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York's Community Chamber Orchestra celebrates York's 20th anniversary with Beethoven at Monday's concert.

## Litter rampant

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Are York University students messy or does it just seem that way?

Joe Carione, a custodian at York University for ten years, said the litter in the halls of the university has become progressively worse over the years.

Carione said this year is particularly bad for litter being left in the halls and on the seats in the lounge areas.

According to Carione students are too lazy to walk to the waste receptacles provided for them and deposit their litter. Because of the increase in litter, more custodial staff have had to be hired to alleviate this situation.

Two students caught in the act of littering, who wished to remain anonymous, said they did it because "everyone else did it" and "it keeps the custodians employed".

But Robert Cairns, Assistant Superintendent of day care-taking services who hires the custodians disagrees. "They are not here for that reason," he says. "They (the custodians) have a lot of square feet to cover in eight hours."

"The main problem area for litter is Central Square," according to Cairns. "The rest of the University can be cleaned between 11:00 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., however, Central Square is more than an eight hour job."

The Department of Physical Plant indicates that between six and seven tons of garbage per day is accumulated throughout York's campus. The cost of keeping the campus clean is in excess of \$2,000,000.00 per year.

Recently, in one of the lounge areas in Central Square, in one 10-minute period, 8 students left empty coffee cups, cigarette packages, and lunch wrappers on the seats of chairs or the floor. A quick calculation indicates that at that rate, 384 pieces of litter will accumulate in the lounge area in one day in not cleared by the custodians.

During the same 10 minutes, two students in the lounge area carried their coffee cups to the waste receptacles and deposited them there. They did it, they explained, because, "I don't like sitting in other people's garbage so why should they have to sit in mine? I don't do this at home, so why should I do it here?"

## New system cuts red tape

Gary Kenny

Next week, computer systems designers working with management personnel will complete the first phase of a four-phase plan to create a new student records system at York.

The system, designed to increase the efficiency of processing and retrieving information, represents a major step forward in administrative procedure at York, says Mel Bider, York's Registrar and the Chairman of the committee responsible for implementing the system.

By making information more readily available, we can save much time and effort otherwise lost on complex bureaucratic procedures, he said in a telephone interview.

Under the present system,

information must be converted into a form that is understandable by the computer before it can be processed. This conversion method involves keypunching the information on computer cards. The cards are then fed into the computer where the information is recorded and made available.

According to Bider, the drawback of the current system is that, depending on the backlog of information to be processed, it can take anywhere from five days to a few weeks before the information is finally reflected on the computer.

The new system completely bypasses the keypunch method. Authorized users can enter the information into the computer the moment it is received, guaranteeing its immediate availability.

"Students in particular stand to benefit from the new system," says Terry Boyd, Director of the Advising Centre and a participant in the system's design. "Less time

Phase one of the plan centers on application and admission procedure. The remaining three phases are enrolment/registration, reporting and transcripts, and

spent on searching out information means more time to respond to the needs of students."

other administrative activities such as accounting, alumni affairs, room allocations, etc.

Because the plan covers a long period of time, as yet no costs have been detailed. Officials estimate it will take two years for the system to become fully operational.

### Monty determined

## Food committee formed

Mike Monastyrskyj

Responding to the university administration's decision to increase surcharges on campus pub sales, the CYSF has formed a committee that according to Council of the York Student Federation President Malcolm Montgomery will "deal particularly with food and beverage issues."

He added that "the committee will be chaired by the director of Internal Affairs (Loretta Popiel) and its membership will be open to all interested members of the York community."

At present, the group is studying ways to fight the surcharge increases. Campus pubs must currently pay to the administration a twenty per cent tax on liquor but according to the new policy they would also have to pay a one per cent surcharge on gross sales. This second tax is to be increased annually until it reaches three per cent.

According to Montgomery, "We don't like to think the matter is closed. We will pursue it to the bitter end."

## U of T to raise fees

(CUP) Students at the University of Toronto can expect to face a 7 per cent fee hike next year, said U of T president James Ham.

Speaking at a student council meeting November 5, Ham said tuition will increase by the same amount as the university's provincial grant.

"The university is forced to live by its wits and resources as a result of provincial underfunding," he said.

Ham said the idea of system rationalization, recommended by the Ontario Colleges and Universities Association, would not alleviate university underfunding. Limiting duplication of courses, as the association suggests, would be a good thing, said Ham, but "it's not going to cure underfunding."

Ham said the university "must not be transformed or distorted by the currency of student prefer-

ences." He explained that funds had been reallocated from the faculty of arts and science to commerce to accommodate the increased enrollment in that faculty.

However, he said there would be no major commitment to restructure the balance of teaching staff because about half of the professors would disappear in the next fifteen years and the intellectual shape of the university would then change.

"The intellectual balance of the university must not be erased to accommodate undergraduate student preferences," he said.

Ham also mentioned the Ontario government's report on employment of university graduates which he said "dispels the myth perpetuated in the press that grads don't find employment. Grads in arts and science just take longer to find a niche."



## Sex harassment report draws fire

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