

In debt? you may lose your degree

By Maxine Kopel

If you have an outstanding university debt, the administration has a surprise for you—you may be de-registered or lose your degree.

According to the university regulations concerning financial debts, "The university will withhold grade-reports, transcripts, academic standing and the conferral of degrees from students delinquent in fees; those holding overdue library books beyond a period of sixty days and-or owing more than \$25.00 in overdue library debts."

The current regulations went into effect on July 1.

If you are in debt to the parking office, you will be unable to register your car and will lose on-campus parking privileges.

As fall registration began, the parking bureau's mighty pens began scrawling out warning letters. Fines can range from \$4.00 to \$200.00, but according to Karen Grellette of the parking bureau, smaller fines are "usually straightened out".

The student with mounting fines runs into trouble. "It's the same students over and over", claimed Grellette. "They don't take it seriously until it goes to court".

Grellette says the bureau has three collection agencies working for it, and since they are paid by commission they go after their money seriously and are "usually rude".

A threat against a violator's academic standing is deemed necessary by Mrs. Grellette.

"The student can read. There are signs all

over. It's neglect on the student's part."

CYSF President Paul Hayden backs Grellette, claiming no other means of collection have succeeded.

"If a student can afford to own or drive a car he must accept the responsibility of parking tickets as he would traffic violations."

Though the library will not enforce de-registration, it throws the book at violators. A student who is eligible for a degree but has outstanding library fines, may have it withheld.

In January 1975 the York Senate approved the "withholding of a degree beyond sixty days, from when the book is due, and-or a \$25.00 fine. A student with a \$25.00 fine has library privileges suspended and is refused permission to re-register or send transcripts.

The penalty is twenty cents a day for any non-reserve book. Under current regulations, laggards are sent four notices during the sixty days following a book's due date.

If a book is not returned the slacker is slapped with a \$35.00 fine.

Lillian Newton, head of Scott's fines department told it straight.

"This has to be...people don't recognize what they have here in the library. There's lots of damage and loss. People will do everything to get out from library security."

Beginning in October, Scott, Steacie and Frost libraries will be in a central system in which all fines can be paid at Scott. If a debt remains unpaid after sixty days, privileges will be revoked in all three libraries and the debt will be forwarded to an accounting firm.

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YUSA is ready to strike

By Ted Mumford

The members of the York University Staff Association YUSA voted last Wednesday and Thursday to authorize their negotiating and executive committees to call a strike if the university administration is unyielding in its bargaining position in the current contract negotiations between the two groups.

The turnout for the vote was 641 of the approximately 1,000 clerical, secretarial, clerical and library workers that make up YUSA. 520 members (81.1 per cent of the turnout) voted to authorize strike action and 118 voted "nay".

YUSA is seeking a wage increase of 13.5 percent or \$1350, whichever is greater for individual members, as well as new contract articles regarding many areas including leave, holidays and the elimination of discriminatory pay for women (who constitute about 85 per cent of YUSA's membership.)

The university is faced with the task of avoiding strike action without overshooting its fiscal expectations. The university has also yet to conclude negotiations for 1977-78 with York's faculty and graduate assistant unions, YUFA and GAA, respectively.

See STRIKE VOTE, page 5.

Sorry about that

Last week's front page article "A million-dollar cutting job" erroneously reported that the university had offered YUSA a seven per cent wage increase for 1977-78, and that YUSA was "not satisfied with the university's offer".

In fact no offer had been made.

Excalibur apologizes for any misunderstandings this may have caused among YUSA members.

A typographical error in C.R. Brogue's letter on page seven reversed the meaning of his concluding sentence. It should have read, "The emphasis should now be on student awareness of the fact that 'No Smoking' signs require people not to smoke..."

Last week the word *now* appeared as *not*.



It was a show that deserved a full house. But Papa John Creach and band didn't seem to mind coming back for an encore before a half-empty Burton Auditorium Sunday night. As Papa John told the audience, "We

don't worry about the size of the crowd as long as everybody's enjoying themselves." More on this Bethune College presentation on page 15. Ted Mumford photo.

Part of Parrott's plan

Most grad grants axed for 1978

By Paul Kellogg

Most of the 7,000 Ontario graduate students currently receiving need-based grants, may be disqualified from receiving any grants next year.

That was the substance of one of the recommendations made last week by Harry Parrott, Ontario's minister of colleges and universities, in a proposal for a revamping of the Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP).

The recommendation, if implemented, would allow most students to be eligible for student aid grants for no more than four academic years. According to the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) "this effectively disqualifies all students enrolled in graduate and professional programs."

"While the minister has increased the number of Ontario Graduate Scholarships available to 1200, that number is some 300 less than were available in 1972. The bulk of undergraduate students in law, dentistry and medicine will have no other grant assistance available to them."

The same eligibility periods will apply for part-time students and full-time students. Part-time students are not presently eligible for grants under the Ontario Students Assistance Program (OSAP) but will be under the revamped program.

According to Parrot, the restrictions on eligibility will "encourage students to complete their studies"

and will "encourage a reduction in the length of time needed by students to qualify for some professional programs such as dentistry or law."

However, Ted Bounsall, critic of colleges and universities for the New Democratic Party (NDP), says the changes would mean that "only students from wealthy families need consider professional or post-graduate courses."

Council by-elections attract 14

By Paul Stuart

The sawdust is flying and the hammers are clanging around the CYSF (Council of the York Student Federation) office this week, as fourteen shiny new candidates nail their soap-boxes together for the council's by-elections, on Thursday, October 6.

The race will be for eight seats vacated by members elected last spring, in Founder's, Stong and McLaughlin Colleges and in the Faculty of Environmental Studies.

But *br-r-r-r*, it must be cold in Winters College; not a single student would toss a toque into the ring for its one vacant seat, which for a time will remain unfilled.

Asked on Monday when and how Winters will get another representative, Chief Returning Officer Garfield Payne said, "that's for the council to decide".

Elsewhere on the hustings, the

In the announcement, Parrott said the new OSAP program will no longer require Ontario students to accept a \$1,000 loan from the Canada Student Loan Program (CSLP) before receiving a provincial grant.

This will probably not lead to a reduction in the number of loans as compared to grants. Parrott indicated there would be little if any in-

crease in the dollar value of grants awarded.

In another important change, Parrott said the new program will base grants on a student's actual summer earnings rather than on expected summer earnings as is currently the practice. This eliminates what many student organizations had considered on of the most arbitrary parts of the old OSAP program. see PARROTT, page 3

York Senate has once again been overwhelmed by a massive tide of student apathy. Eleven nominees have won acclamation to the body which regulates the university's academic life. There were eighteen vacancies.

Never to be accused of apathy, the United Left Slate (ULS) has

plunged into the electoral fray for the seventh consecutive year. The slate's main issues will be: the recent tuition fee hikes, high student unemployment, the tightening of student aid and women's rights on campus. They are fielding four candidates.

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Course unions are a growing phenomenon at York, despite getting no funds from college councils, page 3

The plight of a penniless graduate student is portrayed on page 6.

Ann Landers is not on page 9

Miriam Edelson, chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students, has many disagreements with the recently announced changes in student aid, page 11

And some good sports news on page 20.

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