

Which Hunt?

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In its attempt to get closer to student, staff and faculty problems, grievances and questions at York, EXCALIBUR has an "Action Line" type feature, which appears below.

If you are having trouble or just a little aggravation at York and you want help, come to the friendly EXCALIBUR office in the central square or drop us a line.

Paul Crookall of Osgoode I is deeply in debt and gambling his year on his student grants coming through soon. Crookall has received his first term loan, but, so far, neither of his grants have arrived.

"I've been living on loans from my friends, but they need the money back now," said Crookall. "The real bumner is I haven't been able to afford books this last term."

His first request for a grant was denied when improper information was mistakenly put into the computer. His connected request form left the Student Awards office on Dec. 1 and hasn't been heard from since.

"No student has any guarantee that his cheque will come at any specific time," said Mr. G. Fontaine, director of the Department of Student Awards. According to Fontaine, it takes six to eight weeks for a cheque to be processed: "it's not an unreasonable length of time."

The request for a grant — after being completed at Student Awards — is sent to the Department of University Affairs where a voucher for the cheque is processed and passed along to the Treasury Department. There, the cheque



Loan lineup.

is completed and returned to the department of University Affairs from where they are dispatched to the various universities.

Mrs. P. Thorpe of University Affairs told Which Hunt: "It's up to the treasury when they are going to send it to us."

She explained that once the cheque had left their office they couldn't trace it ("It's out of our hands.") and added as an aside, "You know how slow the government is."

Mr. R. Riding of the treasury department was at a loss to give any information on the grant cheque. He referred us back to University Affairs: "If you want the information, they can tell you at what stage the cheque is at."

"We got so many cheques here we wouldn't know where to look for it." The government was, as usual, entrapped in its own web of red tape.

Crookall went to the bank with a cosigner to attempt to get a loan.

"He brought in a cosigner with debts all over the place," said Mrs. M. Manzoli, the loan arranger. Because of this his loan was refused.

When Which Hunt pressed for the requirements a cosigner must possess, the bank manager replied that "as a cosigner he must have a steady income; the cosigner may have collateral in lieu of a job... in bonds or stocks, readily convertible to cash." It doesn't seem the bank holds too much faith in the students.

What all this boils down to is that unless Crookall can find an 'acceptable' cosigner, Which Hunt is powerless against the combined impotence of the government and banking bureaucracies.

ed. note: Crookall's cheque has since appeared without fanfare in the office of Student Awards.

On 100 acres of land

Faculty co-op suggested

An ad hoc Housing Committee is looking for 50 to 70 faculty members willing to put up \$100 for provisional membership in a Faculty Housing Co-operative.

The committee hopes to buy about 100 acres of semi-wooded, hilly land, and develop it into home lots for York faculty members.

The building lots will be allocated to members on a 99 year lease basis. The "purchase price" of each lease would be in the area of \$14,000 to \$20,000. Some land will be set aside for common use, a community house and swimming pool.

Each member will be responsible for erecting his own house but the co-operative will engage a single architect and building for those who wish to economize by having several houses built at the same time.

The instigator of this project, Professor J. Buttrick of the Economics Department, was not available for comment before press time, but presumably the purpose of the co-operative is to lower the cost of land for housing, the biggest single cost involved. In addition, the tract of land they obtain will no doubt be more scenic than the moonscapes generally

Dating service

doesn't bother

homophile group

The York Chapter of the Canadian Homophile Association is not disturbed by the exclusion of homophiles from the computer dating programme to take place at York.

According to Roger Wilkes, president of the association, "We recognize that the questionnaire would have to be modified in order to match those of the same sex. Although the service excludes homophiles, at least their rejection recognizes our existence."

associated with new developments.

Membership in the co-operative will not be restricted to those employed at York.

The co-operative's prospectus states that "With support and encouragement from the

university, we believe that failure is unlikely; clearly, however, it is a possibility."

Further information and applications are available from Prof. J. Buttrick, room S619 in the Ross building.

York briefs

Vanier council in by acclamation

By MANNY R. MASONGSONG

Vanier College last Friday elected new members to its Student Council. Nine students, including one for the representative from the Fellows, were all elected by acclamation. The old council will meet for the last time today at 7 pm.

In the meantime, nominations are still open for Winters and McLaughlin College councils. There is no information yet available as to the number of nominations already in for both colleges. McLaughlin college will close its council nominations this afternoon, and the election, if there are enough candidates, will be held on January 27.

Science has curriculum forum

The Faculty of Science has recently changed their requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree and has instituted a credit system.

The Student Faculty Liaison Committee is sponsoring a forum to discuss these curriculum changes.

Faculty members will be present to explain their rationale for the credit system and hopefully to receive student feedback. All complaints, comments and criticisms are welcome.

The forum will be from 4:30 to 6 pm Tuesday January 26 in Lecture Hall 2 Room G.

All science faculty and students are urged to attend.

Howard Halpern presents poetry

York psychology student Howard Halpern will present "A View of Man" through poetry tonight at 7 o'clock. The presentation will be part of the new student run course, Explorations in Humanistic Psychology: An Introduction.

This presentation — one of several attempts to get away from the lecture format and make education an experience instead of a chore — will consist entirely in poetry.

Although other authors' work will be included, the presentation will, for the most part, consist of poems written by Halpern himself.

The poetry reading will be held in Room 291 People's Psychology Building. Members of the York community are invited to attend.

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