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## New grad. residence planned for York, rents may shoot up

York's physical resources committee has recommended to the president that a fifth graduate residence be constructed west of Murray Ross Dr., on the south-side of the York campus.

The report, which was submitted to York president H. Ian Macdonald, Friday, has yet to be read by the president, Macdonald admitted, Tuesday.

D.A. Nesbitt of housing services estimated that approximately 1,200 graduate students were on application for admission into graduate residence. Although one third of these applicants will most likely drop out by September, even if the new residence were built, they would still not be all accommodated.

"There clearly appears to be a strong need for a new residence" said vice-president and committee chairman Bill Small, Monday. "The second question is can we produce a viable project in these

economic times, and we think we can."

Nesbitt, however, told Excalibur that the cost of the building may drive residence fees beyond the reach of students.

"Our preliminary studies of building material costs and the cost of borrowing money indicate that students probably wouldn't be able to afford it," said Nesbitt.

Although Small would not elaborate on the nature of residence fees for the new building, he said that "if you consider the present fees reasonable, the fees for the new building would be considered reasonable as well."

"There's no point in going to the president saying we have a plan for a new residence if the cost is out of reach," said Small.

One university source, who would not be identified, told Excalibur the new building, if built, will substantially force all existing graduate residence rents up, to help pay for the building.



York students Liz Schott and Elaine Slavens use sign language to inform one another that winter is here. Two inches of snow fell on Tuesday morning

and stayed. It won't be long before students will once again be racing down BOG hill on servery trays.

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## York staffer wards off rapist, crime on campus worries Dunn

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

A York staff member survived an attempted rape near Bethune residence recently. However, she suffered substantial cuts and bruises about the face and legs before her assailant fled, frightened by her screams.

Jane Oakleaf was on her way home to the graduate residence following her 9:00 p.m. class in Bethune, when she heard footsteps following behind her.

"I didn't think much of the footsteps," said Oakleaf, "because I thought there were other people around."

The assailant approached her from behind, grabbed her arm, ripping her coat sleeve, sweater and blouse, and "threatened to rape me" said Oakleaf.

She told Excalibur, Tuesday, that her assailant had been

drinking because she "could smell the liquor on his breath". Oakleaf described her assailant as having a youthful voice, although she was unable to get a glimpse of his face.

"He kept hitting me on the head and threatened to break my nose, so I kept my face covered. I couldn't see anything, I didn't know what to do," she said.

Neither the Metro police, nor York security were informed of the incident. After consulting with friends, who advised her not to inform the authorities because "the case would probably be filed and put away somewhere", she decided not to report the incident.

York security director George Dunn confirmed that he was unaware of the rape attempt. "It is a personal choice for the girl, whether she wants to contact us or not," he said. "Many rape victims

feel that it isn't worth it to phone security or the police, because they feel that nothing will be done about it."

Dunn told Excalibur that if more crimes were reported, incidents of rapes and other types of crime could be reduced.

"I would personally help anyone, in the strictest confidence, who has been a crime victim," promised Dunn.

Meanwhile, a McLaughlin student was mugged and robbed in parking lot B, opposite McLaughlin college, Monday. The student received a cut to the head as a result of a blow from a blunt instrument, resulting in stitches to the head.

The incident was just another in a rash of muggings, rapes, and thefts that have taken place on campus this term.

## Jamaican teenager to be deported over technicality

By PAUL STUART

Some time today, perhaps as you are reading this, officials of the Immigration Department of Canada will take a black, 19 year-old, Metro high-school student to the airport and send him to his native Jamaica, where he has hardly any family, no job and no friends.

Nehemiah Richards is being deported because he is his father's illegitimate son and his adoption proceedings were not completed before his eighteenth birthday. So his father, Lloyd Richards, cannot sponsor him as an immigrant.

The Richards dilemma was presented in a Toronto Star article last Thursday. It has already caused ripples of protest in the York community.

Several members of the United Left Coalition (ULC) and the Third World Students' Union have been circulating a petition demanding that Immigration Minister Robert Andras intervene in the case and prevent Richards' deportation. Shortly before it was sent off on Monday, it contained approximately 125 signatures.

Jewish Student Federation director Lou Garber and CYSF president Dale Ritch have co-signed a letter to the editor of the Star, in which the Richards deportation is described as "unbelievably callous."

"As far as we're concerned, if the government can't prevent the deportation, it had better make sure Richards is allowed back to the only family he has ever known at the earliest opportunity. The first flight out of Jamaica after his arrival there, couldn't be too soon," reads the letter.

Bob O'Bright, an Information Officer with the Immigration Department told Excalibur on Monday, that Andras could not intervene because, "they've appealed and its gone the whole gamut. They've exhausted the legal avenues and there is no choice but to execute the order."

"Its not that everyone at Immigration is cold-blooded or anything like that, but we have to abide by the law," he said.

"And it's your law as much as our."

O'Bright claimed that if the Richards family had followed the Immigration Department's advice, they could have

avoided their present difficulties.

Lloyd Richards came to Canada in 1971. His wife followed two years later with two of their seven children, but because of Nehemiah's "illegitimate status", he had to stay behind with an aunt.

According to Mrs. Richards, who was contacted by Excalibur last Friday, his aunt became ill and she was forced to bring her stepson to Canada on a visitor's visa.

O'Bright contents that when the Richards family came to his Department and asked for advice on their son's case; they were told to begin adoption proceedings immediately.

The Richards say that they entrusted themselves to the guidance of a private Immigration consultant who took about \$200 in fees, and then proceeded to lose their file.

Time passed and Nehemiah reached his eighteenth birthday, too old to be adopted. Since Immigration law does not recognize him to be his father's son, his father cannot sponsor him as an immigrant. Nehemiah Richards is a visitor whose time is up.

Asked if he thought it was fair for Im-

migration to deport Richards when he and his family were apparently fleeced by an Immigration consultant, O'Bright replied: "I'm aware that these people may be naive, but an Immigration Officer, an expert employed by the Board, advised them clearly of their position. Immigration Officers don't charge anything, I might add."

O'Bright said that "every consideration would be given to Richards" if he applies to re-enter Canada. Asked if the Department would offer any concrete assistance to Richards, during and after his deportation, to ensure that his re-entry application is processed swiftly, O'Bright replied, "that's something I don't know about."

Gord Graham, one of the ULC members who has been distributing the petition, was not satisfied with O'Bright's explanation.

"The reason he doesn't know if the Department is going to give Richards any real help is because it won't. The Immigration Department wants to get rid of all the immigrants it can. I think they're going to ship Richards off to Jamaica and dump him there," said Graham.