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York to sell faculty

By URI GELLER

York University will soon sell its full-time faculty in order to raise much-needed operating funds.

The transaction, expected to be with Nightbyfly Financial Services, Ltd., is projected to turn a profit of about \$113 million for the University. The sale having been completed, Nightbyfly will lease the faculty back to the University.

The scheme is made possible by the discovery of loopholes in tax laws allowing the capitalization of all of the assets of public institutions. In the hands of commercial brokers, these assets become subject to favourable tax law (capital gains, depreciation, etc.). These same loopholes have permitted hospitals to sell their medical equipment, and other universities to dispose of their libraries.

Michael Wilson, Minister of Finance, is expected to close this loophole in his forthcoming budget speech.

Speaking on behalf of the faculty, Professor Mike Coping, chairperson of the faculty association, indicated his satisfaction with the high appraised value of the professoriate. He added, however, that his organization has some concerns about whether the University would hon-

our its verbal agreement to lease back the whole of the existing faculty complement.

Professor Coping also said that he hopes "the University realizes that we expect to see the profit realized immediately assigned to faculty salaries."

Frankie Lorenzo, chief executive officer of Nightbyfly Financial Services, hailed the agreement with York as a major progressive step in Canadian business and tax practices. "It's free enterprise at its best," he told *Excalibur* in an interview in the firm's offices in a renovated warehouse on Wildcat Drive.

As usual, W. Farr, vice-president for finance for the University, could not be reached for comment.

In a release issued from his office, President Larry Carthurs explained how years of government underfunding had forced the University to sell its faculty at the best market rate.

"Of course we have some reluctance about how the optics of this transaction are going to look to public," the statement said. "In the end, we were very pleased by the amount we were able to get for our faculty."

The statement added that appraisers are now costing the capital worth of York's student body.

Student helped by God, BA revoked

By GILLIGAN
and THE SKIPPER, TOO

The University has revoked a recent graduate's BA after it was discovered that he received help from God throughout his academic career.

Johnny Lipschitz, who received his degree in political science last June, maintained an A+ average and received countless scholarships and awards. But last week when he was interviewed on a local television evangelist programme, Lipschitz revealed that God always spoke to him during exams and "happened to give me the right answers."

After the telecast, University officials held an emergency meeting and decided to revoke Lipschitz's degree pending plagiarism charges.

"God is not a student at this University," said dean of arts Tom Lavish, "and unless He or She can produce a student number, God goes for nothing around here."

Since the charge of plagiarism entails passing another's work as one's own, Lipschitz hopes to beat the charge by arguing that God is not a separate entity.

"God is All," said Lipschitz.

"And why don't you show The Big Guy some respect, for Christ's sake?"

In an interview from the The Almighty's apartment in southwest Heaven, God expressed disappointment with the University's decision, and promised to do everything in His power to have the charge revoked.

"I've already petitioned the appeals committee on behalf of Lipschitz," God said, "but I'm strongly considering infesting the place with a swarm or two of locusts. And I'm not disinclined to killing their first-born, either."

The University, however, stands firm behind its decision. President Hurry Arthritis said, "We understand the sensitive nature of this type of concern, and encourage God to participate in activities on this campus. I'm particularly impressed by God's eagerness to learn, but in fairness to the integrity of all students and the integrity of a York degree, something had to be done."

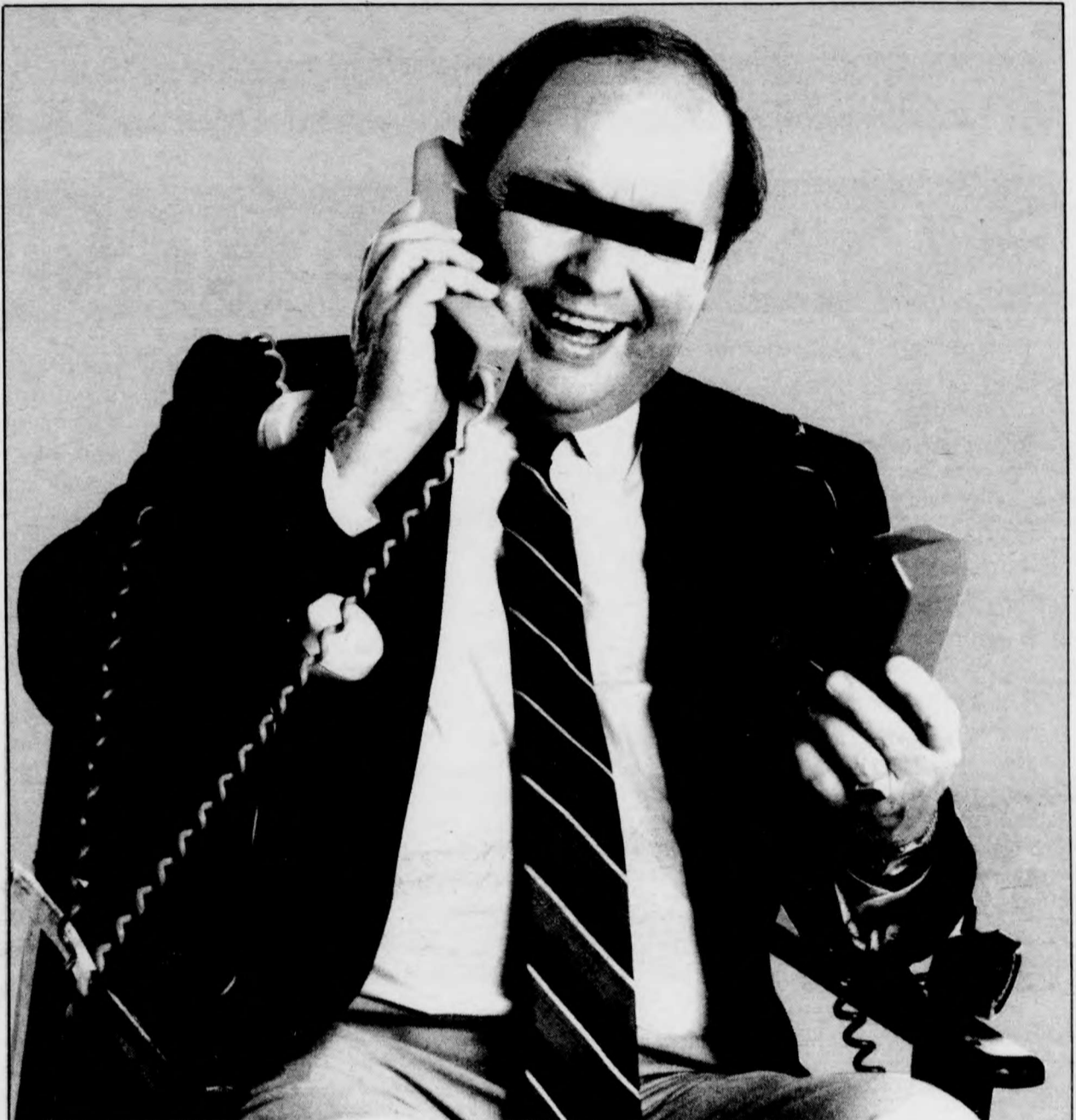
"As the Hebrews did unto the Lord in Judea, we must make a sacrifice — Lipschitz's degree will burn."

Many students seem happy with the University's actions. In a combined statement, both the CYSF and GSA showed their support and recommended that Lipschitz be "banished to Hell."

"I, as well as other council members, have prayed countless times during exams," said CYSF president Tummy Lotsofshasses, "but God did nothing for us — although a couple of times it did rain in the classroom."

"Lipschitz must pay for our suffering," she added.

Lipschitz will present his case before an appeals tribunal at the University next month, and did not deny that God would be helping him once again.



A HOT NUMBER: A senior York official, who wished to remain anonymous, is pictured above after a test run of York's new phone-sex line. Said the official, "I can't talk now. Just give me a few minutes alone."

York to open phone-sex line

By CHUCK CUNNINGHAM
(RITCHIE'S INFAMOUS BROTHER)

York University will open its own phone-sex line for students who are on hold while selecting their courses.

"We're going to cater to the whole community," said new Provost Candy Apple. "But none of that necrophilia stuff."

The University is expecting the service to be popular among students as well as provide a despera-

tely needed source of funds. Expected revenues could exceed \$20,000, provided there are enough busy signals to go around.

Students will be able to switch to phone sex when they get a busy signal by simply pushing 69 on their push buttons.

Despite overwhelming support for the system, some students are upset.

"I think it's unfair because I don't have push button," said first-year student Zizi Clymax. "I wanna have some fun to."

The service should be available by June, provided the CRTC agrees to grant a special licence to the University.

But opposition to the plan has already started to mount from both the janitorial and religious community.

"It's unnatural and it will create a mess in public phone booths," said a spokesperson for both groups.

The system will be up at the end of June. An explicit manual to aid users is available in the CYSF office.

York's "impending disaster"

By JACOB
son of ABRAHAM

Nuclear waste, the greenhouse effect, PCBs, acid rain — these are just some of the universal concerns of the 1980s. But one impending environmental disaster has been overlooked.

Alumni Grove — the pastoral, multi-bush, garden pathway located just west of the 106 bus stop in front of the Ross Building faces imminent death. With the construction of the Entry Pavillion and development of the Campus Green, the arboretum — which some refer to as York's Eden — will likely disappear without anybody batting an eyelash.

But one student cares. Wolfgang Plank, an Environmental Studies Masters student, has

begun a one-man crusade to save Alumni Grove.

"The Grove is an aesthetically wonderful piece of landscape, integral for wildlife on campus, and has a profoundly calming effect on bus-ridden students entering the University," explains Plank. "The annihilation of this virgin forest would be a disaster of great proportions for the University and the North York community."

Plank says the University is being "excessively quiet" about what he calls the "greatest environmental assault in York's history."

"They've said nothing on the issue, which leads me to believe the worst," says Plank. "Certainly York must reassess its priorities. Underfunding and student centres mean nothing to a sapling, let alone a mature arborvitae."

Rip Van Winkle, superintendent of grounds and vehicles (physical resources), says the University never planned to destroy Alumni Grove, only to "relocate" it. He says, "Plank is just another vindictive environmental studies student looking for an A on his thesis."

Van Winkle would not specify where Alumni Grove would be relocated.

Plank, however, says he has learned from an inside source that the Grove suffers a fate similar to that of the three trees that used to stand where Student Centre construction began last month.

"Those magnificent *mantulae magna* are choking to death on exhaust fumes in a concrete garden at Bay and King."

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"Azoy" Professor Isaac Greengorten to his "Kishka in Society" class after students requested that they be allowed to dance the Hora during the course's final exam.

RACIST FISH An in-depth look at rapidly growing Klu Klux Clam movement.

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