

Lighting problems

By NANCY PHILLIPS

In response to concern from the York community about the safety of the campus at night, the Department of Physical Plant has spent \$50,000 improving the lighting on campus.

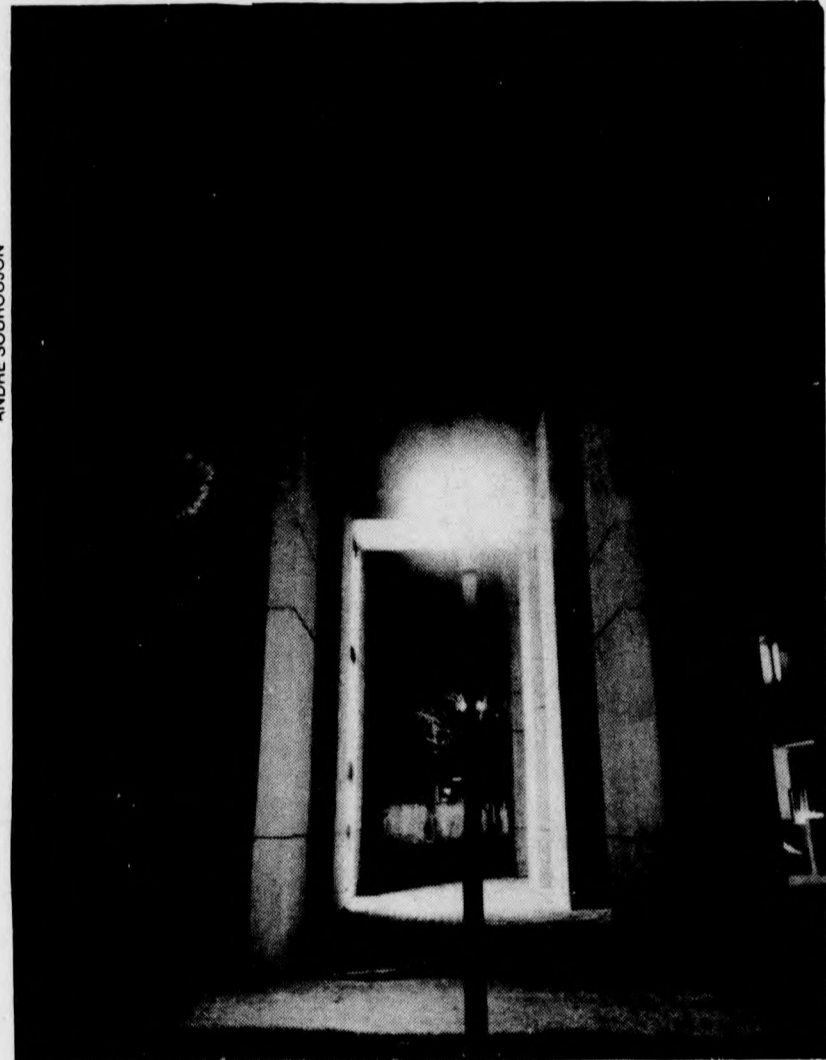
According to a report to the Security Advisory Committee on November 2, an application has also been made to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities for \$66,000 in additional funds, "to permit the upgrading of exterior lighting to continue."

Some of the improvements already completed include the reactivation of the exterior building perimeter lighting systems, which were "switched off in 1971 an an

energy conservation measure," and the installation of blue emergency light last year "to indicate the location of direct connected emergency phones in parking lots throughout the campus," according to the report.

Physical Plant plans to spend up to \$1,608,500 more to improve lighting on campus, but the report did not indicate the source of these funds. Additionally, the report states, "We have made significant improvements during the past two years, but we still have a lot to do to help make our community members feel more secure on campus, during evening and night time hours."

Future plans include installing more pathway, street, and parking lot lights.



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LIGHTING on campus is "wasteful and inefficient," says Physics Professor Paul Delaney.

"Inefficient lights"

By NANCY PHILLIPS

Lights on campus are destroying the night sky, according to Observatory Co-ordinator and physics professor Paul Delaney.

"I'm not against protecting the campus but there is a lot of indiscriminate lighting," said Delaney. "Why illuminate the sky when you're trying to illuminate the ground? This is inefficient and wasteful in terms of energy as well as destroying the livelihood of the professional astronomer."

Delaney would like to see horizontal cutoffs, or hoods, over the tops of lights, to direct light directly onto the area to be illuminated. Although this would initially be more expensive, it

would be a more efficient use of energy, and would save the night sky for York's astronomers. He gave the example that there is only "one excellent light in lot KK."

Delaney is waging a "quiet campaign" to educate the Department of Physical Plant and anyone else involved with exterior lighting on campus. He said there is now a committee in Physical Plant looking into the matter.

Nelson Varga, a Physical Plant committee member and an electrical engineer said "a report is coming out shortly on this issue."

Varga pointed out that off-campus lights are out of York's control and may be contributing to the situation.

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Appointment for Arts Dean

By SUSAN AWONG

York University's Dean of Fine Arts, Joyce Pearl Zemans, has been appointed the new director of the Canada Council, Communications Minister Flora MacDonald announced last week.

Zemans felt "challenged and excited by the prospect of working at the federal level and working directly with the arts in Canada." She has been a York faculty member since 1975, and the Chair of Visual Arts for seven years, and is also an art historian.

Zemans sees this new role as a continuum of the work she has previously done, and feels she will be a capable voice on behalf of artists in helping to formulate Canada's artistic policy.

"I do believe the artist's voice is the voice that we have to listen to, and that it is a community or nation's role to support its artists," Zemans said.

Canada Council's goal is to encourage the study and enjoyment of the arts and humanities. It also gives grants for productions in these areas. Established in 1957 with a budget of one million dollars, it now administers a \$91.8 million portfolio.

Zemans will soon leave the faculty

to undertake her duties at Canada Council, and will serve a three year term.

York profs 30% female

By SUSAN ARMSTRONG

Women comprise less than 30 per cent of the professors in most York faculties, according to Professor John Fox, Chairperson of the Joint Implementation Committee on Affirmative Action.

The Committee is made up of representatives from the Administration and the York University Faculty Association (YUFA).

As affirmative action is part of YUFA's Collective Agreement, the Committee is looking for an Affirmative Action Director to assist departments and divisions at York enacting the policy.

The Director, to be selected from York's full-time faculty and librarians, will be responsible for producing and administering educational programmes, and will be a resource person for all academic units, assisting in their efforts to formulate and implement the policy, said Fox.

Fox said that if a position became available, a qualified female would be selected over an equally qualified male.

The Committee hopes to make the appointment by February 1. The Director's term will start in July.

New food committee

By JACOB KATSMAN

Students this year can now take charge and do something about York's cafeterias.

Food Services Committees were established last week for Complex I Colleges (Founders, Vanier, McLaughlin, Winters), and Complex II (Bethune and Stong). Student representatives in each college will be responsible for bringing complaints about cafeteria food and service to the attention of the UFBS (University Food and Beverages Service Committee).

Paul de Rege, Complex I chairman, said that the Food Service Committee has already accomplished several goals. Menus will now be posted regularly in all residences; Founders deli has extended its hours to open for dinner; and the cafeterias will soon be getting metal cutlery.

Rege said that there were a lot of complaints regarding the attitude of cafeteria staff. Students often thought they were rude and did not like their jobs.

As one way to solve this problem, Rege would like to encourage student part-time employment in the cafeteria.

For more information, students in Complex I should contact Paul de Rege at 739-1011; and in Complex II Jayne Hatley at 739-0594.

Labour Studies programme

By SCOTT GOODMAN

Students interested in learning about the labour field should look into the Faculty of Arts' newly formed Labour Studies programme.

The interdisciplinary programme examines workers and their relationship to employers. Collective bargaining is the programme's central theme and the subject of one of its courses.

The programme, approved by York's senate last year, was originated by students who were taking labour-related courses but who had no official recognition for their study in the field.

"We have simply formalized and given structure to the academic decisions that students were already making," said Professor Paul Craven, the programme's acting co-ordinator. Craven and other faculty members were approached by students who suggested that they should have a vehicle by which they could explore their interests in labour studies.

To join the programme, a student's other major must be one of economics, history, political science, or sociology. Psychology may soon be added to the list. Labour Studies majors will take two core courses, a second-year introduction to labour relations in Canada, and a fourth-year collec-

tive bargaining simulation, in which a grade will be determined by the formation and maintenance of a mock labour deal.

Students will also choose at least three courses from a Labour Studies course list, and one course chosen in consultation with the Labour Studies programme co-ordinator. Courses are related to labour through anthropology, political science, economics, administrative studies, history, and social science.

Students who have previously taken labour-related courses will be able to count them toward a degree in that field.

A degree in labour studies is not a professional qualification, but Craven asserts that it would be beneficial to a number of people.

"There is a large element of

labour studies pertaining directly to careers in the labour movement, industrial relations, personnel, law, business, government, public administration, journalism, and others," said Craven. "The subject is a big part of the real world."

Last year, 12 to 15 students indicated to Craven that they would sign up for the programme.

"Ten to fifteen solidly committed majors in Labour Studies would constitute a success," Craven said. He added that the programme is not looking for a large number of people, "just a small group of dedicated students."

Students who wish to learn more about this new department should contact Paul Craven in S759 Ross or call 736-5678.

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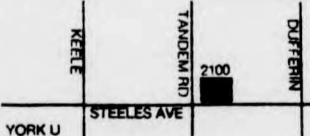
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