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Black accused security of fostering "paternalistic action toward victims and negligence in the information offered to the public." Yet Meininger had earlier assured the audience that "nobody's trying to hide anything."

Inadequate lighting on campus was another issue raised. Dawson explained that York's lighting design dates back to the 1963 Master Plan, when architects were trying to achieve a balance between aesthetics

and efficiency. "We may adopt a plan to change from low-efficiency lighting to better lighting," Dawson said. Physical Plant is also investigating getting stronger blue lights at parking lot booths, Dawson said.

By a show of hands, only five people in the audience were aware of the blue lights and their use. Parking lot booths are emergency posts at night, manned by security personnel, seven of which now have phones with direct access to security. Dawson promised that within 48 hours (by today), there would be posters

advertising the blue lights.

One of the biggest problems facing York security is lack of adequate funding. Safety and security costs York \$200,000 annually, said Santarelli, stressing that this is not enough to cover the expenses of hiring more security staff or improving safety measures.

At the present time, 10 student security staff patrol the campus (along with six full-time staff) on weeknights and weekends. Two patrol the pubs, two patrol the Ross building, two make the rounds out-

side (mainly around Complex I), and four student security members work for the Student Escort Service. Santarelli said that Escort vans should take no longer than 10 minutes to pick up students.

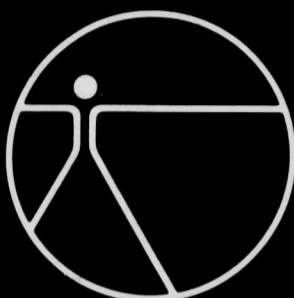
A few people in the audience were concerned about police jurisdiction in matters of security on campus," Becker stressed. In this respect, he said, the University cannot intervene when a student wishes to contact the police (rather than York Security).

Meininger, however, stated that he discourages people calling the

Metro Police because York Security is better able to judge the severity of a situation and whether it warrants armed officers. "Well, that's outrageous," Becker responded.

Meininger later clarified the issue of police aid. "Our policy on whether the police should be called is left up to the judgement of Security or the officer on the scene," he said.

"A lot of useful communication took place at the forum," Meininger concluded. "It is important to ask the community 'what standards of safety and security do you want?'"



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