

# Slip-year system is inadequate -- Farr

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

This year's seven to 10 per cent increase in enrolment at York will cause existing academic and financial dilemmas — larger classes, fewer staff members and the prospect of an increase in tuition fees — to snowball, admitted York business vice-president Bill Farr last week.

## SLIP-YEAR

The situation came about as a result of a structural inadequacy in the formula slip-year financing system used by the Ontario government to determine the allocation of funds for Ontario universities, and an unsubstantial increase in the unit value for the Basic Income Unit (BIU).

York, like all other Ontario universities, is dependent on the provincial government for approximately 75 per cent of its operating revenue. The slip-year financing system, which is based on last year's enrolment figures, determines the amount of revenue needed to educate that number of students.

## EXACT AMOUNT

If enrolment remains static, the university receives the exact amount of funds needed to accommodate the student population.

However, if enrolment increases, the government funds do not reflect the increase in enrolment.

Farr told Excalibur that the operational implications of this situation have and will continue to result in cutbacks in staff, maintenance and the registrar's office.

He stressed, though, that York would not refuse new students.

York president, H. Ian Macdonald said the cutbacks in government funds would have little effect on ancillary services.

Farr added that the administration did not want a situation in which York's tuition income was subsidizing ancillary services. "All we can do is work for a break-even proposition," he said. (Parking fees have jumped this year from \$25 to \$35 for unreserved and from \$75 to \$100 for reserved. Students are also paying \$200 to \$300 more for undergraduate residence, and food prices have risen by roughly 20 per cent.)

## BIU RATINGS

Another reason for York's financial crisis lies with the failure of BIU ratings to keep up with inflation. This year's BIU rating is at \$2,111, an increase of only 7.8 per cent over last year. Though Statistics Canada reported a yearly inflation rate of 11.1 per cent, the Ontario Council for University Affairs recommended that the BIU value for 1975-76 be increased to not less than \$2,160, or 10.5 per cent.

In the OCUA report to the ministry, the government's objectives in university financing are listed as being: "To offset inflationary trends; to maintain or improve existing levels of service; and to accommodate predicted enrolment increases."

The formula financing system has been in effect for the past five years for all provincially assisted universities.



Judge Charles O. Bick, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Police, presents two York students with civilian citations. The students, Cheryl Shoji (left) and Rosemary Parish, prevented a man from stealing a television set from Founders Residence

last September. The citations acknowledge their "outstanding service and unselfish assistance" to the Metro Police Department.

The would-be thief was subsequently convicted.

# Centre serves all York women

By SHELLEY RABINOVITCH

Secreted away in room 257 of Atkinson College is York's Women's Centre, a facility run for and by the women of York University.

The Centre was created in an effort to better serve the specific needs of a more demanding female population. In the future it hopes to serve as both a meeting-place and information centre for issues concerning women.

"The Women's Centre is set up to serve all the women at York," says Janet Patterson, one of the driving forces involved. "This includes the non-student segment of

the population as well as the students. At the moment, we are actively engaged in putting out The Women's Newsletter, a feminist publication for all women."

The women involved in the Centre are interested in all current issues, with special emphasis on alternate lifestyles.

The organizers are currently compiling a library of feminist literature for public reference.

Any women interested in helping organize the Women's Centre or its newsletter are asked to attend the organizational meeting on Friday, September 19 in room 257, Atkinson College, at

12 noon, or to drop in any time. The Centre wants to serve all women, not just those who call themselves "libbers".

The Department of Business Administration is planning to set up a group interested in the plight of women in business. Designed for the Business major, the group will deal with such problems as the lack of women in board rooms, inherent prejudices toward women in certain jobs and other problems faced by businesswomen.

For further information about the group, call the Faculty of Administrative Studies at either 667-2412, or 667-2414.

# PARKING NOTICE:

In order to give new members of the community the opportunity to purchase parking decals vehicles may park free of charge in any peripheral (single letter) lot on the York Campus except 'M' lot, until September 26th, 1975.

All motor vehicles driven on campus must be registered with the Parking Office (Temporary Office Building) by the above date. Persons registering vehicles are advised that they must be prepared to provide the ownership permit.

Registration may be effected by purchasing an Annual Reserved Decal (\$100.00), an Unreserved Area Decal (\$35.00), or a Sessional Evening Decal (\$7.50), or by obtaining a Registration Decal, which is issued free of charge. Sessional Evening Decals are available only to part-time personnel, who will be required to produce evidence of their part-time status.

Those persons obtaining a Registration Decal are required to pay a daily fee of 75c, and are permitted to park in 'M' Lot only.

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