

# Administration initiating \$10 late rent fines

By SARAH EISEN

Students living at the Graduate and Atkinson residences will no longer be allowed a 'grace period' to pay their rent, according to a York Housing Service notice.

Effective October 1, students living in these buildings will be required to pay a \$10.00 fine for late rent payments, the notice said.

An Atkinson tenant who requested that she remain anonymous said she is "rather dismayed" by the change. Students have signed their leases in good faith, she said, adding that

it is unfair to ask students for extra money, when so many of them have financial difficulties.

A spokesperson for Housing Services, Administrative Assistant Sharryn Greenberg, said this new policy "is not really a change at all." Rent is due on the first of the month, she said, adding that it is fair to expect to be paid on the designated due date.

A copy of the lease signed by the students concerned states in section 5(b) that tenants must "pay to the University, as additional rent,

the amount of \$10.00 per month as liquidated damages for each and every late payment of rent."

Norman Crandles, Manager of Housing Services, also said there is nothing unfair in demanding that a late fee be paid for late rent. Crandles said this is an "efficient, appropriate, and equitable" way of conducting business, since "any lost cost gets passed on to those who pay their rent anyway." He said that students will benefit if money is not wasted as it has been until now.

"Change is always difficult," he said, but added that he feels this change "won't cause a great deal of hardship."

"In a genuine case of (financial hardship) students can approach my department," said Crandles.

The Atkinson tenant said the late fee is completely unnecessary. "It can only be an extra hardship to those students who are temporarily experiencing financial troubles, but who intend to pay their rent eventually," she said. "If a student refuses to pay their rent at all, the University has the right to evict him," she continued.

The Residential Tenancy Commission said that under the Landlord and Tenant Act, the University is allowed to collect a late fee if rent is late.

# Alumni voice concerns to Commission

By ELLIOTT SHIFF

The York University Alumni Association made a presentation to the Bovey Commission on Friday, September 21.

The Alumni Association stated that as graduates of York, they hoped to see that any recommendations made by the Commission would "maintain or enhance the importance of our degrees within the community at large."

Regarding the accessibility the Alumni Association pointed out that in a community the size of Greater Metro Toronto, "it is essential that progressive and dynamic alternatives are offered." York's commitment to part-time studies was also noted.

The Alumni expressed concern that drastically reorganizing the educational structure in Ontario would leave several Alumni with no academic contacts at York. They voiced their fears about any indiscriminate withdrawal of academic programs which would "not only sever important ties with their alma mater, but also cause a downgrading of the value of our degrees."

# Faculty union votes to settle

By CAROL BRUNT

The York University Faculty Association (YUFA) voted overwhelmingly in favor of the recent contract settlement. In secret balloting held on September 25, members voted 93.2 percent in favor of the settlement. A total of 310 votes were cast representing less than one third of the bargaining unit members.

Robert Drummond, chairperson of YUFA said that a possible reason behind the low turnout was that "people presumed the settlement would be ratified and didn't vote."

Commenting on the settlement itself,

Drummond said that although there are still some things to be improved it is not an unreasonable settlement and "for the time being it's a settlement we can live with."

YUFA's settlement has set a precedent for negotiations between the administration and the other unions on campus. As York University Staff Association (YUSA) spokesperson Shirley Ittas said, YUSA is not willing to accept less than YUFA received in their settlement. Drummond said YUFA will be gratified "if our settlement helps them (unions on campus) in any way to achieve an equitable settlement."



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# York-based experiments will be carried on shuttle

By GISELE WINTON

As Canada's first astronaut Marc Garneau prepares for his upcoming flight into space, Canadian universities are readying five experiments for the launch on October 5. Two of the experiments are being prepared at York's Centre for Research in Experimental Space Science (CRESS).

The first experiment, developed by Physics Professor Ron W. Nichols, is the Sun Photometer Earth Atmosphere Measurements (SPEAM). The sun photometer is a 1.4 kilogram hand-held instrument that measures haze, air pollution, acid rain, atomic oxygen and nitrogen. The photometer measures the degree of filtration of the sun's rays as it passes through the atmosphere.

Garneau will simply point the sun photometer out a space shuttle window to measure the ozone layer chemistry at sunrise and sunset. This information will be extremely important to scientists as so little is known about the earth's upper atmosphere.

Physics professors Dr. Gordon Sheppard and Dr. William Gault are heading the second experiment, OGLow, an acronym for the measurement of Orbiter Glow and Atmospheric Emissions.

This is the elaborate name for the blue glow that surrounds the shuttle during flight.

Scientists fear the glow will interfere with their experimental results. "There is very little known about the glow," says Gault. CRESS is using the OGLow instrument, a camera that uses regular film with an image intensifier and a filter, to obtain a high resolution photograph of the glow particles.

Of particular interest is the interference the glow may cause, to an instrument called WAMDII, or Wide Angle Michelson Doppler Imaging Interferometer, which should be ready for flight some time in 1988.

Gault said the land-based experiments with WAMDII have been excellent.

WAMDII's function is to measure winds and temperatures at altitudes between 80 and 350 kilometres above the surface by employing a wide-angled lens to collect data.

One phenomenon that will be studied in detail is the winds generated by the Aurora Borealis.

The other three Canadian experiments have been organized by the National Research Council.