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FOOTBALL INSANITY: A York fan enjoys himself, despite his team's loss to U of T. 7,300 fans attended the annual Blue Ball game.

Security problems avoidable: CPO

By ADAM KARDASH
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If York had a police force similar to U of T's then it might not be experiencing some of its security problems, says a Metro Toronto Police Crime Prevention Officer.

Two weeks ago, York's administration closed campus pubs in response to the continuing vandalism problems on campus. Vandalism, according to University officials, has been a serious problem at York since the beginning of the decade.

Dave Peden, a Crime Prevention Officer at Metro Police 31 Division said "They (York Security) should have increased responsibility but can't because they don't have enough training." He suggested that if "there was a proper police force — like U of T's — York may not have some of its problems."

U of T Deputy Police Chief McKergow said "We are more capable of enforcing the laws than a security guard who has received a minimal amount of training." McKergow explained that, in general, U of T police have a two-year law enforcement degree or its equivalent in experience. In addition, after a number of years with the force, U of T police officers must attend a retraining course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer.

More importantly, he adds, U of T police have Special Constable status which empowers them to detain with

sufficient cause anybody who is considered dangerous, suspicious, or suspected of a criminal offence.

Security and Parking Chief Michael O'Neil agrees that York security should have more power. Presently, York security only has the powers of arrest of an ordinary citizen. In other words, Security must see a criminal offence take place in order to make an arrest.

"We don't advocate the use of restricting devices or any form of weapons," O'Neil said. "We don't want a police force. But the powers of arrest on reasonable or probable grounds would be useful."

O'Neil said that Security is in the process of upgrading the quality of its personnel. He said, for example, that two members of the Metro Police Force were brought in this summer to teach defensive tactics. In addition, O'Neil said that Security now has two qualified personnel to assist in training. O'Neil said "We have made changes and we are beginning to see the results."

He suggests, though, that having a few individuals with Special Constable Status would improve security operations.

Provost Tom Meininger said, "I don't believe it (Special Constable Status) will solve anything in itself. However, I am not closed to the idea."

The Security Advisory Council will be addressing these issues in the upcoming months.

York commercial centre proposed

By DAVID WEBSTER

If a proposal from the the York University Development Corporation (YUDC) is accepted, York may soon have a large commercial-retail centre.

With 48,000 square feet for stores and 28,000 square feet for the University Bookstore, the retail centre would effectively replace Central Square.

A centre like this is needed to relieve the overcrowding at Central Square, said YUDC Vice-President Greg Spearn. He said that the new centre would consolidate shops and other outlets such as the Universities and Colleges Credit Union in a single location and allow for a large increase in the number of retail outlets. Spearn added that 55,000 square feet in the building would be made available for offices and related administrative use.

The retail centre would be built east of the Student Centre and would have over twice as much space. Both buildings would open about February 1990, according to project updates from the Office of the Vice-President of Finance and Administration.

Spearn said the 45,000 members of the York community are poorly served by the present number of commercial outlets. "We're a big community," he said. "The centre is not intended to draw on the areas surrounding the university, only on York itself."

The YUDC intends to move all retail outlets in Central Square to retail centre. Spearn suggested that the new space in Central Square

could be used for student services, classroom space, or extensions to the Scott Library.

Although the retail centre proposal is still being studied by the administration, Spearn is "pretty certain" that the centre will soon be a reality, and that external funding to make it possible can be arranged. He added that some resources have already been committed to the project, but no figures were available.

Next Week: community reactions to the announcement.

CHRY news director fired

By ADAM KARDASH

After being at the station for five years, Radio York's News Director John Doyle has been fired.

Station manager Dani Zaretsky and Programme Director Kaan Yigit informed Doyle of their decision at his home last Friday evening.

"It doesn't make any sense to me," said Doyle. "I'm bewildered. I can't think of any reasonable explanation for the action."

Zaretsky would not discuss the details of his and Yigit's decision, saying, "We (CHRY) have to take into consideration the appeal process (available to Doyle)." He did, however, say "In our view, Doyle did not meet the expectations and demands of the job."

Doyle said Zaretsky and Yigit explained that a lack of funds and the failure of Doyle to meet job expectations were the chief reasons for terminating his employment.

"They said that they couldn't afford to pay me, which doesn't make any sense to me," said Doyle. "If there was any cash crisis I was completely unaware of it. They just raised \$19,000 (in CHRY's fundraising campaign) and although they just hired an Assistant Music Director (Lisa Roosen-Runge) they have paid double salaries in the past."

Doyle also said, "They (Zaretsky and Yigit) indicated I wasn't doing enough. I just don't understand

that."

Doyle had been the full-time News Director since April 1988. He said that he was responsible for two newscasts a day, one of them being an hour-long news programme entitled "Day-by-Day" which required the production of roughly 13 to 20 features a week in addition to training station volunteers. He added that he worked between 50 and 70 hours a week for the station.

"I did what I thought was expected from me," said Doyle. "I never had a contract or weekly meetings (two items Doyle claims he had requested for continuously since taking on the job). In terms of hard work, I don't think I could have done more."

Zaretsky said that that both written and verbal job descriptions were

given to Doyle and that although no written contract was drawn, a verbal agreement was in place. He added that although formalized meetings did not occur, both he and Yigit spoke to Doyle frequently.

Some CHRY staff were surprised by the decision. "As a member of the Board of Directors, I'm shocked," said Michael Schiff. "John knows his job," Schiff said.

CYSF Vice-President of Finance and CHRY Board member David Gilinsky said "Both (CYSF President) Tammy and I would like to see a Board meeting as soon as possible to hear Doyle's appeal."

But a number of Radio York staff interviewed by *Excalibur* were not surprised with the decision. Sports

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Excal holds Open House

By BARNEY STRAYER

Excalibur is inviting all members of the York community to its 1988 Open House on Fri., Oct. 14 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Visitors will be able to observe different stages of newspaper production: editing, design, paste-up, and typesetting, to name just a few. *Excalibur* production and editorial staff will be on hand to answer questions. "Always use the *sharp* edge of a utility knife when cutting out headlines," advises production manager Brian Krog in a pre-Open House warm-up.

Refreshments of a dubious nature will be provided.

Excalibur is located at 111 Central Square, near the south exit of the Ross building, just around the corner from CYSF.

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