

Council Closes Soundproof and Proposes Video

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Slightly more than a year after the opening of Soundproof Records, the store was closed by the council of the York Student Federation, which may replace the record shop with a video arcade. The Council also closed the CYSF Typing Service this summer, but that enterprise may be revived in October.

The motion to close Soundproof and the Typing Service was passed at a July 15 council meeting, but the CYSF, the executive of which is considering three tenders for the operation of a video arcade, has yet to approve that venture or the re-opening of the Typing Service.

Before it can open a video arcade, the CYSF must apply to North York for re-zoning; CYSF President Maurizio Bevilacqua estimates this will require three months.

Bevilacqua is anxious to see the establishment of a video arcade, because "there will be a guaranteed income of \$26,000 and \$10,000 of that will be received in the first month. In one month, I will have recovered the loss Soundproof made." The operator of the arcade will divide all profits equally with Council, will provide four \$500 scholarships, and will staff the arcade with York students.

Dave Kelly, Director of Services and Communications at the time of the closings but

who has since resigned for personal reasons, points out that last year's council rejected similar proposals to open a video arcade, "because we wanted to offer students something that was more of a service. An arcade is great for making money but I don't know what kind of service it is. More students may like it that way; I don't know. Why not put some thought into the decision?"

However, supporters of the Soundproof closing argue that the store was more an unsuccessful business than it was a service. In presenting his motion to close the record store and the Typing Service, Director of Internal Affairs, John Chang said the busi-

nesses' combined loss of \$18,000 was irresponsible, and added, "I personally believe that the financial loss incurred in the past year has not resulted in a fair service gain for students."

On the other hand, opponents of the closing argue that last year's administration did not expect the store to make a profit until its third year.

Ellen Leibman, Finance Director at the time of the closing but who has since resigned, pointed out that Soundproof's loss of \$9,000 was an improvement over the \$12,000 which the Lyceum Book Store (Soundproof's predecessor) had accumulated. "I don't think our goal as a student government should be

to make money," she stated. "In any case, no one can expect a business to make money in the year that it opens."

Soundproof Manager John Wright believes the store was on its way to making a profit in its third year, and that had he been instructed to emphasize revenue he would have made a profit in the second year.

He, however, believes that a heavy emphasis on profits would have interfered with the store's ability to offer employment to students. "I am a Liberal and I believe it's a government's obligation to provide employment for its constituents. If your goal is to make a profit you should get

out of government."

Although Bevilacqua supported the closing of the Typing Service, he believes it is an essential service and would like to see it re-opened.

"It will be operated under the jurisdiction of the Business Manager, who will work together with the Director of Finance and the President. There will be no Typing Manager, and this will reduce managerial costs by close to \$10,000, which is, in fact, the loss incurred by the Typing Service."

Kelly says, "I hope it doesn't lose \$10,000 again this year. It's a service. I'd like to see it continue, but you can't afford to keep pumping \$10,000 a year into it."



Sports This Week:

After the Yeomen's first rookie camp Coach Pickett predicts a successful season for York's football team.



TD Sees No Sense in Banking Campus Dollars

Paula Todd

After losing unspecified amounts of money since its inception in 1967, the York University branch of the Toronto Dominion Bank has severely curtailed its personal banking services, converting the Central Square location into a "Green Machine Centre".

"The bank has installed two more Green Machines, bringing the total to four, but it can no longer handle Travellers' Cheques, OSAP loans, personal loans, or money orders. However, the Administration has arranged with the bank for a ten-day period of "adjustment", and loans and tuition payments will be processed from September 7th-10th. After that, customers requiring these services or those unwilling to apply for a Green Machine Card, must travel to the Keele-Finch branch.

***Necessary Manoeuvre**

According to TD officials, the change in service was a necessary business manoeuvre. "The branch has for some time been operating at a loss as overheads have consistently increased at a faster rate than the amount of new business generated.

"Losses have varied every year to as much as \$500,000. The system we use for measuring does not translate well into actual dollars and cents, but losses are significant," said J. David Livingston, the TD Manager of Sales and Personal Banking Services for the Metro West Division.

4 Green Machines

In the hope of realizing a profit, the bank has transferred 25 of its 30 campus staff members to other locations and is depending upon the four Green Machines to process the bulk of campus business.

"Figures show that 94 per cent of all transactions can be

handled by these machines and they are open 24 hours a day," explained Livingston. "No-one lost their job, however, and we will have five employees working to open new accounts and update pass books."

Informed by Letter

Customers were informed of the change in the service by a letter in July, or in August if they went to the bank after the August 6th conversion and were told their money had been automatically transferred to the Keele-Finch branch. "They had the option of applying for a Green Machine card," said Livingston. If they did not want a card, however, they were unable to withdraw their money until they travelled to the off-campus location. Line-ups at that

Indecent Assault

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In another assault on the Keele campus, a female student was indecently assaulted by a masked man in a women's washroom in Steacie Science Library at approximately 8:50 p.m. on July 25.

The attacker, described as a white male about 25-years-old, 5'8" with hazel eyes, light brown hair, and of slight build, was wearing a blue shirt, blue jeans and brown shoes. He wore a mask that covered his nose and mouth and spoke English well.

Will Identify

The victim did not require hospitalization after the assault which was described by Director of York Security, George Dunn, as "most unpleasant". Details of the attack and the identity of the victim will not be released.

No arrest has been made, but police are confident that the victim can identify her assailant.

branch have been overwhelming, with August crowds spilling out the door. "People have a natural curiosity to check their money and once that's over we expect things to settle down."

Vociferous Reaction

Reaction to the TD decision has been vociferous.

CYSF President, Maurizio Bevilacqua, said, "We are totally against the changes made to the TD service. We plan to withdraw our funds and close our accounts."

York University President, H. Ian Macdonald has received "all kinds of letters", one of which was written by York Associate Professor and Accounting Co-ordinator, Thomas Beechy who urged the

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Anyone with information about the attack or the suspect is asked to call PC Harry Davies at 967-2276.

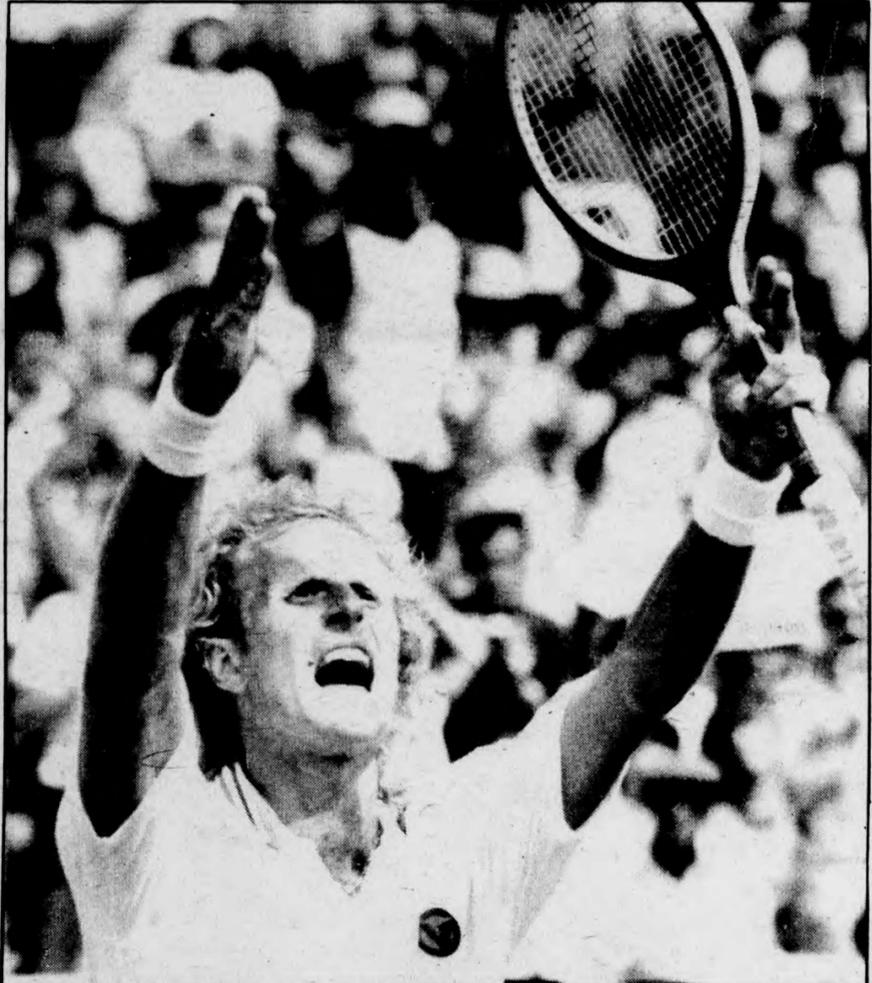
YUSA Ratifies New Contract

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York students need not worry that their classes will be disrupted by a labour dispute involving the York University Staff Association; the union and the Administration agreed to a new contract at the end of August.

YUSA President Karen Herrell expressed pleasure with the one year contract, which 94 percent of the union membership endorsed, and which provides for,

- an across the board wage increase of 12.5 per cent some technicians received a higher increase that makes their



A triumphant Vitas Gerulaitis, winner of the Players International Tennis Championships held at York.

Photo: Gary Hershorn

wages comaprable to that offered in the job market

- an improvement in the dental plan to cover inflation
- an extension of the health care plan to include birth control
- an improvement in internal job posting procedures

"I think under the present economic conditions, with the present unemployment rate, it was the best settlement we could achieve," said Herrell, whose union represents library, technical, clerical and secretarial staff. She was disappointed, however, that the union was unable to

obtain paid maternity leave for its members. "We kept it on the table to near the very end", she said. "I would describe the University's position as being philosophically opposed to paid maternity leave."

Asked if this was an accurate description of the Administration's position, Don Mitchell of Personnel Services, replied, "That's the union's view, and they're entitled to their opinion."

John Carter, chairperson of YUSA's Bargaining Committee, said the union "did a costing of paid maternity leave, because we can never tell how many people will take

advantage of it. It became apparent that it wasn't so much the cost that concerned the Administration, as it was the philosophical retreat, if you will."

Carter expressed concern that the provincial government might introduce wage control legislation that would affect the settlement, but believes the worst danger has passed. "The contract that is now in effect, will probably remain so, he said. "Now that September 1 has arrived, I feel we are on a little firmer ground." Herrell said the possibility of wage controls "has been on everybody's mind since the June federal budget."