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AN AUTUMN SCENE: Yes, this is the Ross Building, standing in all its glory, while York has often been cited for its lack of aesthetic beauty, there are those few places far and in between on campus which can make a passerby look twice. But once through Central Square doors, the cold harsh architecture of the university returns, and such beautiful scenes are quickly forgotten. Is this schmaltzy or what?

Security rejects University contract proposal

By PAULA TORNECK

Last week in an overwhelming majority, York security officers rejected the administration's latest contract proposal.

After five months, contract negotiations between Administration and the security union proceed into the conciliation phases. The United Plant Guards of America's (UPGA) contract expired July 9, 1987. The last offer which the Administration presented on Tuesday, October 27, was rejected by 93% of the union. This was the last contact Administration has made with union officials. "We're not waiting for Administration to get back to us," said Andy Shannon, acting Chief Steward for the UPGA.

The union is asking for a wage increase and better benefits, such as a health plan that pays 50% of all medical bills and prescriptions. Both parties refused to divulge further details on their respective contract proposals.

Michael O'Neil, the newly-appointed Director of Security, explained that going public with the issues could jeopardize the progress of negotiations. "Right now, we are involved in conciliation talks, so I would feel it is in our best interest that we discuss the issues with the union rather than go public with any of the issues right now," he said.

O'Neil is quite confident that everything will run smoothly and a

settlement will soon be reached. His strategy for negotiations is "to hammer through the demands one by one."

Meanwhile, the Union is anxious to proceed with negotiations. "We're just sort of sitting and waiting for Administration to make their next move," said Shannon, and they'll base their move on the administration's response.

The UPGA is a fairly small union

on campus, consisting of around 50 people. It includes the security officers and parking staff.

Along with contract negotiations, O'Neil is trying to move away from the presently used "timkin shift" to a 12-hour work schedule. "People in security working the shift schedule were only getting one weekend off in 14. The 12-hour shift would mean that they would work three days on and three days off. This would

ensure that they would all end up with every second weekend off," said O'Neil. "Although this is not a negotiation item, I definitely think it is a stress factor," he added.

In order to get this underway, a labour management committee was set up at the same time contract negotiations were taking place. "This has gone further and we're now discussing the financial ramifications," said O'Neil.

Delivery man harasses student

By BLAIR COSGROVE

On Wednesday, November 4, at 4:00 a.m., four York security officers staked out McLaughlin College residence and detained a newspaper delivery man who allegedly assaulted a female student around the same time two days before.

The four officers, Rob Hughes, Joe Vanderklougt, Mike Weir, and Ed Caintar, received information from the student that the delivery man assaulted her when she went into the hallway after hearing the elevator door hitting the enclosure several times. The student investigated and found newspapers preventing the door from closing.

The newspaper delivery man followed the student back to her room and attempted to confine her in the hallway. He touched her on the face

twice. "He spoke to her in an abrupt and agitated manner," according to Michael O'Neil, Director of York Security Department. Finally, after several attempts to escape into her room, the student was able to close the door and end the incident. The student did not call security until the morning when a fellow resident advised her to do so.

The suspect had a complete set of keys to all the residences, according to O'Neil. The keys have been confiscated and not even security officers carry such keys, said O'Neil.

York Security turned the suspect over to Metro Police. After questioning the complainant and suspect, Constables Stevens and Carter of 31 division released the suspect. They were not available to commend on pending charges. If the police do not charge the suspect, York Security

will issue a trespassing notice to him, according to O'Neil.

O'Neil believes that through this method, the delivery man will be unable to come on campus, thus preventing him from fulfilling his duties and forcing him to go to his employer.

Initially, the police were investigating the incident as a sexual assault case, but now the suspect may be charged with assault only, O'Neil said. The incident does not constitute sexual assault unless the victim is touched on certain body parts or is verbally abused (in a sexual manner) while being touched on non-sexual body areas. He explained that since it is impossible to determine exactly what was said in the conversation between the delivery man and the victim, it is extremely difficult to push for sexual assault charges.

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