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SPRINGTIME STUDY-TIME: A Winter/Summer student takes advantage of the warm weather to catch up on her studies.

Business centre to be set up at York

By JAMES HOGGETT

York University has been selected as the site for the headquarters of the Ontario Centre of International Business, beating out 12 other Ontario universities.

In a joint venture, York, University of Toronto and Wilfrid Laurier University will share a \$6-million provincial grant to establish the Centre. The U of T branch will serve as the Centre's research office while Wilfrid Laurier's will concentrate on import and exports.

"The outcome is quite gratifying," said Sandford Borins, associate Dean of Administrative Studies, who along with Bernard Wolff—Director of International Business—and the Centre's interim Director James Gillies, headed York's bid for the Centre. The decision was especially satisfying as "it took the better part of two years of planning," added Borins.

The goal in establishing the Centre is to provide Ontario with a centre of excellence for research, education, consultation and policy advice in international trade, business and marketing. The centre will offer an international Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree stressing multilingualism and knowledge of other cultural and legal systems; an MBA programme focusing on Canada-United States business rela-

tionship; a PhD programme in international business; training and courses on international trade for executives and managers of Ontario businesses.

The advisory review panel based their decision on a number of criteria. The selected institutions must possess strength in international law, foreign languages and the ability to amount a world class training and research centre.

Borins, Wolff and Gillies now face the task of the launching phase which involves finding office space, letter-heads, telephones, etc. More importantly, they must appoint a board of directors and an Executive Director. They hope to have the launching phase completed by the fall.

"We have to be one of the best centres of this kind in the world," said Gillies. "We will do it on a world-class scale because the reality is that multi-nationals send their managers to the best international business programmes, wherever they happen to be."

The shared \$6-million provincial government grant will be spread over a five-year period with a review to take place after two and a half years. At the end of the five year period, the Centre is expected to be self-sufficient.

Mystic teaching proposal rejected

By ADAM KARDASH

The Psychology Undergraduate Committee has rejected the proposal to regularize Professor Chris Holmes' "mystical" teachings into the psychology curriculum. The decision will likely result in the cancellation of Holmes' courses.

The Undergraduate Committee consists of psychology professors Dr. McCann, Dr. Reid, Dr. Ziegler, Dr. Toukmanian, in addition to student representatives Marion Stehouwer and Martin Ottylk. The committee was the first of several bureaucratic layers that Holmes had to address in order that his special topic courses entitled "Mystical Psychology and Psychic Sciences" and "Mystical Views of Consciousness and Creation" be formalized.

According to a letter issued by Dr. David Rennie, Director of the Psychology Undergraduate Programme and Chairperson of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, the committee's decision was reached "utilizing established procedures and criteria" in addition to the advice given by the *ad hoc* committee. Last month the *ad hoc* committee, which consisted of three psychology professors, unanimously recommended against the regularization of Holmes' courses into the psychology curriculum.

Rennie's letter indicated that it was the "prevailing opinion of the committee" that both of Holmes' courses were not courses in psychology. In addition, the committee

decided that Holmes' teachings did not meet a recognized need in the Psychology Department's undergraduate programme.

Holmes responded to the decision by stating that the Psychology Department has failed to live up to the settlement agreement established between himself, York University, and YUFA in the summer of 1986. Holmes' major complaint is with respect to the *ad hoc* committee's assessment of his courses.

"The department members have made a mockery of the agreement," Holmes stated. "It is absolutely ridiculous and preposterous that this committee took four to five months to review my teaching and made no effort to attend my classes nor to discuss these courses with students enrolled in them... A scholarly review of my teaching did not take place."

Most members of the Undergraduate Committee could not be reached for comment and those who were contacted refused to make a statement. David Rennie refused to comment as well but did stress that "normal criteria were used to deal with a situation of this kind." However, Rennie refused to specify what these "normal" criteria were.

Holmes has since approached YUFA to file a grievance on his behalf against the university. Brenda Hart, chairperson of YUFA's Contract and Grievance Committee, had no comment on the issue but did state that Holmes' case is currently under review.

Scrip system is here to stay

By MICHAEL RABINOVICI

In the wake of student complaints, the scrip system will be retained for next year as one of the prominent features of the new caterer's contract with the University for Complexes One and Two.

The Marriott Corporation, which started serving on campus this week, presented a proposal to the University Food and Beverage Committee (UFBC) which included a three-tiered scrip system. The programme also contained an "all you can eat" board plan that will be in place by this September.

In late March, Beaver Foods, the past caterer, announced that it had to reject the UFBC offer for a five-year contract due to financial reasons. Part of Beaver's contract included a commitment from the University to implement a credit card system in Complexes One and Two next year. Many students were upset over the introduction of this system because it would restrict their meal plan to Complexes One and Two.

Marriott, however, has agreed to continue scrip, and a revised system will be introduced next year. According to Angelina Catricala, Manager of Food Services, instead of the old system of issuing \$1250 to every resident student, they will be able to pick between three different meal plans.

The first plan is basically a continuation of the old programme, and would cost \$1300. With the second plan, however, students will be able to buy \$1450 worth of scrip at a two percent discount, and the third option will allow them to purchase \$1650 worth of scrip at a five percent savings.

The "all you can eat" board plan allows students to pay a certain price for breakfast, lunch, dinner or brunch, and receive unlimited seconds on all the specified food items.

Another part of the Marriott proposal is to expand the tuck shop services which Beaver introduced. Last year, Beaver began selling corner store items in their serveries like butter, milk, and bread.

According to Jen Fougere, the on-site manager for Marriott, the caterer hopes to expand the tuck shop services next year by offering products like personal care items. Fougere said that Marriott plans to conduct a survey to determine the kind of products students would like to see in the tuck shops.

Other services which Marriott will be expanding are the late-night pizzeria with delivery and mobile carts of drinks and snacks to be set up in Central Square during the day.

Marriott's proposal also includes a commitment to spend at least \$500,000 on renovating the cafeterias in Complexes One and Two. According to Catricala, renovations will start next summer if Marriott signs on for a five-year contract next year.

Currently, Marriott is under a one year trial contract, and its success in obtaining the five-year contract will depend on its performance over the year and its detailed plans for renovations.

The decision to keep the scrip system will also affect the UFBC's upcoming consideration of tenders to replace Marky's. The University's contract with Marky's ended in April and was not renewed after stu-

dents expressed dissatisfaction with the caterer.

Catricala said that now the contract will be a lot more attractive to caterers since scrip made up a majority of Marky's sales. The UFBC hopes to have a replacement by the start of the upcoming academic year.

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AIDS HOTLINE: Canada's first 24 hour AIDS information phone-line has been pioneered at York. The founder of the hotline was moved to action by his concern over the public's lack of accessibility to accurate AIDS information Page 7

ROUNDUP '88: Toronto's young art scene practitioners, tired of waiting a year or two for shows at established galleries, get their chance to shine this week. 78 artists throughout T.O. have opened up their studios to give interested observers a taste of their boundary-pushing art. Page 9

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS: Coping with the public's perception of the disabled is often the toughest battle handicapped athletes face in achieving legitimacy for their sports. York recently played host to a number of these determined competitors at the Central Qualifier Tournament and Excal's "Howie Marr" spoke to them. Page 11