

York sets interest rate at 19.5%

Founders college council in hole for \$25,000

By EVAN LEIBOVITCH
Founders college council owes the university \$25,000 in back debts, it was revealed Tuesday.

Council treasurer Brent Wilson told a shocked council, only conducting its second regular meeting

since the college elections of last month, that the back payments were in the form of running accounts such as telephone bills, office supplies and last year's orientation costs, and an administration loan.

The council borrowed \$10,300 from the university earlier this year to pay for refurbishing and renovating the Founders junior common room.

Wilson said that the first installment on the loan and accounts payable, amounting to \$17,000, is due immediately. The second installment, or \$5,000, will be due next year. The remainder will be due the following year.

Wilson told the council that the university will assess the unpaid balance at an interest rate of 1.5 per cent, compounded monthly. This works out to approximately

19.5 per cent, yearly.

Wilson blamed the accumulation of the charges on the previous council.

"The council as a whole last year ('75-'76), didn't know what they were doing. The administration sent them frequent statements of the state of the account, but nobody paid any attention to them. Moreover, when I took over there were no books kept by last year's treasurer, Trenholm Healy," he said.

Despite previous bumbling, Wilson still expected to pay back

most of the \$17,000 from the present council bank account, and an \$8,000 administration grant. However, due to last week's robbery of \$2,700 from the Cock & Bull (see page 4), council will be roughly \$2,000 short of meeting its obligation.

The \$2,000 will combine with the second loan payment of \$5,000 to set Council back by \$7,000 before it does anything next year. The reduced budget cut would affect most Founders services, but Wilson singled out cultural affairs and orientation week next year as possibly most affected.

Summer job prospects better if not best

By DAVE FULLER

If you are having trouble finding a summer job this year, take heart, it will not be as hard as it was last year. It will not be as hard as it was in 1968 either. However, it will not be as easy as it was in 1974.

These words of encouragement come from Metro's Canada Manpower office, the people from the federal government who are there to help you find that job whatever year it is.

The number of students who will be looking for work this summer is expected to be roughly 600,000, half of whom will be searching in Metro Toronto itself.

According to Dennis Cook, Manpower representative for Metro, the number of jobs available will increase slightly over the last year because of a general upturn in the economy. Last year many employers were sitting tight, being reluctant to do any summer hiring during hard economic times, said Cook.

At present Manpower has employed 100 workers whose responsibility it is to persuade local businesses to hire more students. They hope to generate about 20,000 positions this year, the number of placements they made in 1974, which was considered a peak year for student employment.

"Last year we had a 25 per cent drop in the number of placements," said Cook, "we only placed 15,000 last year."

Pointing to the government's restraint policies of the past year, Cook said that some summer employment programs, such as the Opportunities for Youth, have been cut.

"However, the federal government still has 12,160 jobs available in nine different departments," he said.

The main problem in placing students is getting them to take jobs that are not especially desirable. Too many students want jobs that are related to a career or that offer only the best working conditions.

There are whole categories of positions where the demand for help is greater than the number of students available. Lifeguards are needed this year, as are mother's helpers, clerical workers and commissioned salespeople.

By the same token, there are types of jobs that are very much in demand and there just are not enough positions to go around. Says Cook, "Students have to take whatever is available; they cannot afford to be picky."

Another problem is that many students have no idea of the proper way to apply for jobs, how to fill out resumes, how to conduct themselves at interviews and generally, how to sell themselves.

Help on all these skills is available from the Ontario Youth Secretariat as well as Manpower offices located on campus at York and the University of Toronto.

Plyushch to speak against Soviet regime

By PETER MATILANEN

Leonid Plyushch, a Soviet Ukrainian mathematician who spent four years in Soviet prisons and psychiatric hospitals, will be speaking at a rally in defence of Soviet political prisoners this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at U. of T.'s Convocation Hall.

His release has been attained as a result of a widespread campaign, launched by an International Committee of Mathematicians, which received extensive support from the French trade union movement and the broad left. Even the French, British, and Italian Communist Parties were forced by public pressure to call for his release and challenge Moscow's Stalinists, who consistently deny that there are any political prisoners in the USSR.

Plyushch, who has steadfastly defended the struggle for socialist democracy in the Soviet Union, was dismissed from his position in the Academy of Sciences after he had sent a letter of protest to a Soviet newspaper regarding two Russian dissidents who were being tried for anti-Soviet activities. For several years his writings had ap-



Soviet mathematician Leonid Plyushch

peared in underground samvydav publications, and he signed various petitions and letters of protest.

Following his arrest on charges of anti-Soviet agitation on January of 1972 and interrogation by the KGB (the Soviet security police),

Plyushch was subjected to a psychiatric examination at the Serbsky Institute in Moscow. Judged "insane—a paranoid disorder characterized by messianic and reformist ideas", he was incarcerated in Dniproetrovsk Special Mental Hospital.

During his detention he underwent forced "treatment" with drugs which he said were given "to break a person morally and break down his will to fight."

He added that "the Soviet system as a whole is a sick system but there are healthy forces active at grassroots levels, farmers and workers."



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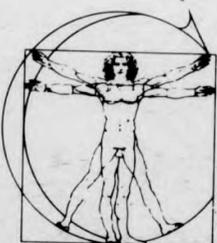
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Leonid Plyushch - Soviet Ukrainian mathematician

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* the first prominent socialist oppositionist to reach the west;

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Endorsations from student councils, trade union locals, other organizations and individuals will be announced at rally.

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