

Lighting high on list of new committee

By ELIZABETH REYES

Improving lighting at York's campus is high on the list of concerns to be addressed in early October by a soon-to-be instituted York Security Advisory Committee.

Acting committee Chairman Norm Crandles said the security committee is still in the formalizing stage and it is likely that the entire process will not be finalized until early October. The committee, which is comprised of a cross-section of representatives across York's campus, is then expected to examine in-depth York's immediate security concerns and make recommendations to the administration.

"The lighting on campus is one concern that is recognized by York's students and Faculty as a serious security risk," said Joe Zammit, Council of York Federation's (CYSF) Vice-President of External Affairs.

"The York parking lots in one night service just as many people as the nearest mall but the lights are not effective in most of the lots. . . The lights are not bright enough near shrubbery or between the buildings across the campus and it has become evident that this situation warrants immediate attention."

Zammit said the students want

adequate lighting on campus and the University has a legal responsibility to provide it.

"It is no longer a question of money," added CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt. "The amount of development occurring on campus is evidence that the University has the money. Everyone is aware that the lack of proper lighting on campus presents a security risk but nothing is really being done about it."

Crandles remarked that the timing of the committee's inception — the end of the last academic session — and the long procedures to formalize the committee are the two main reasons that the committee has not yet started to tackle the lighting issue.

But CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt and Joe Zammit believe that it will take a lot more active participation on behalf of the students in the form of letters to Security Director Michael O'Neil and the administration to really make things happen.

"We need more feedback from the grass-roots across campus so that we will know if the students support our arguments," Zammit said. "Then we can take their recommendations to the Administration who will determine if more money will be allocated for increased lighting."

York parking lots full

By NANCY PHILLIPS

The final tally isn't in, but there are more cars parking on campus than ever before. Outlying lots are full early in the morning, and cars are parked in fire routes and on the grass.

Director of Security and Parking Michael O'Neil said the situation should ease up next week. He explained that as classes get settled people will spend less time on campus. He added that in September a "lot of students bring their cars because they have not yet found someone to pool with."

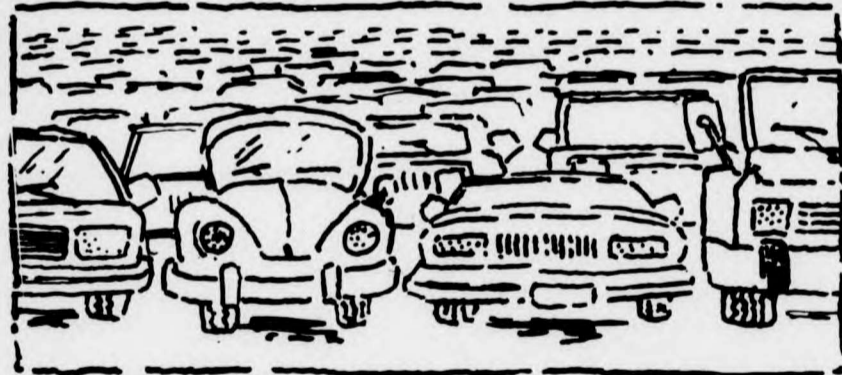
Very few tickets have been issued since classes began as Security and Parking is aware of the demands being put on the unreserved lots. As the situation eases, more tickets will be handed out.

O'Neil explained that "We want to see what happens three weeks from now, to see how much demand there is. There are so many cars and so many people getting straightened out that it's (issuing tickets) not going to do us any good."

"We're very public relations conscious. We want to treat our customers well," he said.

Unreserved decal holders are nevertheless visibly aggravated by the parking situation.

"I can't stand it," said Lorne Pollock, a second year Osgoode student who completed his first two years of undergraduate study at York. "People used to laugh at you if you ever parked near the back of any lot. Everyday last week I parked in the last row or on the grass. Clearly, there is not enough space and something has to be done."



Advising first year students

By JESSICA RUDOLPH

For a student entering university, York can be an intimidating and impersonal place. From "What if I can't find my class?" to "What if I don't have what it takes to be a university student?" students are full of questions, but often don't know where to turn for answers. The Advising Network can help.

The advising network's aim is to facilitate the transition into university life. During course selection every student is assigned an advisor associated with the student's college. Of 350 advisors, about two thirds are upper-year students, while the rest are faculty members. Since all advisors have had experience either attending or working at York, they are able to answer questions or direct the student to someone who can.

One of the most important functions the Advising Network performs is its role as a referral service. Many first-year students worry that they will flounder at university because they have never been taught proper time management or study skills. Others are nervous because they do not know how to write an essay or have undecided career goals and are unsure about their major.

Advisors can help allay such fears by directing first-year students to resources such as the Learning Skills Programme, the Writing Workshop, and the Career and Placement Centre.

The Advising Network began two years ago as an experiment involving only Vanier and Founders colleges. One of every three incoming students was randomly selected and assigned a Faculty Fellow as an advisor.

The new programme had its flaws. Co-ordinator of the Advising Centre Nancy Accinelli remembers receiving calls from distressed advisees who wanted to know why they had been singled out—had a high school guidance counsellor put in a bad word?



ADVISING NETWORK: Helping the frosh face York.

Was something wrong with them? As well, it became clear to organizers that the project had to be expanded to include all first-year students.

Though other universities have advising programmes, York's is distinctive by virtue of its size — each of the 4,200 incoming students is assigned an advisor. This year a record 2,000 students participated in the Academic Orientation Day on September 6.

Student advisors are chosen on the basis of successful adjustment to university and a strong commitment to academic pursuits. A high grade point average and/or a college recommendation is the usual prerequisite. The Advising Centre welcomes inquiries from students interested in the programme, particularly former Winter/Summer students,

who are needed for Winter/Summer advising.

Though a second round of advising sessions is scheduled for November, Associate Dean Deborah Hobson and Accinelli encourage first-year students to contact their advisors now. If a student does not remember the name of his or her advisor, or does not remember having had one assigned, the Advising Hotline should be contacted.

Services mentioned in the article:

Advising Hotline	736-5022
Career and Placement Centre	736-5351
Learning Skills Programme	
c/o Counselling and Development Centre	736-5297
Writing Workshop	736-5134

CHRY hip-hops towards its goal

By STUART ROSS

Community radio station CHRY FM, located in Vanier College, kicked off its first On-Air Fundraising campaign yesterday at noon. The station had raised nearly \$900 nine hours into its campaign. *The Jam Factor*, a three-hour hip-hop show, gave the station's drive a hefty boost.

A harried Kaan Yigit, the station's Program Director, said the first day was "very encouraging. These things usually start off slowly and then snowball. There's no telling what will happen, but there's a lot of excitement around here, and our spirits are up."

The station hopes to raise \$21,000 by midnight on October 2. CHRY can be found at 105.5 FM. The pledge line is 736-5656.

Metro Police have charged John Savio with a false pretense offence.

SECURITY BEAT

Security nails medical fake

By JAMES HOGGETT

On Wednesday September 15, a male posing as a doctor phoned in a prescription to Shopper's Drug Mart (located in Central Square). The pharmacist contacted the doctor, who denied making the call.

York Security and Metro were called. An undercover security officer made the arrest when the male attempted to pay for the prescription.

A York student reported his car was stolen from a York parking lot on September 19. The blue 1986 Mazda was taken from Parking Lot D (near the track and Field Centre) sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

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