

# A E Pi helps grieving brother

by Gavin Roth

Growing up, every person takes on a sense of right and wrong, a set of values that remains with them throughout the course of life. There are those who regard wealth and prominence highly and there are those who feel stronger about health and happiness. I, personally, regard friendship and family highest amongst my set of values. Recently, my faith in those values was rewarded as I had to turn to my friends to help me endure a crisis of tremendous proportions, the loss of my father.

The memories are still fresh in my mind, and rightfully so. They are the memories that every son has of his dad; going to a hockey game and holding onto his hand for dear life as the hords of apparent giants rushed to their seats, or camping up north and enthusiastically absorbing his recollections of life as a little boy, or sitting down and having an adult to adult discussion about my future plans.

He always carried that air of knowledge, that special wisdom;

always there with advice and a willing shoulder to cry on. But now he's gone and nothing I can do will ever bring him back.

My father, the greatest guy I'll ever know, died this summer, and while I can never bring him back, he still remains right beside me guiding me along life's crooked path.

This most unexpected occurrence left my family and me in a deep, dark state of confusion. We didn't know who to turn to, where to go. Without my dad, the backbone of our family, we were seemingly lost.

We would still be lost if it weren't for the help of some very special friends. While I can't speak for my mother and two sisters, I can describe the experience I felt.

A day hadn't passed before my fraternity brothers and sisters from Alpha Epsilon Pi, my fraternity, arrived to be with me. Nobody expected me to speak. They just sat with me and felt my pain, even absorbing some of my anguish. These truly wonderful people rushed to my side every day, leaving their own lives behind

to offer me comfort and companionship during a time when I reached the lowest depths of sorrow and insecurity. If it weren't for my friends in the fraternity I wouldn't have been able to get back up and continue. They guided me and filled me with words of inspiration that will stay with me forever.

Throughout my 20 years I've made many friends, most of which have come and gone as I've moved on. However, the friends I've made in Alpha Epsilon Pi are going to be my friends for life. They were there when I needed them and I am going to be there when they need me.

I'll never forget the words that Steve Offenheim, my friend and the master of our fraternity, offered to me. He told me that sure we party and travel and play hockey on Wednesdays and go to meetings on Sundays, but at times like these we forget about all that stuff and realize what brotherhood really means. I never could have realized such a great group of people existed had I not joined Alpha Epsilon Pi.



André Souroujoun

If the Central Square cafeteria cares so much about the environment, why are they still using styrofoam cups and trays?

# York not most dangerous school

by Brian Gold

A recent, informal comparison of Ontario universities suggests that York does not rank first in any category of security offenses.

Pam MacDonald, interim director of security, and Eric Pond, assistant director of security, conducted the study in preparation for a recent interview at York's radio station, CHRY. Both officials promised more rigorous comparative studies in the future.

From January to October 1989, there were 16 counts of common assault reported at York. The highest total at an Ontario university was 30, however, MacDonald and Pond refused to say which schools had the highest rates in any category. York was the site of 263 thefts (private and university) which gave it a ranking of fifth among its counterparts. York's total of three sexual assaults ranked third highest among Ontario universities. York was the site of three break-and-enter attempts, ranking second in Ontario. In the area of vandalism, York ranked third with a total of 167 offenses, compared to 549, which was the highest figure in Ontario.

Although York's totals may seem high, Pond explained that the universities' populations must be factored into the equation. York's 43,000 commuters comprise the largest commuter population among Ontario universities. As Pond explained, "Due to its size, a fair comparison would pit York against the city of Barrie."

The discrepancy between security systems at various universities creates another area of difficulty in comparing security offenses, said Pond. York is one of only four universities which does not have a special constable force. As a result, university crime statistics are not kept in the same manner, said Pond.

The commonplace problem of under-reporting was also a factor. Some crimes on campus are never reported. Pond would not give estimates as to the numbers of offenses which were actually committed at York.

Both Pond and MacDonald stressed that the rate of security offenses at York has dropped considerably over the last three years. In 1987, there were 1,394 total offenses committed. The fig-

ure dropped to 1,200 in 1988 and over a 10 month period in 1989 the number of offenses was 768.

The two officials agreed that York's escort service caused the decline in crime. York, McDonald called it, "Far and away the most impressive service of its kind." Pond added that other universities are beginning to emulate York's service and pointed to Western as one example.

Recently, a meeting concerning security took place at the University of Waterloo. Approximately 25 Ontario universities and colleges were represented, said MacDonald. Of paramount importance was the issue of official statistics on security offenders. Documentation of security offenders would help deter crime at universities, according to Pond, since officials could notify each other as to criminal records of transfer students.

MacDonald said she hoped York's impressive security record would not lull students into a false sense of security. As she explained, "While we do want people to feel safe, we do not want them to stop being vigilant."

# News Digest

by Susan Vanstone

**LIBRARY THEFT:** A compact disk indexing five years of more than 400 Canadian business and current affairs newspapers and periodicals was stolen from a CD player in the Government Documents Library two weeks ago.

The disk, useless without the necessary hardware, will be replaced this week, said director of libraries Ellen Hoffman. Head Government Documents librarian Vivienne Monty said the \$100 penalty replacement charge was waived by the distribution company, since York has never had to replace a disk before.

Monty also said the library's security will be "more stringent." Students will have to provide identification and sign in before using disks. The purchase of a lockable CD player is also possible.

**VR-ES VICTIMS REIMBURSED:** Students who filed claims for expenses resulting from their use of the Voice Response-Enrolment System (VR-ES) have been reimbursed by the university.

A total \$3,713.17 of the VR-ES budget was paid to claimants. Of 68 claims, 59 were approved, two were withdrawn and seven failed to include

documentation of expenses. Claims ranged from 75 cents to \$204, according to publications coordinator and VR-ES committee member Lorie McRae.

McRae said she doubts reimbursements will be issued next year if the planned toll-free 800 VR-ES phone number for fall/winter 1990-91 enrolment is implemented.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Fine Arts Phase II is near completion. The 7,000 square-foot Terrazzo Lobby floor is currently being installed.

Student apartments north of Assiniboine Road, otherwise known as "Passy Garden Apartments," will be partially ready for occupancy in April. The remainder will be ready in a couple of months following.

The Calumet building's foundations are substantially complete. Above-ground work will begin soon.

The gravel parking lot south of Winters is operating as a daily fee only lot. It will be paved in the summer.

The fire access route south of Central Square is complete. The surrounding area will be sodded during the summer.

Construction on the Entry Pavilion and the New Academic Building east of Ross begins February 1.

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