

Vanier forms committee to aid student centre plan

By LAURA LUSH

Vanier College council has formed a committee to assist the Council of York Student Federation's (CYSF) initiative to build a student centre.

"We really were impressed with the entire concept of a student centre, so we formed a committee to become a part of the initiative," said Tammy Hasselfeldt, president of Vanier College council. "There's a definite need for a student centre on campus," Hasselfeldt added, "because 80 percent of York students are day students and Central Square is hectic."

Hasselfeldt said the five Vanier council members comprising the student centre committee will be "complementing and supporting" the main student centre initiative led by CYSF President Gerard Blink and assistant Rob Castle.

"To my surprise Vanier council decided to put together their own student centre committee," said Castle who met with Vanier College on October 8 to invite suggestions for the proposed centre.

"The Vanier student centre committee is not responsible to me, but I'm hoping we will interact well," Castle said. "We are hoping that Vanier will use their committee to reach out to Vanier residence in students," Castle added. "It's important that we have contact with these students because the centre will be providing services for them."

Hasselfeldt said the Vanier student centre committee hopes to rally support from all students at York and not just Vanier students. "The Vanier student centre committee will be meeting soon to discuss what students will need" with regards to the new centre, Hasselfeldt said. "In that meeting we will have to plan how to reach students."

Castle will be meeting today with Bethune College council and the Clubs Commission as part of the continuing consultation phase which will gather input and suggestions for the new student centre from all of the student council bodies at York.

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LOOK MA, NO SOBRIETY: York fans celebrate the Yeomen's 24-23 last minute victory over the U of T Blues last Thursday at Varsity Stadium. This marks the third consecutive year York has defeated the Blues in their annual grudge match. (See story p. 16.)

Jews for Jesus director pleads not guilty to trespassing charge

By JAMES FLAGAL

The Canadian director of Jews for Jesus pleaded not guilty in provincial court last week for trespassing charges he incurred last April in Central Square.

Steve Cohen, 37, was charged with trespassing on April 10, 1986 after handing out literature to York students in Central Square. Cohen allegedly provoked several students. After being asked by university officials to leave, Cohen refused.

According to Robert Nadeau, Cohen's lawyer, "Canadian universities like York are quasi-public institutions," and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms should protect an individual's right to express religious beliefs on a university campus.

Cohen said that a "university is a marketplace where people are free to express their opinions." He also added that his religious mission is "essentially to preach the gospel to both Jews and gentiles," denying that the main thrust of Jews for Jesus is to convey their teachings strictly towards people of the Jewish faith.

Crown Attorney Peter Jervis disagreed with Cohen, suggesting

that it is "blatantly obvious" that literature containing headlines like "Goldilocks and the Three Bagels," and "Kosher Pigs, Jesus Made Me Koshers," are intended to provoke Jewish people.

Jervis also argued that the trespassing charge should stand since universities are private property.

Thomas Meininger, provost at York University, testified that he learned in the fall of 1985 that Jews for Jesus were applying for recognition as a student group on campus. Under York policy, any outside organization desiring recognition must submit an application signed by 10 students enrolled at York.

Meininger explained that even though an application with 10 signatures was submitted, "the signatures were obtained under some sort of false pretenses or alleged false pretenses" and subsequently withdrawn by students. As a result, Jews for Jesus never received recognition as an organization on York campus.

Judge Thomas Mercer has reserved judgement until November 18th.



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MICHIGAN WOLVERINE MARCHING BAND

Student council threatened with pullout of ESSA

David Dollard on the CYSF beat for October 14, 1986

• The Environmental Studies Students' Association (ESSA) announced at this Council Meeting that they intend to withdraw from the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) pending the outcome of their referendum slated for October 28 & 29. The referendum itself is still waiting formal approval, which should be granted at the ESSA General Meeting on October 16.

• The keypoints of the President's Report concerned the proposed Student Centre, and the Student Rally to pressure the Ontario government into allocating more funds for post-secondary education. The CYSF voted unanimously to accept a motion to continue study into the Student Centre. CYSF President Gerard Blink's comments on the Student Rally were a re-hashing of previous comments made concerning the time and place of the rally. However Blink added that "any-

thing taught during the four hour period (between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) is not eligible for exam evaluation."

• The CYSF voted to allocate \$655 to send Blink to Ottawa for a meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students in October 1986.

• \$800 honoraria were given to Joe Baiardo, Annita Antoniani, Adam French, Catherine Lake, Allan Armstrong, and Nadine Changfoot with the approval of the CYSF for summer preparation work for 1987-88.

• Women's Affairs Director Catherine Lake announced an open forum for students, faculty, and staff to voice their concerns regarding security on campus. The forum is scheduled for October 21, between 4:00-6:00 p.m. in Curtis Lecture Hall "L." When asked by Stong College Representative Karin Barry if Lake intended to produce a report detailing York's security system, Lake responded, "I don't need to do these studies, there are people who already do this stuff. I'm a student anyway."