

Another fatality at Keele Street intersection

Toll of dead, injured mounts at killer corner

By LILY CONTENTO

Another fatal accident occurred at the Keele Street/St. Lawrence Blvd. intersection—York's main entrance—last Thursday. Dead is York student Brenda Conn, 22.

The accident is one of several at the same corner this year and the second fatality. York student Carolyn Rosenberg, 20, was killed at the intersection in January.

Conn was traveling in a car driven by Richard Fox at 9 p.m. last Thursday evening. According to 31 Division police, Fox was attempting to turn left onto St. Lawrence Blvd.

while driving northbound on Keele St. when his car was struck by another vehicle traveling southbound on Keele St.

Besides Conn, three people were injured and taken to York-Finch hospital. Fox was treated for head injuries and released.

The other driver, Mario Recine, was listed in serious condition and his wife Venerande is in critical condition.

Conn was rushed to hospital but succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced dead approximately one hour later.

The intersection has long been criticized as dangerous.

Carolyn Rosenberg's mother helped lead to alterations made to the stoplights earlier this week.

Metro Roads and Traffic workers installed a

permanent left-turn signal on Monday. The signal allows drivers to make left turns only when the left-turn arrow is on. Before this week, the signal at the intersection gave a flashing advance green at rush hours only.

Metro Roads Deputy Commissioner E. Richman said the change to the traffic lights is temporary and his department is considering more changes. "We're looking at improving the intersection by reshaping it," he said.

Patty Gosse, manager of Founder's Cock and Bull, where Conn had worked since 1980, said she was shocked and saddened. "It's a hard thing to accept," she said. "We'll miss her."

In tribute to Conn, the Cock and Bull pub was closed last weekend.

York campus cleared of fire hazards says NYFD

By DAVE BYRNES

York University has been given a clean slate by the North York Fire Department after a "dangerously flammable" seating platform was removed from Atkinson Theatre Studio last month.

There are now "no real life-threatening fire hazards" at the Keele St. campus, according to NYFD Chief Alan Speed. The department has been conducting fire safety inspections at about 50 campus buildings in the last two months.

The platform in Atkinson was "an unapproved installation" that was built last year when the room was upgraded from a dance studio to an auditorium. The theatre's production manager, Jeff Stewart, said he is "still not sure why permission was not sought (for the seating platform)."

The theatre was closed for two weeks while the platform was removed and the stage floor coated with fire-retardant chemicals.

All public buildings in North York are subject to an annual inspection, which involves ensuring that fire safety equipment is properly maintained and that safety precautions, such as the proper use of fire doors, are being enforced. Inspectors also look for fire hazards, such as accumulations of combustible materials.

Although York's campus buildings were given a routine inspection this year they may be up for considerable fire safety renovations in the future, said Chief Speed.

He said the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office is considering including colleges and universities in a program initiated last April to "retrofit" public assembly buildings that were built before 1975.

Speed said that although the Keele St. structures were built in accordance with less stringent fire safety regulations than today's guidelines, he is "not unduly worried" about their safety "given proper maintenance."



So you think you've got it bad? These students, shown in a lineup Tuesday at Atkinson College, are waiting to register for courses Wednesday.

news bits

Conlin reelected GSA president

Graduate Students Association (GSA) President Terry Conlin was reelected with three times more votes than his opponents in last week's elections.

Conlin, a political science graduate student, took 98 votes to Stephen Kerr's 32, with a total of 133 votes cast last Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. There was a 10 percent turnout for the approximately 1,100 eligible GSA voters.

Paul Szymanski received 82 votes over John Hohn's 45 to win the position of secretary. Treasurer Geoffrey Johnson, Vice-President (Science) Mahmood Amani, and Senators William Mantin and Bruce Smardon were all acclaimed.

The vice-president (Arts) seat remained vacant. It will be up to the executive now to fill the vacancy, according to GSA Chief Returning Officer Jim Freemantle.

Profitless pub

Stong College Student Council is proposing that the Orange Snail Pub operate on a non-profit basis next year "to give better service to students."

If the plan comes into effect, sales from alcoholic beverages will subsidize non-alcoholic food and drink.

All alcoholic beverage prices (with their mark-up) will remain stable while other drinks will see a slight decrease, according to pub manager Lynda Finlay. About 60 percent of sales are from alcohol.

Last year, the Snail grossed \$15,000 profit

between September and January and totaled \$40,000 at year end.

About 100 council members voted in favor of the idea while 18 opposed as the approximately 150 members cast ballots in the college council meeting last Thursday.

College fee hike

Tuition fees for Ontario's 22 community college students will increase by 5 percent this year, Colleges and Universities Minister Bette Stephenson announced this week.

The hike means a \$25 rise to \$545 from \$520, said Stephenson.

She said the increase will apply to both Canadian and foreign students and is within the government's 5 percent restraint program.

The jump affects about 100,000 full-time students.

Other Campuses

Unequal fees

The Québec Government has said it will establish differential fees for out-of-province students of approximately twice the existing amount. The new fee increase of 33 percent will come into effect June 1985.

There is concern on the part of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada that such an increase will act as a deterrent to students who wish to study Canada's second official language.

For now, currently enrolled international students will continue to pay \$4,350, while others will fork out over \$5,800. Canadian students pay an average of \$450 in tuition, but by 1985 anyone outside Québec may be charged about \$1,000.

Currently, no university in Canada makes students from other provinces pay more. Deputy Education Minister Michele Fortin says Québec wants "reciprocity" from English out-of-province students.

Tuition fees have not increased for 10 years in Québec, and the province has the cheapest university education in Canada.

No news is news

The Students' Union at Fredericton's Saint Thomas University is trying to stop the presses of its student paper forever.

At a recent council meeting, council voted to fire the editorial board of the *Aquinian* and announced it was accepting applications for the job. A week earlier they had ordered the paper to cease publication and requested the student union building director to change the locks on the office doors.

In a short press release issued March 14, the student union cited an \$1,800 deficit and dishonesty in reporting as reasons for the action.

Despite council's efforts, the paper appeared March 14 under its phonetic namesake, the *Akwinyan*.

An *Aquinian* official maintains that the paper is in the black. Though the newspaper is temporarily in debt, it will receive \$3,000 in advertising in the near future, according to the official.

The paper is preparing for battle. Ex-student union president and law student Andre Faust is making a case for the paper to be re-presented at the union's next meeting. Faust says the action the union took is in violation of both the student union constitution and the Canadian Charter of Rights.

Cutbacks protest

More than 40 students chanting "Bovey and Bette are bogus," "Down with cutbacks," and "Rationalization is irrational" picketed the University of Guelph Board of Governors' monthly meeting last week in protest of the Bovey Commission.

Students also called for the resignation of Edmund Bovey from Education Minister Bette Stephenson's commission—which will make recommendations to change the university educational system—on the basis of "a conflict of interest." Bovey is chairperson of the commission as well as co-chair of the Guelph Board of Governors.

As the protestors chanted on, Bovey and other board members approved a five percent increase in tuition fees for all undergraduate students, ratified a six percent increase in residence fees, a 7.7 percent increase in the cost of mealplans, and a five percent increase in the overall price of Food Services food.

After the protest, the CSA held a "Cutbacks Concert" featuring the Reverbs. The CSA is also circulating a petition to oppose the Bovey Commission. More than 2,000 signatures have been collected to date.

—The Ontario University of Guelph