked.

Half dozen Ontario campuses vote to boycott classes today

TORONTO (CUP) — Students at six Ontario campuses have rejected by a 2 to 1 margin the provincial government's tuition fee hike for next year and have called for a boycott of classes to protest the hike, according to the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

As of February 33 students at the universities of McMaster, Lakehead and Carleton, the colleges of Humber and Fanshawe and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute approved in referendum on OFS call for a half-day class moratorium to support demands for a fee rollback and a government promise that fees will not be raised again, said OFS staff member Rick Gregory.

And Lakehead and Humber students also rejected a government announced 250 per cent fee hike for visa students, although Lakehead's governing board has already implemented it.

These campuses join the University of Windsor, where students early in January voted by a large majority to boycott classes for a full day on February 10.

February 10 was the day originally set for a province-wide boycott, but many campuses now have planned events on different days, reports indicate.

A half-day moratorium on classes along with a publicity campaign aimed at getting support from outside the student community for the fight against the hike was the strategy agreed to by student leaders at a special OFS meeting January 15.

The hike, announced by provincial minister of colleges and universities Harry Parrott last November will up fees for Ontario's 22 colleges of applied arts and technology by \$75 and \$100 for the 15 publicly - funded universities, bringing fees to \$325 and \$700 respectively.

Critics of the hike have said the government is following, in piecemeal stages, the recommendations of the Henderson report on special programs spending released early last year.

In a recent statement Carleton University student president and OFS executive member Scott Mullin said the Ontario government's response to the report, which recommended a 65 per cent tuition fee hike, indicates tuition will continue to rise in the coming years.

Mullin suggested the government was not really committed to the principle of universal accessibility since higher tuitions "even further raise the barrier" for low-income students wishing to pursue post-

secondary education.

"I wish the (William) Davis government would be honest with the taxpayers and citizens of Ontario and tell them that the principles of the Henderson Report are now being accepted, as this is an important shift in policy," he said.

So far 17 Ontario campuses, including a number of non-OFS members, have planned some type of action against the fee hike, according to OFS reports.

In addition to the on-campus actions, the federation and member councils are asking support for the student position from community groups, trade unions, members of the legislature and the commercial media.

Vanier college paper folds, Mac Truck gets rolling

By RONEN GRUNBERG

Peter Donkers editor of the Vanier College newspaper *The Vandoo* has decided to resign.

Donkers said, "I do not feel that the paper is worth the money that goes into it."

He said he took the position because of apathy he has been coming up against ever since the beginning of the year.

He added, "I do not have time to chase people for articles." Consequently, "The Vandoo will not be publishing again this year."

Donkers said, "the only feasible way to make college newspapers distinct from Excalibur is to combine all of the college newspapers into one conglomerate newspaper with each college having a page or two".

As the Vandoo folded, a new newspaper was being formed in McLaughlin College called the *Mac Truck*. The first issue is due this month.

Tom Diotte, one of the people involved in the creation and publication of this new paper, said that since "communication is the key to an effective student body, and therefore, an effective student council, the formation of the 'Mac' will let everyone know what's going on."

Diotte added, "a college newspaper gives college artists, college cartoonists and college writers an opportunity, to form and to express their feelings".

The editor of the *Mac Truck* is Carl Dawson and he will be assisted by Evan Leibovitch, Excalibur's entertainment editor, and David Saltmarsh of Excalibur and the Bethune Lexicon.

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and a Canadian man both apply for the same faculty position.

Herren also said that a female and a male applicant may be equal in qualifications on paper but not necessarily in person.

"The man might be a stronger candidate for teaching while the woman may be strong in research," he said. "How then do you judge their equality? Which one is more equal?"

Atkinson Dean Margaret Knittel said that she doubted that situations in which two candidates of equal qualifications will often arise.

If a non-Canadian woman and a Canadian man applied for the same teaching post, she said that she would be inclined to recommend to the president's office the appointment of the female candidate if the position was in a heavily represented Canadian department.

On the other hand, she said she

would do the reverse and recommend the man if the position was available in a solidly non-Canadian department.

She added that the primary considerations, which should not be overruled, are the qualifications of the candidates.

The committee on policy and planning is composed of the Dean, the associate Dean, the council chairman, a council secretary, two students and four elected council members, according to Herren.

The report falls into line with most of the findings of the Commission on the Status of women at York report which was accepted by the Senate last February.

The commission, which examined the role of women in every area of the York community, explicitly stated that all hiring and decision-making bodies should consciously solicit female candidates for positions at each and every level of management at York.

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H. Flakierski, chairman of the Social Science department, said he didn't see any reason why Frank should be barred. He said "the Canadian government won't collapse from a paper being delivered on underdevelopment."

The Queen's student union has also protested.

Ioan Davies, master of Bethune College said, "if Britain and France are allowing him to speak there, then what the hell are we doing keeping him out?"