

## Lack of late-hour TTC service from York encourages drinking and driving: Rabjohn

By SUSAN SPERLING

The Toronto Transit Commission is being called uncooperative in a York student's attempt to reduce drinking and driving at campus activities.

Jill Rabjohn, former president of the Norman Bethune College Council, said Tuesday that, despite lengthy correspondence between herself and Alf Savage, the chairperson of the TTC, the Commission has thus far shown a lack of interest in a test program she would like to see attempted at York.

Rabjohn has approached Savage

with the idea of extending service on the York University 106 bus past 1:00 a.m., the time of the last call at pubs and bars. "Savage said that he wasn't interested because there aren't enough people riding late buses to warrant the extra services," Rabjohn said, adding that if that's the case, then she'd like to see the idea of later buses tested out on Thursday nights for a while.

"The last bus supposedly leaves York at 12:45 a.m., but it's usually gone by 12:30," Rabjohn said. "Extending the bus service would be

a great service to commuter students who would like to participate in late-night events on campus."

Rabjohn said she believes that the lack of late night service prompts people to either stay away from events, or to drink at the events and then drive home. "It (lack of buses) does encourage drinking and driving, as well as discouraging commuter participation in activities."

Rabjohn has been corresponding with Savage since October 24 of last year, but has not yet gotten a response to her test proposal. If the TTC is still uncooperative, she said she will approach City Council for possible funding of the test venture, as she already has North York Mayor Mel Lastman's support. "Everything's hinging on (Savage's) next response," she said.

Savage could not be reached for comment.



Bill Mantin (above) won last week's Graduate Students' Association presidential election by a comfortable 39 votes over his opponent, Ron Moore. Mantin says his priorities for next year include investigating SDI research at York and monitoring initiatives of the York University Development Corporation. Mantin says he will also advocate an activity fee structure for student government and provide better financial assistance for the smaller departmental graduate students' groups.

## New insurance policy plan to be considered for 1987

By SUSAN SPERLING

York students have been without an insurance plan for the past year, since the administration decided that the policy was too expensive to keep up.

York Provost Tom Meininger said that the policy was cancelled "essentially because there were so few actual pay-outs that it wasn't sensible (in a cost sense) to maintain." CYSF President Reya Ali added that the policy was outdated. He recently commissioned proposals for new insurance plans for students.

Ali has received three proposals, including one from Marsh & McLennan Group Associates Limited, which he calls the best of the three. This plan would include claims for losses in accidents, as well as prescription drug benefits, medical reimbursement for out-of-province claims, dental accident expense claims, ambulance reimbursement, and tutorial expense benefits.

The plan would cost \$10.00 per year per student, to be paid for by students themselves. "It would

probably be in the form of an activity fee (added on to tuition)," Ali said, adding that students can likely get the money back if they don't want the coverage.

Meininger said that he thinks it would be a "fees check-off. If you want the service, you tick off a certain box and pay the \$10.00. If you don't, you do not tick it off." He added "This is the first time in my memory for a fees check-off approach for tuition."

Ali said that before this or any insurance plan is implemented, he must go over the proposal with someone from accounting to see how feasible it is. "We'll have to look at the history of York insurance claims." As well, Ali said that council must approve the proposal, which means it would go before council in September and probably be implemented the following year.

He also said that he has to talk to Meininger about the proposal before acting on it, but Meininger, who has not yet seen the plan, said, "the administration of it would have to be thought through, but I see no reason why it wouldn't work."

## Ali initiates food bank project at York

By PAULA ZARNETT

Following the lead of the University of Toronto, CYSF President Reya Ali has initiated a food bank support project at York University.

Ali described the food bank project "as having a threefold purpose which would involve the York campus in a common project, supply the North York and Metro food banks with much needed stocks and help build York University's image in the surrounding communities."

Ali said that York can contribute to alleviating food shortages in North York and possibly Metro by supplying food to social agencies, charities, church groups and food depots.

The project, which is expected to begin next September, will designate

one day during the last week of each month as "Food Collection Day." Throughout the month members of the York Community will be encouraged to donate one item of food to various designated points on campus. Organizers will then gather the various donations and deliver them to the food bank.

Lorne Freid, coordinator and founder of the North York Food Bank, says there is a definite need in North York for a food bank project. Freid, who investigated the need for a food bank for one year before establishing the North York Food Bank in January 1986, identified five major needy areas existing in North York: The Jane-Finch area, the Jane-Wilson area, the Peanut area (Sheppard-Don Mills), Flemington

Park (Eglinton-Don Mills) and Bathurst Heights (Dufferin-Lawrence).

"In these areas, the food bank is becoming more and more identifiable and many needy people, having nowhere to turn, have called in and asked where they can get food" Freid said.

In addition Freid recently organized a project with the North York Board of Education involving 30 North York schools in a two week food drive which, he said, raised close to 15,000 pounds of food.

Both Freid and Ali agree that York can make a meaningful contribution to the Food Bank project. "Given the size of York we should do extremely well" Ali said.

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have two candidates each: Hayley Olliverre and Anita Antoniani for External Affairs and Michael Latchana and Jacqueline Cabildo for Social and Cultural Affairs.

"This is the first time in my six year history in student politics at York that so many positions have been acclaimed," Golden said. However, CYSF President Reya Ali said that this is only the second year that all candidate positions have been open for elections. Ali said Council used to appoint Finance, Services and Communications and Social and Cultural Affairs. Wo-

men's Affairs was the only acclaimed directorship in last year's elections.

Golden also attributed the lack of director candidates to an alienation of this year's Council with York students. Golden cited the proposed New Model of student government as the "single most alienating thing" this year, saying that the implementation process has not allowed for enough student involvement.

He also said that Council's decision to withdraw from the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) last fall without holding a referendum first, further alienated students from the decision making process. "A refer-

endum is the best way to encourage student involvement," Golden said.

Even though the New Model of government, if implemented, will give Council the option to choose the directors, Golden said he thought it was vital for the students to have the option to choose their candidates. "I think that one of the most important rights that students have is to elect their student government so they can choose the people who they want to

administer their money," Golden said. "When you have an acclamation, people don't have a choice."

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