

Security Director resigns

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Michael O'Neil has resigned from his post as Director of Security and Parking Services.

O'Neil, a former inspector with Metro Police, was appointed Director of Security and Parking in May 1987. His predecessor, Jack Santarelli, had opted for an early retirement in November 1986, passing on a problem-plagued department.

O'Neil resigned December 15, but would not give any reason for his departure. He said only that he has "enjoyed" his tenure as security chief, and that he hoped the department would follow through with the plans he had initiated.

O'Neil declined to comment further, saying that he did not want to jeopardize his new employment.

Many people in Security were surprised by the news of O'Neil's dismissal, but declined to comment. Rob Hughes, Chief Steward of Uni-

ted Plant Guard Workers of America (UPGWA), said, "I was shocked to hear that he has left. The majority of the people in the department liked to work with O'Neil, although he did have a few problems with some people. He had good police experience, and developed a lot of ties with Metro Police.

"He seemed geared toward making certain changes to the department."

Vice-President of Finance and Administration Bill Farr, who accepted O'Neil's resignation along with Physical Resources Vice-President Peter Struk, would not comment on whether O'Neil was forced to resign.

He did say, however, "I think that in some areas O'Neil had made substantial improvements over the previous regime. He had good experience in policing and PR, but we still have a long way to go.

"Security chief is a large and complex job, and it will be years before

someone takes care of all the problems," he added.

Provost Tom Meininger said, "We're disappointed at the difficulty the University has had in the last five years or so in finding leadership for the security operation of the kind necessary to address the concerns and important needs in the security area."

Among the problems Security is experiencing include labour relations problems, which continues through O'Neil's term. Questions have also been raised about the effectiveness and jurisdiction of the department, as petty crime has been on the rise for several years, and a wave of vandalism hit campus during the fall.

O'Neil's term does not officially end until January 15, but Farr has already appointed Pam MacDonald, his executive officer, as interim director of the department. MacDonald has also assumed the role of

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Open End pub managers fired in light of financial difficulties

By JAMES HOGGETT
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Vanier College's Open End Pub has been closed since Monday after its Manager and Assistant Manager were fired because of poor financial management.

Manager Pat Chester and Assistant Manager Elizabeth Mick were dismissed on January 6 by the Open End Management Board because they had failed to act on the pub's growing debt. Although the amount of the debt has not been officially released, according to Open End Management Board Chairperson Shawn Cromie, the debt exceeded \$20,000 in May of 1988.

Director of Housing and Food Services Norm Crandles said that there has been a debt problem at the Open End since "at least last June." He said that a payment schedule was worked out whereby the pub would be current by October 31, but that

the problem had worsened by that time.

At a meeting on December 15 between Crandles, Vanier Council President Phil Downes, Master Mary Sue McCarthy, and the Open End Management Board, it was agreed "the problem would be resolved by February 29," Crandles said, adding, "I have no reason to expect that that's going to be otherwise.

"I think that Vanier College took an appropriate course of action, and with a strong college council and administration, I have no doubt that they will turn that business around quickly," Crandles said.

Downes, who is also part of the pub's Management Board said the decision to fire Chester and Mick "was in the best interest of the pub" and added, "The decision to close the pub was strictly a business decision, and we hope to open it up again as soon as possible."

Neither Chester nor Mick could be reached for comment.

Open End staff who have been laid off as a result of the closure are upset.

"A number of my co-workers are wondering whether or not they're going to make their rent payments because of the lost wages from the closure," said Open End employee Gavin Lumsden.

The pub is scheduled to re-open on Monday, but there is a possibility that it may remain closed if a new manager is not found.

"We're doing everything possible to make sure that it will be open," Cromie said. "We expect to at least have an interim manager in place by Monday."

"We regret the employees' lost wages, but it was strictly a business move," added Cromie. "We deemed it better to close the pub to give us some breathing room, and to let people know how serious the situation actually is."

Marky's awarded five-year deal

By MARK WRIGHT

Marky's Delicatessen has been awarded a five-year contract on recommendation by the York University Food and Beverages Services Committee (UFBSC).

Director of Housing and Food Services Norm Crandles said the UFBSC has advised the University that it has also entered into a five-year contract with the Marriott Corporation. The recommendation regarding Marriott was made last month, and is now before the Vice-President's Committee for consideration.

Marky's and Marriott are currently in the midst of one-year trial periods ending April 30.

Last year, after Marky's contract was terminated because of complaints about the food and service, it was reinstated as York's only kosher eatery. Renewal of the agreement was dependent on Marky's satisfying the improvements required by the

1988 Kosher Tendering Committee during this school year.

The UFBSC's recommendation to enter into a five-year contract with Marky's was based on reports made by the Complex I Food Service Committee, an investigative student body, and other administrative offices who were in contact with the proprietors and had discussions with students and staff. "They [Marky's] have passed the stringent requirements we had of them and come through with flying colours," Crandles said.

Marky's proprietor Erez Karp was "very pleased" with the decision. "We feel very happy that we can continue to contribute to the York community," he said. "There were some problems that we directly attacked and feel we have addressed all of them. We have been listening to the students' needs."

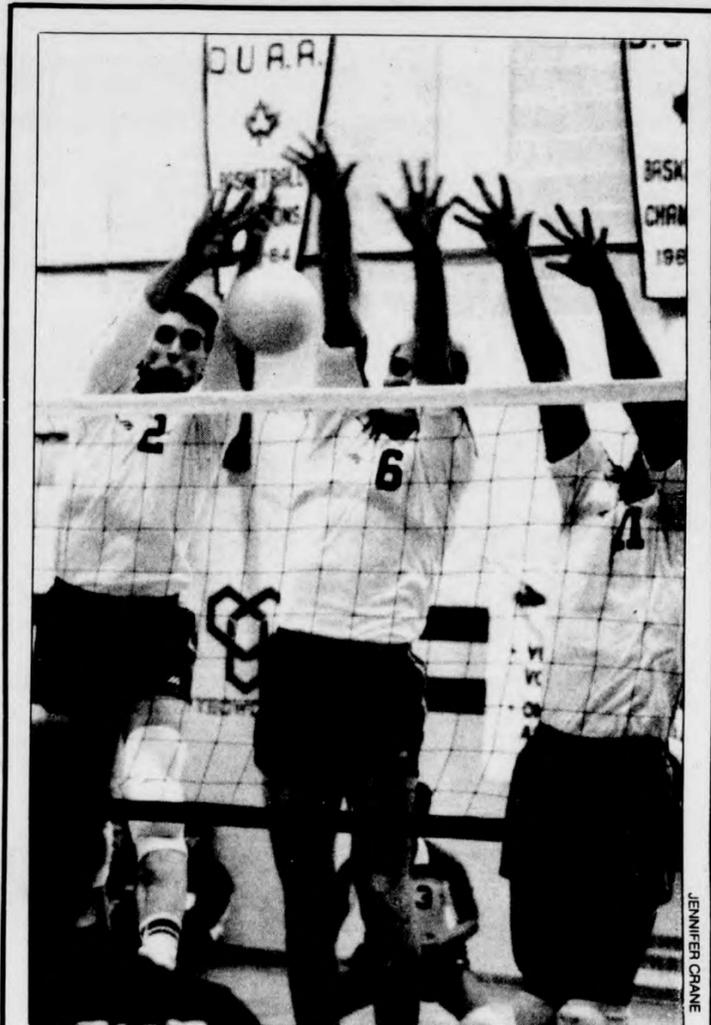
The Marriott Corporation, which replaced Beaver Foods, has also

been under a one-year trial contract. Its success in obtaining a five-year contract depends on good performance this year.

The minutes from the UFBSC's meeting reported that "notwithstanding numbers of areas in the operation that still need considerable attention, that the degree of satisfaction within the student body had increased recently." The "All-you-can-eat" meal plan was cited as one of the best features of the Marriott programme. It was further reported that there had been a "slow but steady improvement" in the quality of the food and service.

"Marriott has demonstrated that they are willing to do what it takes to change things," Crandles said. He added that it was a tough job but that he had confidence that things would continue to improve.

The decision whether or not to extend Marriott's contract for five years will probably be made this week.



JENNIFER CRANE

The great wall of York

Yeomen Bill Knight, Jacob Wiktorek and Mark Cossarin go up for a block during last weekend's Mizuno Excalibur Volleyball tournament. The Yeomen defeated top ranked Canadian and U.S. teams to capture the championship. Turn to pages 9 and 10 for all the details.

New Calumet Company faces finance troubles

By RICK RUSSELL

Pages Plus, the month-old desktop publishing company based in Calumet College, is already experiencing a financial crisis.

Last year's CYSF President Drew McCreadie signed a one-year contract allocating \$17,000 — from the 1987-88 CYSF-Calumet Trust Fund Agreement — to the service. But according to Master of Calumet Peggy Keall three years of support are needed to ensure the publishing company's survival.

CYSF Vice-President Internal Bernie Poster said, "We have the contract that was signed last year, but the CYSF was unaware that any further negotiations were needed."

Pages Plus's services include: laser printing, electronic transfer of text, scanning, drawing, art, and graphics. The company opened its doors December 1.

Negotiations between Pages Plus and the CYSF are presently stalled. "We are totally dependent on the CYSF contribution," said Keall. She stressed that although Pages Plus had initially received a total of \$28,000 to start the company from the Calumet College General Meeting, Provost Tom Meininger and the CYSF, for the 1987-88 budget year, "100 per cent of the service's 1988/89 budget must come from the CYSF's since funds are unavailable

elsewhere. We figured it would take three years and about \$75,000 to get the service on its feet," said Keall.

Keall's proposal for '88-'89 would call for a minimum of \$18,000 this year from the CYSF and further

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