

York research labs tighten security to prevent animal thefts

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

In the wake of recent thefts, or "liberations," of research animals at Western University, York researchers and security personnel are taking extra precautions in an effort to avoid such occurrences at York.

As well as making some structural changes to help fortify their animal laboratories, Director of Safety and Security Jack Santorelli inspected lab facilities and as a result is increasing security patrols in the areas.

Researchers working in the laboratories have been instructed to keep an eye open for strangers and to question them if they enter the laboratories, said Dr. Barry Loughton, chairperson of York's Animal Care Committee (YACC). YACC consists of several York psychologists, biologists and a veterinarian.

Loughton said he considers a protest by anti-vivisectionists at York unlikely. "In general the kind of experimentation we do is not liable to stimulate animal rights groups very much," Loughton said. "We're not a medical institution so we don't have surgery. They get excited about animals that are warm and furry. They are the ones that immediately trigger some sympathetic response. We haven't had monkeys for 10 years."

Rats, hamsters and mice are the only animals being used by experimental psychologists at the Behavioral Sciences Building, animal keeper A. Farrugia said.

Also, said Loughton, "If you want to use any animal you have to submit a brief to the YACC. Non-

controversial experiments are handled by an executive committee of four."

Animal research in Ontario is governed by The Animals for Research Act enacted in 1970. Farrugia produced documents from provin-

cial inspectors of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food who drop by unannounced and file reports on the conditions of the facilities.

Federally, the Canada Council of Animal Affairs performs unannounced inspections every three

years, Farrugia said. They last inspected York's laboratories in 1982. The last report produced by CCAA says "York continues to have one of the best animal care facilities in Canada."

Vicki Miller, leader of Ark II, a

major animal rights group based in Toronto, said her group has planned no protests of York's research programs, but Miller says next year they are going to protest the research activities of "a couple of universities in the west."

New prez hits the books

By LAURA LUSH

Former Professor of Law Harry William Arthurs became York's fourth full-time President on January 1, six months after Board of Governors Chairman R. Bruce Bryden made the presidential announcement in June, 1984.

Dr. William C. Found, Acting President from September 1, 1984 to January 1, 1985, returned to his position as Vice-President of Acting Affairs. President Arthurs succeeds former President H. Ian Macdonald, who stepped down from office on September 1, 1984, after more than 10 years in office.

President Arthurs was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1961 after completing his Master's degree at Harvard Law School. In the same year he became an assistant professor at York's Osgoode Hall Law School, becoming a full-time Professor in 1968.

Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School J.D. McCamus described York's new president as "perhaps Canada's most influential legal academic." Arthurs was a leading figure in establishing Osgoode Hall at York.

"He was a major force behind educational reforms at Osgoode," McCamus said. Arthurs served as the Dean of Osgoode Hall from 1972 to 1977.

President Arthurs' outstanding scholastic and research ability was recognized last March when he was awarded with a Killman Research Fellowship. The President accepted the award for a six-month period.

President Arthurs has played an active role in many external activities, from serving as a member of the Economic Council of Canada, to chairing a study, which produced *Law and Learning* aided by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. His abilities have been utilized in many facets of law, including administration law, writing, and labor-management relations.

Describing York's new president as "superb, energetic administrator, both during and prior to his time as Dean of Osgoode Hall," McCamus said Arthurs can offer strong leadership to York University.

Office of the President Secretary Mrs. Azziz, said an inauguration ceremony for the president will take place some time in early May.

other campuses

Students make prof see pink

A communications professor at l'Université de Québec à Montréal was fired last November, due to the poor rating given him by his students in a teacher evaluation.

It is the first known instance in Canada of a professor losing his job because of student evaluations.

The decision to fire the professor resulted from a majority vote from the departmental assembly, comprised of teachers, students and administrators. The student evaluations showed that five out of every six students considered the instructor a "bad professor."

At UQAM, the student evaluation are automatically included in the files of all professors.

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Summer fun

As part of their bid to lower the federal deficit, the Mulroney government will cut the Summer Works job program by \$85 million this year, Finance Minister Michael Wilson said.

The program cut means 20 to 30,000 summer jobs for students will be lost, said Canadian Federation of Students chairperson Beth Olley.

"With one fifth of students unemployed last summer, the government doesn't seem to be addressing the mounting crisis in youth unemployment," she said. "Students need those jobs to return to school."

Wilson also announced, however, a \$1 billion job creation program, but refused to provide details. The government is opposed to the Liberals' "temporary make-work programs," he said.

The announcement was made the same day Olley and about 100 other student politicians lobbied Members of Parliament about student issues.

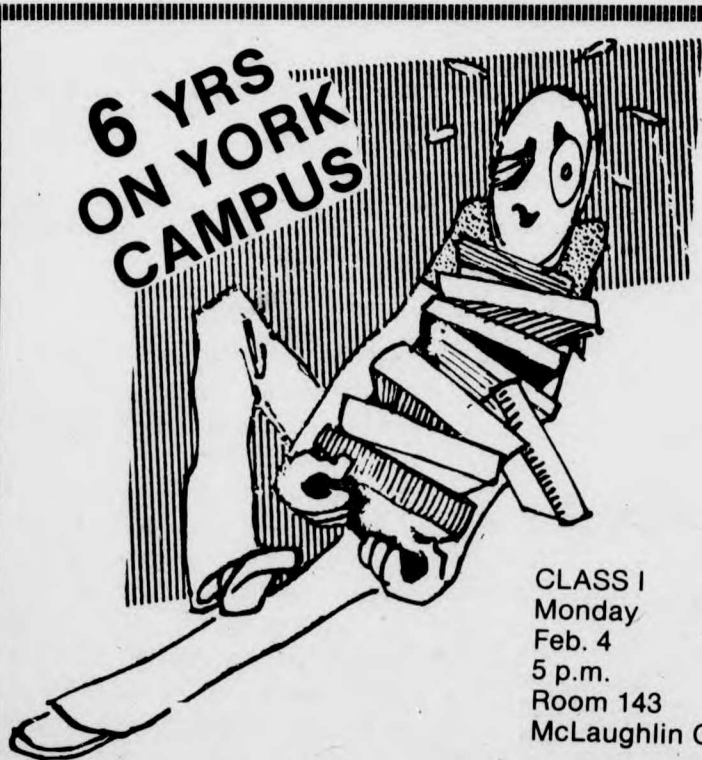
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Frat finds Texas tea

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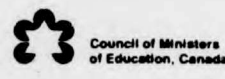
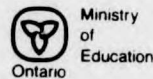
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