

Student scripbroker clearing 30 dollars an hour

By GARRY MARR

The buying and selling of scrip at York has become big business — so big that one student entrepreneur says he is making \$30 an hour acting as a broker.

The fourth-year student, who asked to be identified only as Dave for fear of repercussions, said he expects to clear close to \$3,000 in profit this year. Last year his profit totalled \$2,000 and has been increasing steadily since he opened for business during his first year.

"I hoped to increase the amount being sold this year, but the competition has cut into my business," said Dave. "I was looking into adding a partner, but I don't have the clientele now."

Although there is no way to scientifically account for the turnover of scrip between individuals, Dave estimates that it is close to 50 per cent. Dave includes both students and faculty among his clients. Students come to him trying to sell scrip so they can pay phone bills, raise money for trips, or because they're sick of the food on campus.

In total, Dave has collected \$30,000 this year in scrip, on which he makes a five per cent brokerage fee.

He said he hasn't faced any major resentment from the students over his five per cent profit margin.

"I make it convenient for them to get rid of their scrip," said Dave. "I think most of the students resent

being forced to eat on campus."

Traditionally, the discount on scrip has risen as the year progresses. In the past the normal September discount on the "white market" [there is no university regulation against trading scrip] has been five per cent, but this September the markdown started at 10 per cent and has increased to 30 per cent as of the beginning of February.

"The meal plan for commuter students has hurt business," said Dave, who counts commuter students as his main customers.

Another would-be seller, who was competing with Dave for sales in Central Square on Monday, said she has raised her discount to 30 per cent in order to finance a trip to Jamaica. "I sold \$100 this morning and want to sell \$250," said Connie, who is in her first year at York. "I'm going to bring food with me from home for the rest of the year."

Norman Crandles, Director of Food Services and Housing, said there has been a market for trading scrip since its inception in 1975.

"It's impossible to stop the scrip



DAVE X claims he'll make between \$2,000-3,000 this year selling scrip at a five per cent commission.

changeover," said Crandles "without having individually dedicated bills."

Crandles said he doesn't have a problem with students exchanging scrip, although he thinks it's "ethi-

cally questionable" for faculty to be purchasing scrip from students.

Crandles said that the five-year contract just signed between York and Marriott included scrip, but that the contract was negotiable.

Arthurs awarded the Order of Canada

By NANCY PHILLIPS

York president Harry Arthurs has been appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

The award, to be presented by Canada's governor general in Ottawa, is given in recognition of "achievement and merit of a high degree, especially service to Canada or to humanity at large."

Arthurs has been York's president since 1985 and was educated at the University of Toronto and Harvard Law School.

Among other positions he has been Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School (1972-1977), President of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (1976-1977), and advisor to and member of various Royal Commissions.

He has also been a labour mediator and arbitrator.

The Order recognized him as

"One of Canada's leading labour law scholars . . . [who] has contributed ideas and leadership which have produced important reforms in each field."

The Order only recognizes merit, and offers no monetary reward.

Arthurs said, "I am very proud to have been honoured, but it is more than mere coincidence that university presidents often are. That is because students and faculty members make them look good — which is certainly the case with me."

Arthurs has also been re-appointed as president of York. The Board of Governors unanimously approved his re-appointment at a December 5 meeting.

He had requested re-appointment, so there were no other applicants, according to the president's office.

The president's job description remains unchanged for the renewed term, which ends June 30, 1994.

Security to upgrade training

By MARTIN HYDE

A training package to upgrade the training of security personnel should be ready by March or early April, according to assistant director of security Eric Pond.

Final approval for funding of the package, which is being designed by York security supervisor John Christie, must first be given to Bill Farr, the vice-president of finance and administration.

"We tend to think his response will be positive," said Pond.

The exact cost of the package has not yet been determined since it would depend on the number of

issues included in the package, such as sexual harassment and discrimination, and academic concerns.

"But it would be a maximum of \$15,000," said Pond.

The basic package would take 24 hours to complete, but its length could be extended to 26-28 hours depending on which additional issues are included.

The possibility of conferring Special Constable status on York's security officer is also under consideration. Although no decision has yet been reached, Pond said, "so far [the response] looks to be positive all the way."

He added that the Chief of Police from the University of Western Ontario would address the Security Advisory Committee, set up to examine security issues, about Special Constable status.

Special Constable status would give security personnel the authority at law to arrest a culprit on "reasonable and probable grounds." At present a person must be caught in the act of committing an offense before York security can make an arrest. Special Constable status does not automatically give the right to

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Faculty of Arts students currently enrolled and registered in the Fall/Winter 1988 or Winter/Summer 1989 sessions must collect Enrolment Instructions and Materials (Study List, Lecture Schedule, etc.) according to the schedule listed below in order to participate in the Fall/Winter 1989 Enrolment Exercise.

LOCATION: CENTRAL SQUARE (West Bear Pit)

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE:

Date:

Monday, Feb. 27

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Wednesday, March 1

Thursday, March 2

Friday, March 3

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