

**Steacie Science Library**

**'We've got no more room!'**

By NORMA VALE

The Steacie Science Library is in trouble. The fifth largest library in Ontario and the twelfth largest in Canada, Steacie is finding it has more books than it can handle.

For nine years it has housed all the material for the arts and science sections of the university, with 885,159 bound volumes, magazines, pamphlets and microsheets under its roof, and T. F. O'Connell, the director of library services, says this will be the toughest year for the library yet.

mer. This leaves Steacie holding the books for another year.

When the new library does open, though, (the second phase isn't expected until 1974) it will become the core of the entire library system. All the books, periodicals and other materials relating to the humanities and social sciences will be there, with open stack space for 250,000 volumes, and with room for a million more in the Research section.

The administration for all the York libraries and a large technical services staff will be centered there, and the Steacie Science Library will become just that — a science library.

**Old Stong House still standing, being renovated**

Stong House is alive and well and still standing on the corner of Keele and Steeles Avenues.

When Aubrey Barker, the man responsible for the physical maintenance of the building was confronted with the speculation that Stong House was in the process of being torn down, he said, "it definitely is a rumor."

"The upstairs part of the house is being renovated inside. Partitions between rooms six and eight are being torn down to make one large room."

"The outside of the house should be painted, but the budget does not cover this at the present time," he said.

Stong House is used as an extra-curricular studio workshop in which areas of the fine arts can be explored.

There is not enough book space for their new acquisitions, and limited seating capacity for the increased number of students. Last year 93,000 volumes were added to the collection.

Now, at the beginning of the year, the library isn't too crowded and the space problems aren't so noticeable. But around exam time, when a person must have a book, he just won't be able to get it.

Steacie was built as a science library and not a main one, and it can't take the load for the entire campus.

To add to the problems the library's share of the university budget has been cut from 20 per cent to 13 per cent and it will likely decrease again in future years.

The bright note to relieve the pressure is the new Central Library on the west side of the Central Plaza behind the Ministry of Love (Hum building).

There are three phases in the building's opening, the first of which was supposed to be ready by Christmas but which won't open for business until May now, due to the construction strike this sum-

**Fund raising to aid Biafra**

York's Relief Committee for Biafra is starting its program of fund-raising activities this year with hopes of surpassing last year's total of \$2,000.

The committee is apolitical, the only aim being to aid the civilian population in Biafra.

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**Windsor cuts OUS from council budget**

WINDSOR (CUP) — When the Windsor student council made up its budget and ratified it last Thursday they left out the Ontario Union of Students.

Faced with a \$28,000 deficit left from last year's council, the Windsor students decided they couldn't afford the provincial union, and proceeded to save approximately \$1,300.

"Windsor still wants to be a member of OUS," said council president Wayne Yared. "We will ask OUS to accept us as a non-paying member. If OUS wants us to be a member they will have to accept us on those terms."

All areas on the Windsor budget were drastically cut.

OUS president Jim Kehoe said Thursday (September 25) that "some arrangement could be worked out to keep Windsor in the provincial union without payment of fees."

But pointing to OUS' meager budget (About \$20,000) he said that dropping out of OUS should be "a matter of priorities".

Kehoe hopes to visit Windsor during the next week to discuss the situation with the council.

**Beatles interviewed**

EXCALIBUR will be interviewing a Beatle next month.

Paul McCartney or George Harrison have agreed to an interview with us in London. Members of the York community are asked to send questions they would like to ask McCartney or Harrison. The best of the questions will be used in the interview.

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