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Clinic still not open

James Carlisle

York's new Sports Injury Clinic is still not open. The clinic, which was largely financed by a \$100,000 donation from Bobby Orr, promises to be one of Canada's most advanced centres for the treatment of athletic injuries.

However, a dispute between the proposed director, Dr. C. Bull and the University has prevented its opening.

Dave Smith of the Dept. of Physical Education told *Excalibur*, "Negotiations are continuing between Dr. Bull and York concerning the terms of the leasing agreement." As Mr. Smith is not involved in the negotiations, he could not state what the substance is in the disagreement.

According to Smith, Dr. Bull intends to rent the clinic; patients will pay through their normal OHIP fees for his services.

When inquiries were made at the Metropolitan Toronto Track and Field Centre, which houses the injury clinic, the attendant produced a notice showing an opening date of May 17 for the facility.

Officials at the centre stated that this was a provisional date and that they knew nothing of the negotiations.

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Student saved from fatal fall off Ross Building yesterday.

Gary Hershorn

School to cost more next year

Hugh Westrup

York students will be paying between \$54 and \$130 more in tuition fees next year.

The first figure represents an increase of 7.5 per cent which York's Board of Governors approved last week at its February meeting. Any increase above that amount will be decided upon at the Board's next meeting, March 10.

The two amounts represent the lower and upper limits for tuition fee increases for next year set by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

In addition to the fee increase, the Board was asked by President Macdonald to consider incurring a debt that could be as high as \$1.2 million.

Both the debt and the tuition fee increase are being contemplated to compensate for a projected shortfall in income next year. The university expects only an increase in government aid of 6.3-6.6 per cent, which falls well below the current national inflation rate of 10 per cent.

This is not the first year the provincial government hasn't met the financial needs of York, but the past response of York's budget planners has been to cut

back in books, supplies and personnel.

Rather than use this strategy again next year, the administration has proposed that a deficit and higher fees account for the shortfall.

The avoidance of cutbacks next year is a move recommended by both the Senate and the budget subcommittee of President Macdonald's Policy Committee.

William Found, chairman of the subcommittee, said the avoidance of cutbacks is intended to have a psychological effect. "It's a change that may have us thinking more positively."

Found, who is York's vice-president for academic affairs, also said a one-year reprieve from cuts would give the university time to develop a long-range academic plan.

"We need time to plan for a more efficient use of resources to make it easier to face cuts more rationally than in the past," said Found. "In the past, cuts have been dealt with too quickly and in some cases the effects were not to the best academic benefit of the university."

The recommendation to partly cover costs by raising tuition fees has met with opposition from student politicians.

Barb Taylor, CYSF vice-president for external affairs, spoke at the meeting and expressed fears that tuition approaching \$1000 might discourage students, particularly those with low incomes, from attending York.

According to Taylor's arithmetic, "if tuition's upped by the full \$130, then the university will earn another \$7600 for every 100 students. But if only 3 of those students are discouraged by the higher fee and don't come back, the university will lose \$11,850 in tuition fees and government grants."

Also present at the meeting was Al Stauffer, chairperson of the York University Faculty Association, who called the discretionary 10 per cent fee increase allowed by the Ministry "academically divisive and economically risky."

"It has further diverted our attention and efforts from the main issue, namely the inadequate level of government funding for post-secondary education," he said.

Among board members there were few reservations about the extra increase, except from student reps Andrea Doucet and Peter Brickwood.

However, some members were wary of the deficit financing proposal. Board member Sonja Bata voiced disapproval, saying the proposal reflects unwise business practices.

Chief budgetary officer George Bell responds saying that only a "manageable" debt would be incurred, one that could be recovered in the following year.

Booze prices to rise?

Liquor policy threatens pubs

Barb Mainguy

Campus liquor prices stand to rise substantially if a current proposal by the York Food Services Committee is instituted.

On February 8, the Committee held a meeting to attempt to draft a new liquor policy for the student-run pubs on campus. While the meeting was not officially held *in camera*, it was agreed that the substance of the discussion be treated as confidential and the minutes of the meeting be withheld from normal circulation "until the topic is concluded and the file becomes public." This remark appears in the previously unreleased minutes obtained by *Excalibur* from the CYSF.

The topic of discussion was proposal to raise the current surcharge on liquor purchased by the pubs from 20 per cent to 25 per cent, and to establish a 5 per cent surcharge on food prices.

However, members of the Committee included college council reps who felt it would be a conflict of interest for them to keep knowledge of the prospective increases away from pub managers until the proposal became a *fait accompli*. Tom Legge, representative Complex One, said he broke the silence and informed pub managers of the surcharges because he had a responsibility to the constituents, i.e. pub managers, whom he felt should have a chance to

debate the issue.

It seemed to Legge that the committee, led by food services chairman Norman Crandles, was trying to hurry the proposal through in secrecy because they were afraid of a negative reaction from pub managers.

George Doxey, Master of McLaughlin College, and member of the Committee said, "There was nothing sinister about it. We have no powers to change the surcharge. All the committee can do is discuss it. We have no jurisdiction over the money matters, we can only make recommendations."

But according to Keith Smockum of CYSF, recommendations by the Food Services Committee are almost always passed.

People will only speculate about the necessity for an increase in surcharges. There is a suggestion that the idea is to use the pubs' collective profit to offset a \$73,000 deficit incurred by Ancillary Services, the umbrella organization which covers catering and grocery services.

In an off-the-cuff remark to Board of Governors rep Andrea Doucet, Norman Crandles said he felt the pubs should be held partially responsible for the debt because they filter off business from the catering services.

The increase is apparently not needed to cover rising wholesale liquor prices. Recent increases of



65¢ for each case of beer were absorbed by the pubs without raising the price per bottle. The proposed increase in surcharges could not help but affect pricing, something which pub managers have been trying to avoid.

This Friday, there will be another meeting of the food services committee to try and finalize the terms of their proposal. An emergency meeting of pub managers and college council staff last Wednesday decided to ask the

committee to postpone for a month all further discussion on the issue. They ask for two meetings to be held during that time. One, for them to make a presentation to the committee outlining the effect proposed increases would have on pricing; and the other to hear an answering report from the Committee, to be followed by an open floor question and answer period. By making their presence felt, campus pub managers hope to prevent the outlined changes from being accepted.