EWS DIGEST

Government \$10 million grant will give York a new office building

By LIDIA CABRAL

"To Be or Not to Be?" That is the question. Now that the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities has come up with 10.5 of the 17 milion required for the construction of a new classroom and office building at York, the pressure is on the YUDC (York University Development Corporation) to come up with the remaining 6.5 million dollars.

York President Harry Arthurs has great hopes that the YUDC will make up the 6.5 million difference through the sale of a parcel of land in the southwest corner of the campus for residential development. YUDC Vice President Greg Spearns believes that it will take several months to straighten out the details of the sale, and several months more before construction on the site can actually begin.

Proposals for the building have been narrowed down to two locations: the east side of the Ross building or right next to Steadman on its north boundary.

The question regarding the new building project at York has been successfully answered, what remains whether YUDC will be able to fulfill its end in the sale by raising the balance of the bulding's cost.

Computer company to lease land on campus

By STEVE SOMER

A North York computer company has leased land from York University for a term of 70 years, guaranteeing the university \$3 million over that period in the process.

Under the terms of the agreement, the first business arrangement of this type between York and a private company, the university will lease land located on Keele St. just south of Steeles Ave. to Computer Methods of North York. The company will use the 60,000 square foot building—currently under construction—as research and office facilities.

In accordance with the agreement negotiated by the York University Development Corporation (YUDC), the university will take possession of the building from Computer Methods after the 70-year lease expires.

Due to the nature of Computer Methods' business, its presence on campus may benefit York's Computer Science department in the areas of teaching and research. Alan Berg, the President of Computer Methods, is currently working with York's research department in efforts to establish a cooperative relationship between his company and the university.

Charges laid against Mac Council members

By ZENA MCBRIDE

Allegations of financial impropriety resulted in charges being laid by the University against two members of the McLaughlin College Council last

Council President Howard Beach, and Business Affairs Minister Steve Morrel were charged after a complaint was lodged with the College by a photographer who was employed by the Council at the time. According to Beach, the photographer based his grievance on what he felt was an attempt by Morrel to procure a bribe during a business luncheon. A further charge relating to the unauthorized use of College Council funds was later filed against Beach following an investigation of the matter by the college.

As a result of these allegations

Professor Lanphier, the new Master of McLaughlin College, called for the resignation of Beach from his post as Council President, and for the expulsion of Morrell from the College. Both have contested the charges.

Beach and Morrell were charged with major infractions under presidential regulation #2, which governs non-academic affairs. Under this regulation, those charged in this manner are granted the right to have their case heard by a University tribunal. The regulation was implemented in the spring of last year, and according to Brenda Hanning Assistant Director of Student Affairs, this is one of the first cases to be tried under the new rules.

Security and Parking gets new director

By JAMES FLAGAL

York's security department has undergone many changes over the summer, including the appointment of a new director.

Michael O'Neil, a former inspector with Metro Police, was appointed as Director of Security and Parking in late May. O'Neil most recently served as a liaison with the Metropolitan Board of Chiefs of Police

O'Neil's appointment comes after the resignation of Jack Santarelli who opted out for an early retirement last November after he made some controversial comments in an *Excalibur* interview. In addition, morale on the force was extremely low after a number of mugging incidents on campus last fall, and a dispute over the officer's schedule.

O'Neil is already attempting to replace the controversial Timkin Schedule which prevents many security officers from getting weekends off. He has also implemented a program to improve the self-defense capabilities of security officers through a seminar program which will be run throughout the year. O'Neil also plans to publish a paper which will outline officers' specific powers.

The security department also acquired a computer which will, according to O'Neil, greatly increase security's effectiveness in preventing crime. O'Neil says officers can now get information simply through a call to the central headquarters which will have access to all files on the computer. So the people who have already received a warning, O'Neil added, can be identified immediately.

O'Neil is also hoping to start a system whereby students can apply for parking permits through the mail. According to O'Neil, those students who purchased a decal this year will receive an application during the summer which they can complete and return to the parking office through the mail. This way, O'Neil says, students simply pick up their decal at the beginning of the year and avoid parking line-ups.

CHRY all set to hit FM airwayes in October

By MARY JANKULAK

On October 13, 1987, Radio York joins ranks with CIUT and CKLN to become Toronto's latest campus community station, and North York's only radio station.

With the approval of the CRTC for an FM license in April, 1987, Radio York will be transmitting a 50 watt signal reaching across campus and into the Downsview/North York community. For the past 15 years, Radio York (located in 258A Vanier College) has been broadcasting closed circuit. Its familiar strains of music were most often heard from the bear pits in Central Square by students dashing off to classes.

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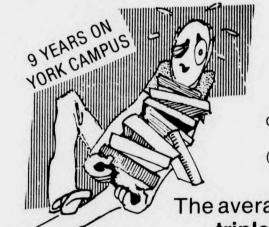
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