

Campus: York

*If you're here, you're lucky
500 freshman rejected this year*

Over 500 freshman applicants to York were rejected this year because there was no room.

These 500 were among the last 600 applicants to be processed. When it was realized there was room for only 100 more, they were chosen on the basis of best marks. Those chosen had marks well above the minimum entrance requirement of 60 per cent.

This is the first year York has publicly stated that it has had to turn away students with marks above the entrance requirements.

The 500 turned away were primarily applicants for both arts and sciences, at York Campus.

York Student Council President John Adams said, 'it was 'unfortunate' that some people weren't going to get into the university of their choice, but it was an indication that York has grown in importance and standing. 'York has come of age,' said Adams, 'and we will have to become even more selective in admitting students in the future.'

The process of turning students away from one university, such as York, simply increases the number of students who will seek application to other lesser known schools, such as Trent and Brock Universities.

The greatly increased enrolment at York has created long waiting lists for all four college residences. These are filled on a first-come first-serve basis for freshmen. It is expected all colleges within the next few years, will be forced to initiate a policy of giving residence accommodation to out-of-town students first.

Student representatives on Bof G?

York president Dr. Murray Ross has recommended that two student representatives be placed on the Board of Governors. A decision is expected this fall.

John Adams, President of the York Student Council, said student representation on the Board would be a good thing because of the nature of the Board's decisions. Last spring the Board approved increases in residence and student activity fees, he said.

Adams said that since the Board generally reaches decisions by consensus and not by vote 'It doesn't really matter how many students are on it.'

While Ross said nothing about how the student governors would be selected, Adams said, 'I think we should think seriously about electing them at large.'

If Ross's recommendation is accepted by the Board, York will become the second Canadian University to have students on its governing body. Last May St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia got one student governor.

Adams told Excalibur he would be looking into increasing student representation on the Senate. At present, he said, there are only five student senators out of 104. York got student representation on the senate last spring.

YORK STUDENT AGENCIES

No! York Student Agencies isn't dead. Its alive and in the basement of **Founder's College Room 002.**

Mike Garfin and Ron Bumstead the new managers of Y. S. A., are looking forward to meeting all the new students this year especially the coeds. Oh yes, we'd like to see the familiar faces again too!

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Excalibur investigates

Student Services Unltd. sells used books

by Kandy Biggs

Are the high prices of books draining your pocketbook again this year? No line-ups, fair prices, and personalized service are being offered by The Book Exchange of YSC, a division of Student Services Unlimited.

With four years experience behind them co-managers Mike Garfin and Jack Seaton have expanded their high school book exchange to cover university courses too. They also are now able to purchase new texts from distributors which they sell at a low margin profit.

By mid-summer 1500 students had registered with the exchange and their offices at 3199 Bathurst St. became cramped. A necessary expansion into a second set of offices at Keele & Finch was made early in August.

They had hoped to get on-campus space but by July had still not received approval. 'Rather than jeopardize the whole operation we decided to go it alone,' said Seaton, 'It's quite an expense renting space.'

Their first reaction to this situation was disappointment but later they realized the operation will be more efficient off-campus. 'We had to act for negative reasons rather than positive ones', he said.

Later in the summer the administration offered a choice of two on-campus spaces but both were inadequate for their expanding operation.

One advantage to being off-campus is they can sell new books in addition to used ones. This service is competing with the on-campus book store and 'it might mean they will be forced to lower their prices in the end, of course our book store has the facilities,' said Seaton.

They are not offering the fantastic number of books the book-store is able to, but are ordering every major text book. Many of the used books are recommended reading and a student is more likely to purchase these books if he can buy them used.

To get the services of the exchange a student must leave a \$10.00 deposit when he registers with them. This can be credited towards an order or returned if the student drops out or changes his mind. Used books can be bought from 25% to 40% off the retail price, the variation depending on the condition of the text.

'It is a complicated business with over 1,500 students and 1,000's of books and, admittedly, the first year will be confusion,' said Seaton, 'but we hope our first year will be a fairly good one in terms of goodwill and efficient service.'

A student selling his used books decides the price range at which they will be sold.

'We advise people to be competitive,' he said. The books not sold are returned to the student or can be left with the organization as long as he wants. A cheque is sent out in the latter part of October along with a statement of prices received on each of his books and a list of his unsold texts.

The book exchange division of Student Services Unlimited was endorsed for this year by YSC and any further endorsement will depend on the job done this year.

The expenses involved in running an operation of this size are high with rent, a staff of fifteen to twenty students, insurance, and phones. The council is not helping them financially. 'We're shouldering the entire expense ourselves,' said Jack.

John Adams, YSC president, said: 'When Mike Garfin originally approached us we saw right away he had a good idea - there was a need for a used book exchange.' Last year two students

tried to run an exchange separate from the council, with full co-operation of the administration and a financial grant. It was a failure. Nobody on council this year had any experience in this field or was prepared to take the responsibility of the financial risk. 'We agreed to assist him in attempting to get space on campus,' Adams said. 'We take no money from them and have no financial responsibility for any losses they may accrue.' Their endorsement of the exchange means 'all ads they put out are checked by us to see if they're using our name correctly,' he said.

At present Student Services Unlimited also sell records and school supplies at a discount. Early this fall a typing service will be offered, in addition to the selling and renting of typewriters. They will also have a photocopy service competitive with what is being offered on-campus. Tentative plans for the coming year include a travel service and an employment clearing house for students and employers.

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