Editorial

A summer of flux paves the way for landmark birthday

While you've been up north, down south, braving Toronto's beaches with your dog Skip, or even working, life has gone on almost as usual at York University.

Summer scholars congregated in groups of three and four after classes, the pubs stayed open and eked out a living, and the pigeons that grace the Ross Building could be seen multiplying on the balcony of the Grad Lounge.

Although not the raging torrent of activity that it is now, this summer was eventful. York's sixth President, Harry Arthurs, was installed on May 9, followed by the appointment of Science Dean Ken Davey to the Academic Affairs Vice President's post in July. Then there was the installation of York's latest outdoor sculpture, a sheet metal conundrum that still has our art critic shaking his head.

Construction of a faculty lounge, tentatively titled "Harry's Bar and Grill," began in mid-August, right next door to Excalibur, where it was necessary for workers to jackhammer for days, shattering the fragile nerves of our typesetter and finally drilling through his power cables.

The construction of the new Life Sciences and Environmental Studies Building proceeded smoothly, while from CYSF head-quarters, short bursts of maniacal laughter could be heard from Student Council President Reya Ali, as he mastered his plan for revising the presently unrepresentative central student government.

And lovers of cuisine take note: Rill Food Services has been sold! But alas, while the ownership has changed, the food will probably remain the same. Don't get fooled by the shrimpette, and watch out for "Seafood Newburg," full of strange jelly-like claws of lobsters.

Then, of course, there was the Players Challenge tennis tournament that made the name York University famous on subway platforms across the city. And, in a daring move, the Department of Safety and Security Services changed its name to the Department of Security and Safety Services.

Enough nostalgia.

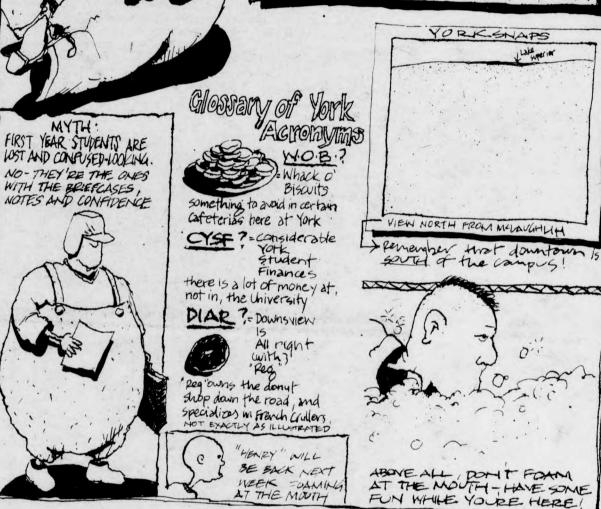
Now York is looking ahead to a watershed year in its short 25-year history, as the reality of massive development of the Keele Street campus approaches. Over the summer a Development Corporation was formed which will start leasing and developing York's land to academically-related businesses as early as next year. This massive project will create desperately-needed office space and the revenue generated will in turn be used to pursue academic excellence. The Development Corporation is depending on the entire York community for input through an Advisory Council, to decide what kind of develop-

ment there will be—what kind of university we will become.

And let's not forget York athletics. Cresting on momentum generated last year from all their successes, York teams hope to produce even greater results this year.

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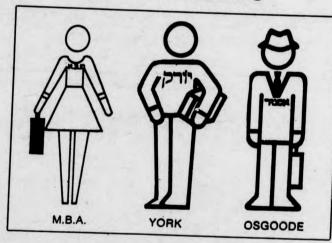


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