

## Trustee Board approval pending AUPC votes for total divestment

By DAVID BYRNES

York University is now just a technicality away from becoming the second university in Canada to totally divest from South Africa.

As some 25 divestment supporters and media members waited in "vigil" outside S919R at noon yesterday, the All University Pension Committee (AUPC) voted in favor of a motion to divest the estimated \$8-9 million of York's pension fund that comprises York's investment links to South Africa. The divestment motion was initially proposed by the York University Divestment Committee (YUDC) in a brief presented to members of the AUPC.

Shortly after 1:00 p.m., Bill Farr, Vice President of Finance and Employee Relations, who represents the administration on the AUPC, announced to the group waiting outside that "the motion has been passed exactly as proposed in the YUDC brief," and declined further comment.

The YUDC motion reads: "The All University Pension Committee proposes that the York University Pension Fund Board of Trustees should instruct its

investment counselors to divest within one year the York University Pension Fund of all holdings in companies with investments in South Africa.

"Further, that the Board of Trustees agrees to continue the divestment policy until apartheid ends in South Africa."

Divestment of the pension fund now hinges on the Pension Fund Board of Trustees, an eight-member committee of York's Board of Governors which includes three union representatives. The next meeting of the Pension Trustees has still not been set.

Asked if he thought the Pension Fund Trustees might present an obstacle to the divestment motion, YUDC Chair David Himbara said no: "I can't imagine how, when 80 percent of the constituents of the pension fund, and representatives of the university itself—President Arthurs and Bill Farr—have adopted the resolution," Himbara said.

"York has once again demonstrated courage and leadership not only in Toronto but in Canada by divesting," Himbara said after Farr's announcement.

York conferred an honorary Doc-

tor of Laws degree on South African dissident and founding Secretary of the African National Congress Walter Sisulu last June.

"So far this has been the friendliest and the smoothest divestment campaign mounted anywhere, to my knowledge," Himbara said. "It has almost been a joint effort between the students, unions, and administration. We (the YSMAA and the YUDC) only set the motion in progress."

The YUDC brief responsible for the divestment motion was drawn up over the winter holiday, Himbara said, and was first presented to the York University Faculty Association (YUFA) who approved the motion without amendment, earlier this month. It was then approved by the York University Staff Association (YUSA) and the administration, Himbara said, who together with YUFA are the most influential members on the AUPC.

"I can only say that I'm glad that this is over," said Marcia Brown, Assistant Secretary of the YSMAA. "But this is just the beginning. There is so much more to do. But we've passed the crucial stage."

Himbara said that among future YSMAA activities planned is an Anti-Apartheid week in March, when the group will fund-raise for South African refugees in Tanzania.

McGill was the first Canadian university to divest from its South African holdings last November.



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Oscar Peterson to teach at York: see feature pages 12-13.

## Stong pub short \$12,000

By ELLIOTT SHIFF

A December audit of the Orange Snail Pub in Stong College has revealed cash shortages totalling over \$12,000 for the year 1984-85.

Provost Tom Meininger said he was "reluctant to comment at length because the matter is still under investigation." However, he indicated that Stong College's funding has been frozen pending a full 1984-85 audit of the student government and assurances that "the operation is under good control and proceeding smoothly." Twenty percent of Stong's funding was released in September.

The audit of the Orange Snail, carried out by the accounting firm Sims and Saeed, indicated that between the period of January 27 and April 28, 1985, over \$9,000 of the \$12,000 total was missing from the pub.

Orange Snail manager Lynda Fin-

lay said that a check by herself and the auditor has indicated that the deposit slips did not match the revenues of the pub. However, due to the disappearance of many of the worksheets listing the revenues it has been hard to come to any firm conclusions concerning the disappearance of the money.

In an effort to keep a closer watch on financial transactions, Chairman of the Executive Council of Stong Council Norman Lebrun, said the Executive Council had decided at a meeting on January 9 to hire a full-time bookkeeper. Lebrun said that "in order to insure that this will not happen again, our bookkeeper will stay in contact with the internal auditor."

Meininger indicated that "action will be taken according to the information we receive" concerning further efforts to locate and recover the missing funds.

## Calumet College operating grant reactivated after compliance with financial procedures

By LAURA LUSH

Calumet College General Meeting (CCGM) has received the remainder of their 1985/86 operating grant after submitting a plan for improved financial management of the Ainger Coffee Shop to the Administration last Wednesday.

Fifty percent of the CCGM's \$47,000 operating grant was frozen by Provost Tom Meininger December 5. Meininger asked that the CCGM comply with a set of requirements that would satisfy the University's financial procedures for student governments.

The plan presented to the Provost included terms set by the Ainger to

pay back a \$17,000 loan to the CCGM and an agreement to provide monthly cumulative financial statements as well as written confirmation from the Ainger that the system weaknesses of the Ainger's operation have been corrected.

Having received these assurances, Meininger released the funding. Ainger manager Leslie Barton said she was "pleased that the Provost took action that quickly to release the funds," however she voiced displeasure over what she termed "the pressure the Administration is still applying" to ensure the Ainger's accountability.

In addition to approving the

financial plan for the Ainger, Meininger requested that the CCGM produce an unqualified audit for the 1985/86 fiscal year. Barton said that she is confident that the Ainger will be able to supply an unqualified statement because of improvements to record keeping of the Ainger since she began as manager in May, 1985.

CCGM Chairman Lesley Garant said "there were problems with financial reporting in the past, but the CCGM has done a good job in cleaning up these problems in such a short time." Garant added that "the CCGM is obviously happy that funds are being released," but he expressed reservations that "there still could be questions (by the Provost) regarding our accountability."

"The enforcement of financial reporting by the University since 1983/4 has become more stringent," Meininger said. "Student governments are a three to four million dollar business a year. There has to be financial accountability with governments."

## York may get Alcoholics Anonymous chapter

By KEVIN O'NEILL

A Sub-Committee on Alcohol Use and Alcohol Education at York University has recommended that York set up a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous on campus.

The AA recommendation is one of 68 the sub-committee made in a working draft report which was selectively released on November 12, 1985.

A final report, originally due this month, will not be available until March at the earliest, according to a source who asked not to be identified.

The sub-committee was set up in April 1984 in response to concerns expressed by George Doxey, Master of McLaughlin College, over his perception of alcohol consumption at York University. "There seems to be an increased emphasis on high consumption during social events (particularly new student orientation)

and, while not a large number, nevertheless an increasing number of students are encountering various personal problems as a direct result of excessive consumption . . ." he wrote to the Council of Masters.

While acknowledging a consensus that "there is no 'crisis' of widespread alcohol abuse or of alcoholism at either of York University's campuses," the sub-committee's draft nevertheless contained the following recommendations:

- That every effort be made in York's Alumni organization to promote responsible drinking in its membership, not only for the sake of their own (and their own family's) safety and well-being, but also for the sake of current undergraduates (future alumni) who may well seek role-models for their own attitudes and conduct among contacts in the alumni body; that every effort be made by all involved, to overcome the image of Homecoming as being a time for much beer . . .

"This Committee should act as a gentle but firm monitor of the alcohol issue in all of its ramifications at York; it may be found useful for this Committee to encompass the whole drugs issue, too;"

- That a total ban on the sponsorship by breweries and distillers of any and all York/College/CYSF (etc.) athletics and other events (whether by provision of buttons, hats, calendars, awards, receptions, funding, etc.) be enforced;

- That all pubs do their utmost to promote responsible drinking, as through . . . the promotion of 'light' and alternative drinks, the total banning of 'jugs' of beer, the banning of 'Happy Hour' and 'Pub Crawls,' the use and sale of only 1 oz. shots . . .

- That any new Residence structures built on campus contain a large number of bunk-rooms (separate ones for males/females, if multiple-bed rooms are used) which can be made available to commuters at a

very low fee or no fee at all.

While making these recommendations the sub-committee also notes that between May, 1979 and April, 1980 there were 34 alcohol-related incidents at York's main campus but only 10 such occurrences between May, 1983 and April, 1984. At Glendon no incidents have been reported.

Other facts the sub-committee examined concerned alcoholic beverage purchases for 1979/80 vs. 1983/84. Since 1979/80, there has been a 6.1 percent decrease in the purchase of beer cases and an 8.6 percent decrease in the purchase of beer kegs. Liquor purchases, by the bottle, showed an increase of 2.8%, while wine purchases, also by the bottle, showed a decrease of 27.7 percent. During that time the total population of the University (including faculty and staff) had increased from 25,220 to 34,882 persons.

The sub-committee met yesterday to look over the recommendations for the final report.

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