

Politicians support CYSF lobby for improved TTC night service

By NANCY PHILLIPS

Have you ever had to take a taxi, or a long walk across campus at night, because the Toronto Transit Commission's (TTC) buses had stopped running at 12:45 am? Or have you ever been stranded at Finch station late at night when there were no buses to take you back to residence? The CYSF is currently lobbying for increased TTC night service to prevent these situations.

Besides the inconvenience, York is not always safe at night, and long walks across campus could be dangerous. That is why the Metro Action Committee on Public Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC) is throwing its full support behind the CYSF's drive. Pat Marshall, Executive Director of METRAC, said "we're already working with the TTC on a number of security and safety issues, and we'd be happy to add York to our list."

Also supporting the move are Downsview MPP Laureano Leone; Councillor for Ward 5 Maria Augimeri (a York graduate); Controller Howard Moscoe, who stated that he will appear before the TTC with the CYSF if it becomes necessary; North York Mayor Mel Lastman; and MP Bob Kaplan, the Liberal Justice Critic from York Centre.

All of these politicians have, or will be sending letters to the TTC in support of extending TTC night service to and from York.

Joe Zammit, the Director of External Affairs for the CYSF, noted that in 1986 the TTC "provided late night services to Ross in the summer." However, because there were very few people on campus over the summer, the TTC did not make enough money and discontinued the service.

Zammit pointed out that if the TTC

had experimented anywhere from September to May, late-night service would have been successful. Therefore, Zammit believes that if York does get night-service in September, "it's so important that people know about it. We have to publicize it so it will get used."

The TTC claims that there is a 41-D bus that leaves Landsdowne Station at 1:10 am and this bus provides sufficient late-night service for York. Zammit however, claims that for safety and convenience reasons the Landsdowne bus does not provide adequate service.

Government to consider York-Spadina extension

By MIKE ADLER

It won't be very long before the Province commits itself to extending the Spadina subway to York University, said Transportation Minister Ed Fulton at a recent press conference. The commitment, however, could be three or more years away.

A Ministry of Transportation report released on May 24 says the extension to York "will be pursued," and the Sheppard subway option will be "protected and reviewed in five years," in part because of its great cost.

Allan Young, Director of Long-range Planning for North York, says the Province's decision to make a York extension an earlier project than the Sheppard subway shows a switch of past priorities. He added that a northwest line (to York) had originally been thought of as something for the far future.

Joint meetings with the municipalities involved will start at the end of this month, according to Richard

Zammit is also taking part in the lobby to get a four-month Metropass for the price of three. According to Zammit, Transportation Minister Ed Fulton is in favour of it, and is currently studying the issue. Fulton is looking at areas in Ontario that currently have student passes, such as Waterloo, to see how it works. He would like to implement it on a province-wide basis for all post-secondary institutions.

The "four-for-three" deal will cost the Ontario Provincial and/or Municipal governments an estimated \$2.3-3 million, said Zammit.

Puccini, Executive Director of Communications for the Transportation Ministry. Puccini says the government will pursue the project "as fast as all the parties can move."

Puccini stated that an alignment study will be conducted in order to determine the best possible route and the costs involved. The project will not proceed until it meets both TTC and municipal approval.

Puccini says, however, that the Province has not really shelved the Sheppard line, despite the wording of the report, and no priority has been assigned to the York extension so that it would be constructed first. Puccini added that the setting of the priority may well happen within the next three years.

Ministry officials have hinted that the sale of part of the Canadian Forces Base in Downsview—through which an extension may be built—or a successful bid by Toronto for the Olympics could speed the project toward construction.

Library to install new computers

By HOWARD KAMAN

York's system of libraries will become even easier to use this fall, with the introduction of a new computerized catalogue system.

The software, entitled *Notis*, will offer a broad range of services, not available with the current system. The "enhanced Yorkline," as it is referred to, will add many benefits to an already efficient, but outdated system.

Among the benefits are extensive "help" screens to orient new users and the ability to access all of the systems features from an outside

computer, through a modem and a telephone. While the current system is accessible to home computer users, its abilities are limited over the phone line.

The new features available both on campus (through more than 100 terminals in the libraries) and at home include full bibliographic details on every subject, displayed in an easy to read format, in addition to the circulation availability of each item in the library. The catalogue will be searchable by author, title and subject.

The *Notis* system is a popular one

designed specifically for use in academic libraries, like the one in Northwestern University, where it was developed in 1970. Since *Notis* recently became an independent company, the system has been installed in McGill and Windsor, and is currently being adopted by Queen's.

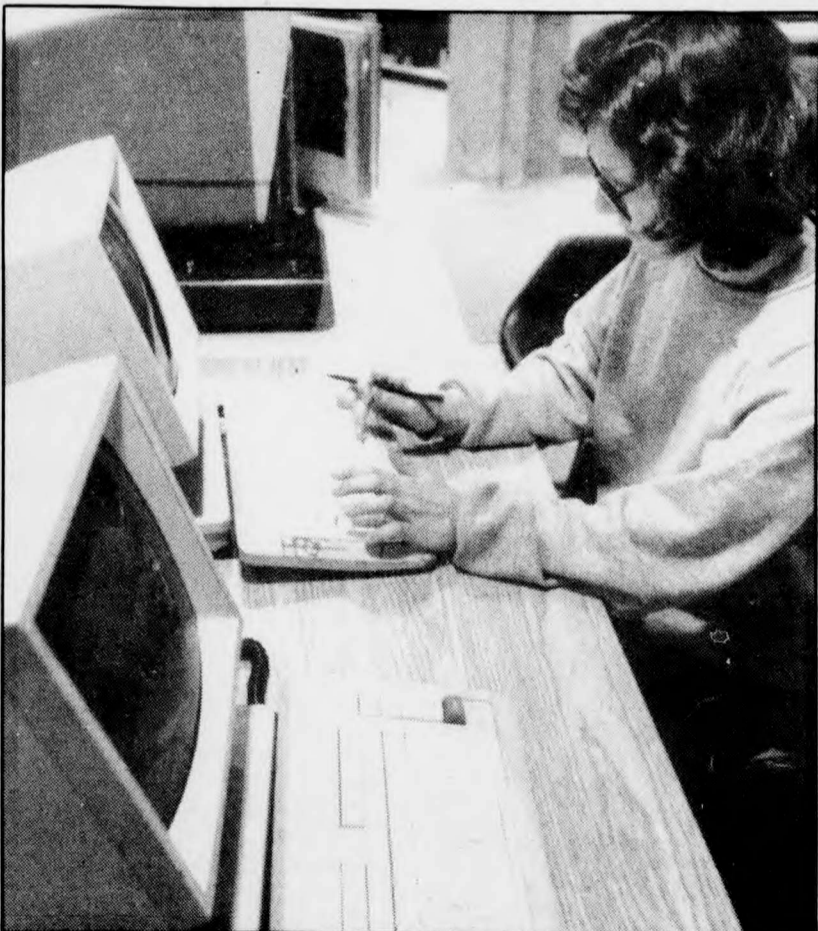
Since the decision to acquire the system was made in September of last year, progress to implement it has been steady, yet largely unnoticed to the library's staff and students. Over two hundred terminals, and fifty personal computers have been purchased, along with ergonomically designed chairs and tables to be used in all work sites. The wiring for the terminals is nearly complete, as is the installation of the pc's. The mainframe computer has been fully installed and tested.

The software, the most complicated aspect of the system to prepare, must be customized to the York Library system. Therefore a special task force has been created within the library to enter the one million bibliographic records into the system. A training program is also taking place to familiarize the library staff with the software.

Following the implementation of the catalogue by September, three additional modules will be installed at regular intervals over the next year. In May 1989, a circulation module will allow users to check the status of each item in the library.

In the summer of 1989, the York community will see the acquisitions module installed, replacing a 15 year old acquisitions system. Finally, a serials control module, allowing the status of serials to be monitored, will be installed late next year.

Ellen Hoffman, York's director of libraries expressed that the new system is an example of York's commitment to its libraries. "The old system had to be replaced," said Hoffman. "It was cumbersome."



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