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Newly constructed facilities are first since freeze

By EVAN LEIBOVITCH

Two new structures, the first since the imposition of the building freeze on universities, were completed this summer at York. The complexes are fairly new specialized in their functions, and the funds for their construction came mainly from external sources. Their official names are the York Religious Centre and the York Tennis Centre.

The York Religious Centre has undergone great change since it was initially planned in 1964. It was then that William Preston Scott donated \$250,000 to the university specifically for the construction of a chapel or religious complex. There was strong opposition to construction at the time because many in the York community felt private donations should not be used to dictate York's financial priorities. It was this opposition to the idea which helped defeat a chapel referendum in 1969.

The money has been kept in a bank for the last ten years, losing ground to inflation and thus shrinking in value. What was once planned to be an elaborate circular building on the rim of Stong lake, has been reduced to its present location and design. The Centre is located above Central Square on the old amphitheatre site.

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As construction on the Centre began last October, Joe Green, York Fine Arts Dean, and the religious leaders Father Tannam of the Catholic community, and Lou Garber representing the Jewish Student Federation, collectively discussed the goals, purposes, name, and scheduling of the then uncompleted centre. Now called the Interfaith Commission, it will continue to hear applications for use of the Centre.

Although applications were scheduled to be processed by the conference office, the commission decided the Centre was not to be viewed as a revenue-generating facility, and therefore, applica-tions should be processed through York's Facilities department.

First priority has been reserved for the Holy Day Schedule, which includes services for the Jewish High holidays and Christmas Eve. Other priorities include regular Catholic services, meetings of various religious clubs, and open time for meditation from 9 to 5.

Lou Garber said the main assembly hall, which seats about 200 people, could be used for certain cultural activities including chamber music recitals.

According to Garber, the nonsmoking facility will be open to all members of the York community who either wish to reserve space in the main assembly hall, or come any time during the regular hours to the meditation room, which has a capacity of 12 persons.

In addition, the Student's International Meditation Society has asked for use of the assembly hall for open meditation serving what SIMS acting president John DiNovo called "the hundreds of meditators from within the York community." They have received use of the main hall Monday and Thursday evenings from 4-6 p.m. for open meditation, and will hold checking meetings for SIMS-Transcendental Meditation on alternating weeks.

In contrast to the Religious Centre, the Tennis Centre was built only a few months after its inception, with land donated by York on the northeast corner of campus (north of the physical plant) and over \$100,000 contributed by the **Canadian Lawn Tennis Association** (CLTA), the Ontario Lawn Tennis Association, and some funding from a Wintario grant. Lawrence Strong, president of the CLTA, says the Centre was still nowhere near completion. He said depending on the amount of funds available at the time, the organization will attempt to erect either more permanent stands around the court, a pressdressing room building, or both.

As well, Strong stressed the need of lighting for the four field courts that supplemented the main court. During the Canadian Open Tennis Championships (the first event held at the Centre) all changing rooms, food, press, and administrative functions were conducted out of trailers brought in especially for the event.

Canadian students to link up with labour

OTTAWA (CUP) - Joe Morris the problems facing Canadians. President of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) has deemed the letter, from the National Union of Students, advocating strengthening student-labour ties as "worthy of support".

The endorsement in principle of an alliance with the labour movement received the overwhelming support of the student delegates at the recent NUS conference.

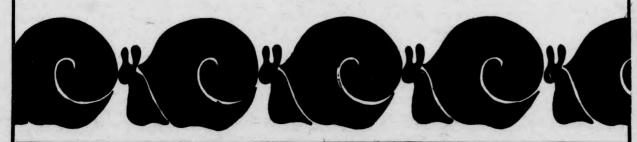
The letter applauded Morris for the leadership the CLC has shown and the positive solutions it offers to near future.

The CLC reply to the letter mentioned the resolution passed at the CLC conference held in Ottawa in 1972 which also calls for a closer liasion between students and labour. Morris also stated "The National Union of Students' objective to improve the lot of Canadians and to bring about a truly just and equitable society is one that is worthy of support."

The CLC and NUS plan to meet and plan possible actions in the

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