

Transcript cost raised

By MARTIN HYDE

The cost of an undergraduate transcript has been increased from \$3 to \$4 per copy. The increase took effect on September 1.

Transcript Office Manager N. Berman cited increased costs in labour, paper, postage and equipment as reasons for the hike.

Berman said, "We're trying to get some cost recovery. That way we don't take as much away from university funds." Berman added that although the increase will make the office somewhat more self-sufficient, the cost to the office of producing a transcript is between \$14 and \$15.

Transcript prices were last raised in 1985 from \$2 to \$3. U of T currently charges \$5 for the first transcript and \$2 for each successive one.

Students interviewed did not seem to mind the increase but some questioned the method the Transcript Office now employs. "There should be a less expensive way of doing them, such as over a telephone link," said John Egnatis, a CA transfer student from Waterloo.

Berman said the Office did examine other methods of sending transcripts, such as over Net North, a data transfer network, or by FAX. He added, however, that Net North still presents security risks since people can tap into computer links, and using FAX would create excessive expense.

Transcripts may be requested at the Transcript Counter in the West Office Building from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Volunteers in demand

By PHILIP SEWELL

The York University Volunteer centre, now in its third year of operation, is looking for students to accommodate its increasing demand for volunteers.

The Centre, itself staffed by volunteers, acts as a clearing house for positions from over 200 organizations. Most of them require a commitment of only two to three hours a week.

While the centre does not limit its services to students, organizer Dave Zeidenberg says that volunteer work provides a unique opportunity for students to gain work experience while being useful to the community. Some of the more popular positions include teachers' aides, psychological counsellors, probation officers and judges' aides.

The Centre receives its funding from the CYSF with additional assist-

ance from the colleges. It is a joint project of the CYSF, the Office of Student Affairs, and the Community Relations Office.

Centre workers say demand for volunteers is always high and whether your motives are altruistic or careerist, your services are welcomed. The office is located in the Student Peer Support Centre in Central Square and can be reached at 736-3576.

TTC to be interrupted

By HOWARD KAMAN

Campus TTC service will be temporarily interrupted this Sunday from approximately 8:30 to 1:00 a.m. because of the York-Finch Hospital Fun Run which will wind its way across the University grounds.

About 300 runners, some of them disabled, will be involved in the charity run which was disrupted by the TTC in 1986. Last year the event was held during a York University Staff Association (YUSA) strike. TTC honoured the labour dispute by remaining off-campus.

Tribute paid to students

By JEFF GALLANT

The Faculty of Arts paid tribute to its intellectual elite on September 27 and 28.

A reception was held in the Art Gallery of York University (AGYU) both days to honour 500 outstanding students from the graduate and undergraduate programmes. Invited were students who received in-course scholarships, given to those with a grade point average of at least 8.0, as well as incoming undergraduate students who received government scholarships.

The event was organized to give financial and moral support to students, which Dean Deborah Hobson, chief organizer of the receptions, believes is lacking. She said the scholarship programme at York is "highly underfunded," making it difficult for York to compete with other universities for top students. Awards such as book prizes were given to students who placed first in their field and year, and the Merit Award — a \$250 grant — was awarded to first year students.

In addition to this event, Hobson has organized the "Distinguished York Faculty Speaker Series," to take place later in the school year. Information on these scheduled talks by visiting professors is available from the Office of the Dean at 930 Ross.

York fans bring food

By DIONNE HARDING and BOB SHAIRULLA

The 800 fans who attended the Yeoman game on Sept. 24 were able to support the North York Harvest Food Bank. With every can of food brought in, the regular admission price to the game was reduced by one dollar.

"I was happy with the programme," said Joe Zammit, CYSF Vice-President of External Affairs. "We filled up three large boxes of food. The food bank was very pleased with our donation."

The CYSF, who facilitated this arrangement, has been committed to raising food annually since the Food Bank was established in 1986. The food collected will be used to supply emergency food programmes, women's shelters, and children's breakfast clubs. The Bank also aids low-income families.

Harvest Executive Director Lorne Freid sees the annual food drive as "a way for York to bring the North York community together." Last year not only CYSF but individual colleges held their own food drives.

Freid acknowledges that "there is room for greater potential and participation because drives such as these are essential to the community."

Fortunately, due to the success of the football game as a food-raising event, the Bank's yield is twice that of the past two years combined.

The CYSF has contributed through past venues such as hockey games and Orientation, and will continue to plan events to raise supplies for the Bank.

United Way kicks off

By BRIAN ARCHDEKIN

The York chapter of the United Way is about to kick off its third annual fund-raising campaign in an effort to reach this year's goal of \$100,000. This figure is \$28,000 more than the amount raised last year.

Jackie Racken, Publicity Coordinator for the York campaign, explained that this year's effort will involve North York corporations and politicians in hopes of enhancing community involvement in the fund-raising.

Vaughn Mayor Lorna Jackson and North York Mayor Mel Lastman have been invited to tour the campus. In addition, a number of York departments will be running small events throughout the two-week campaign.

Events run from October 1 to 15.

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