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York pub managers protest the surcharge on campus lounges

By DAVE FULLER and GORD GRAHAM

York's student entrepreneurial policy has finally caught up with the campus pubs and coffee shops. That is the message contained in a memo issued by Harry Knox, head of university business operations.

The memo, which makes a recommendation providing for an annual utilities charge levied against income producing entrepreneurial activities, would mean an additional \$3,000 to \$5,000 expense for student-run food services per year.

Although a motion to oppose the proposal was agreed upon at a recent meeting of pub managers and several college council representatives, the administration is hoping to discuss means by which the utility charge could be levied.

That meeting, to be held in Bethune college's club room, should prove to be well attended owing to the amount of money the proposal involves.

At the requested rate of \$2.94 per net assignable square foot (the actual floor space used by a facility) the sum would be substantial and would almost certainly cause a rise in prices. Mike Shook of the Orange Snail said, "It's going to mean either closing down or raising prices so that they will be comparable to outside businesses."

Shook added, "I can buy space in the CN tower for that price."

While it is unlikely that the proposed charges are on a par with anything that CN is asking, the comment is indicative of the exasperation felt by most of the managers. Janice Day who works at Norman's in Bethune maintains that "the students will end up paying for it in the long run."

In an interview with Excalibur, York assistant vice-president John Becker said, "the university is not here to provide cut-rate beer and services, although some managers hold this as a high priority."

A study of the square footage of major student business operations

revealed that, at \$2.94 per sq. ft., the cost of utilities for the graduate student lounge would amount to \$5,498 per year.

Other facilities on campus which would be paying the charge include Norman's (\$3,172), Open End (\$5,166), JACS (\$2,893) and The Cock and Bull (\$4,357). Argh and Ainger would be a little better off, paying only \$1,664 and \$2,308 respectively.

When asked why the administration decided to institute the utility charge at this time Beverage manager John Mitchell said that "the colleges and other outlets had to meet high expenditures last year. The establishment of canteen licenses and initial equipment requirements took whatever profits were available and the extra burden would have been too much for just about everyone."

This year, however, the university feels that the pubs are able to share utility costs, being better established and showing a healthy increase in food and beverage sales. The figure quoted in the Knox memo is "above the \$350,000 level".

John Becker, noted that the entrepreneurial policy allowed for a utility charge when it was released in 1972.

"It was the intention that sooner or later the student entrepreneurial activities should contribute to utility costs."

According to Becker "one of the

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Stalwart York commuter students stand more or less gracefully eastward. Note how the smiles sink into patiently at the bus-stop near Burton Auditorium, frowns as the queue reaches back toward the Ross building waiting for the next York rocket to whisk them.

Rally planned to protest report

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

A rally and demonstration to protest an Ontario government report advocating higher tuition fees has been organized for next Wednesday at 2:00 at the University of Toronto's Convocation Hall by the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

The rally, which is sponsored by university and college councils across the province including the CYSF and the Glendon Student Union is to be addressed by representatives of OFS, the University of Toronto's Student Administrative Council, and Walter Pitman, president of Ryerson, among others.

A march to Queen's Park will follow the rally and the demonstrators will then be addressed by representatives of the three main provincial political parties and finally by CYSF president Dale

Ritch.

The Henderson Report, released last November, calls for sweeping cutbacks in the province's social services. The report is especially hard on post-secondary school education, calling for tuition increases of 65 per cent as well as decreased student grants and an increase in the loan portion of provincial student aid.

Opponents of the report consider its recommendations as a direct attack on the concept of universal accessibility to post-secondary school education, a promise often stressed by the Conservative government in the prosperous 60s.

Organizers of the rally and demonstration feel it is an important step in fighting a potentially backward step in government policy. They feel the action will serve to bring debate on the report

to a head and into the spotlight.

Says Abie Weisfeld, CYSF vice-president for external affairs, "The rally and demonstration is going to launch a provincial anti-cutbacks campaign of a serious nature."

OFS representative, Marilyn Burnett added, "We've been presenting the government with briefs outlining student needs for the last four years and gotten nowhere. Now we have to take fairly drastic and militant action to show the government that students don't want higher tuition and that we don't want cutbacks in government grants or post-secondary school education in general."

"This rally should be viewed as just another step in the continuing build-up of student organization in Ontario and not the be-all and end-all of this year's actions."

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Election '76: "Bringing student gov't. back to the students"

By OAKLAND ROSS

Election fever. It hasn't hit yet, but this year's CYSF election is a mere two months away and creeping closer daily. Already, campus power-brokers, king-makers and a wide array of presidential hopefuls are sifting through scenarios in the back rooms of York. Already, the campaign preparations are shaping up as a battle to unseat the United Left Coalition which, this year, dominates the council.

At last count, no less than eight students were seriously considering tossing their hats into the presidential ring. One of these, Curtis Thomas, is energetically gathering support for the newly-formed Progressive Students' Movement which he sees as the fore-runner of a province-wide organization dedicated to bringing good business practices and liberal policies to student government in Ontario.

Curtis predicts that his group, now boasting a core of 20 active members, will run a full slate of

candidates in the spring elections.

The contest for the ULC presidential nomination has narrowed to two possibilities, Paul Kellogg from Founders and Gail Silzer from McLaughlin. ULC sources agree that Silzer has the inside track.

Most of the other hopefuls are



Jay Bell

independants, quietly watching the field develop before joining the fray. These will be the dark horses of the campaign, each with a small base of support in a particular college or department, each with a prospective election platform at or near the political centre.

All of these shadow candidates are opposed specifically to the image, if not to the policies, of the ULC.

Included in the list of shadow candidates are current CYSF rep from Stong Paul Hayden, York NDP club president Barry Edson, Winters College council member Gord Travers and Excalibur columnist Frank Giorno.

The wild card in the deck of possible candidates is Jay Bell, recently elected student member on the York board of governors. There is speculation, particularly among sources in college complex I, that Bell is hedging his political bets this year. Having sewn up his sport on the board of governors, he may yet declare his candidacy for CYSF president. (And, if he wins,

simply resign from the board.)

At least two shadow candidates, Barry Edson and Gord Travers, have declared that, if Bell runs, they will scratch themselves from contention and switch their support to him.

In fact, the first flickerings of a Draft Bell movement are beginning to light the campaign trail. Travers has said that Bell can count on massive support from Winters college, in particular, and from complex one, in general.

When pressed, Bell will admit that his candidacy is a possibility.

"If I felt I could be more effective as CYSF president than I can on the board of governors, then I'd consider running," he told Excalibur this week. "But I'd rather throw my support behind someone else — someone qualified and close to me on the political spectrum."

Bell knows of several people who fit the bill, none of whom are considering running.

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