

"Everyone and their uncle has the combination to the safe"

# \$11,000 stolen from general store

by NANCY PHILLIPS

A major theft has occurred at the United Cigar Store in Central Square. About \$11,000 cash was stolen from the store's safe on Friday, May 5. York Security reported that the store and safe were locked before the theft was discovered, and there were no signs of forced entry.

Metro Police are investigating the theft. An officer at 31 Division said, "Everyone and their uncle has the combination to the safe. Anybody could have gone in there — employees and ex-employees." It is also known that the combina-

tion has not changed in years.

"We only give the combination to people who've been here for a while and have to be here," said a spokesman for the store who wished to remain anonymous. He pointed out that the store's 84-hour week makes it impossible to have the manager on duty all the time. "You can't have [the store] operating with only two people," he said.

Brinks picked up \$806.83 from the store last Friday.

The United Cigar Store is privately owned and is not associated with the university.

# OPEN END OPEN AGAIN

## "Liquor on the house for staff has been eliminated"

by LIZ REYES

Vanier's Open End Pub is open again after being closed by the university from March 28 to April 5.

The Open End Management Board (OEMB) closed the pub near the end of March, after one of its beer shipments was rejected by the university's licence holder, Norm Crandles. Crandles' decision to cut off the pub's beer was the result of a communication breakdown between the pub and the university regarding the Open End's failure to pay its escalating debt of \$37,000.

Vanier master Mary Sue McCarthy said the Open End management and Crandles have decided how the debt will be paid. Vanier's College Council has paid \$10,000 towards its \$37,000 debt, leaving an estimated \$27,000 to be paid over the next three years. McCarthy said the debt may be forgiven at the end of the three years.

The Open End's pub manager, Elizabeth Mick, said she is satisfied with the agreement. She said that poor financial management

by former pub managers contributed to the debt.

"There was mismanagement all around, such as few inventory controls," said Mick. She added that former supervisors would allow free staff drinking to get out of hand after closing hours. However, she believes that new security measures will prevent recurrences of such past incidents.

"Liquor on the house for staff has been eliminated, and tighter inventory checks and new cash registers which display how many bottles are sold in a day will decrease stock shortages," said Mick.

The pub manager is also confident that the Open End will now stay on a financially steady course. Mick said that the Open End is current on all its payments.

Crandles reinforced these views.

"I don't expect any more problems. I believe that they'll take care of it," he said.

Mick, who began management of the pub in January, will end her term as manager in August.

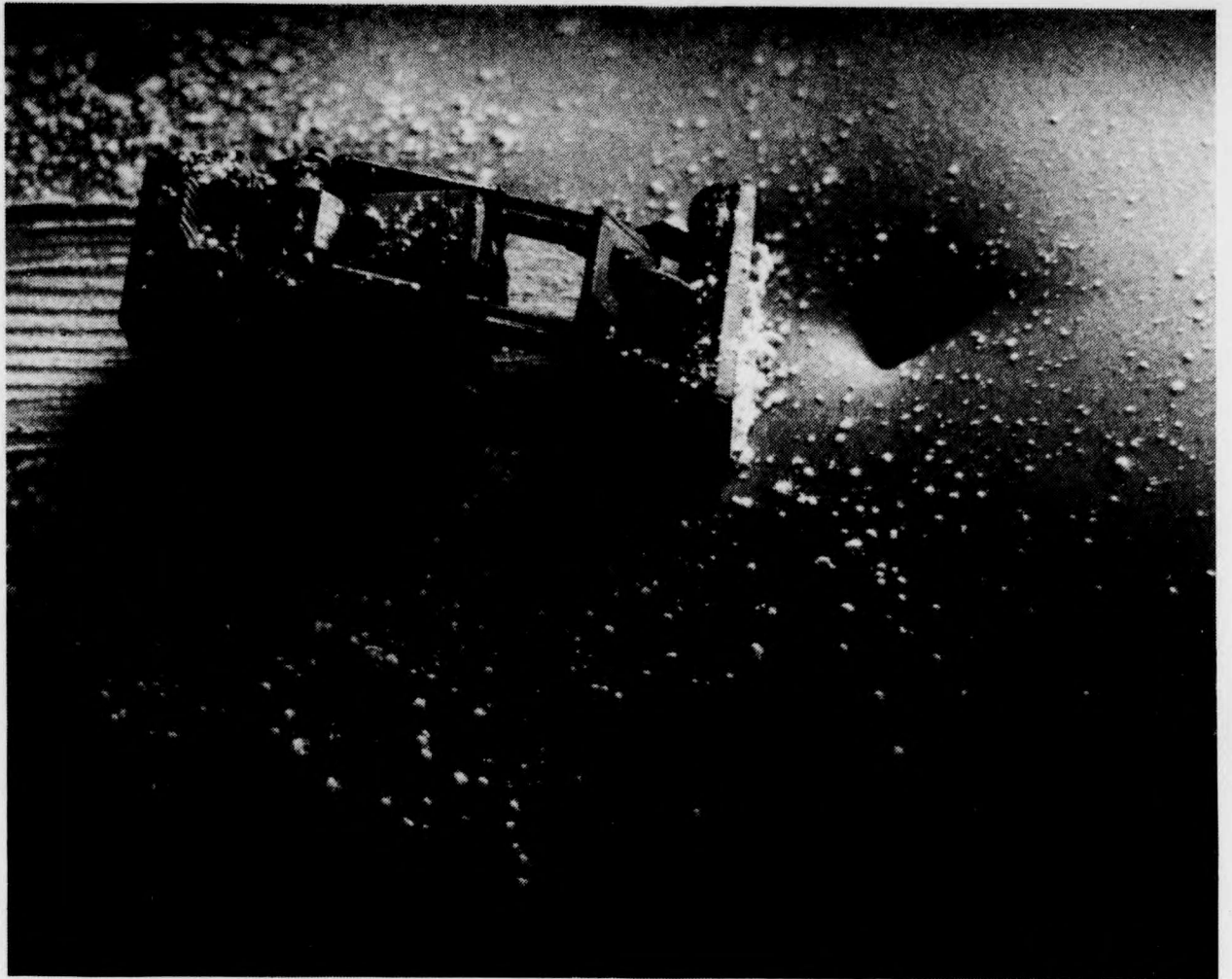


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# Construction Update

Construction on Fine Arts Phase III is in progress as floor slabs are poured, finishing touches on the exterior are made and mechanical and electrical trades are completed. Partial occupancy is slated for late summer 1989 and full occupancy is slated for the end of 1989.

The Student Centre, home of the majestic, towering crane, is on schedule and within budget as the foundation walls are poured. Occupancy is slated for spring 1990.

The construction of the Student Apartments, the wooden frame structures closely built to Fraser Drive, is in full swing. The roof is visible on the first of nine buildings, and underground services are

being installed.

The deferral of roadwork construction will be lifted after May 15, 1989. The deferral served as a courtesy to York students who may have found the noise a distraction from studying and writing exams. In the next month, the Moon Road extension and widening, the realignment of Fraser Road, the adjustments to the Fraser/Niagara intersection and the looping street around the Student Apartments will be completed.

Also the final design stages of the cross-campus fire access route are being made. The route, built to facilitate emergency access on campus, will run from Moon Road to Parking Lot DD.

# securitybeat

- A female York resident called Security on April 28 when her former boyfriend was following her around and standing outside her apartment door. Neither the woman nor her boyfriend are associated with the university.
- Seven tires on various parked security and safety vehicles were slashed on April 28. The estimated damage is \$1,000.
- A York resident reported that his Yamaha 450 CD stereo and NAD 6130 cassette player were stolen from his unlocked room on April 29, sometime between 1:00 pm and 11:00 pm. The estimated value of the equipment is \$800.
- A male crawled on the floor to peer up a seated female student's dress at Scott Library on May 1. The male departed quickly when he realized he had been observed. He was described as white, 6'2", approximately 20 to 30 years old, with blond shoulder length hair.
- One coffee table and 13 end tables were stolen from the Stong Junior Common Room on May 1. The room, which is normally locked, had been left open. A pick-up truck carrying similar items was seen departing from the loading area at about the same time the theft was presumed to have occurred.
- A VCR worth \$859 was either lost or stolen on May 2. It was reported that the Hitachi model (serial number 521111139) was loaned to a second party who left it in the care of a third party.
- A faculty member reported on May 2 that his filing cabinet had been searched and that a number of private and personal papers were removed.
- A mentally disturbed male who was pushing a baby buggy containing what appeared to be stolen store items was detained by Security on May 3. He was handed over to a relative. The buggy and its contents have been held as evidence.



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