

Gov't. funds allocated

York to clear up \$800,000 deficit

York's administration has already divided up the \$1.5 million in increased operating grants provided by the Ontario government last month and will reject a staff association request for a share of the money.

"Our budgeting for next year is closed for all intents and purposes," Bill Farr, vice-president in charge of the budget, said Tuesday.

"We will operate on a balanced budget for 1974/75, which takes care of \$800,000 (to clear the budget deficit) right away," Farr said. Another \$500,000 will go into raises for faculty and professional and managerial staff. The remainder will be placed in the president's contingency fund, except for \$15,000 owed by the university to student councils as a result of increased enrolment this year.

As a direct result of the increased grants, the administration raised its offer from eight to about 10½ per cent in recent salary negotiations with the faculty association. Faculty had been asking 13½ per cent, but are expected to ratify the smaller amount already accepted by the association's executive.

About \$95,000 of the money earmarked for salary increases will go to the professional and managerial (senior administrative) sector.

YUSA negotiators argue that all support staff should share in the benefits.

"This (division of funds) came as quite a shock to us," Pam Horton, head of YUSA's negotiating committee, said Tuesday. "It had been an understanding between YUSA and the

university that people in the lowest categories were suffering most from the cost-of-living increases."

YUSA has prepared a counter-proposal calling for an additional one per cent cost-of-living pay hike for all staff, on top of the seven per cent approved by the university in January. But vice-president Farr has indicated he will oppose the measure.

"I think that under the circumstances there's no reason why the professional and management people should receive increases substantially lower than the faculty and the job-evaluated staff," he said.

Rally round and remember...

A rally to commemorate the fourteenth anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre will be held this evening, 5.30 pm at City Hall. In March 1960, South African police opened fire on a peaceful group of people demonstrating against the notorious pass-book laws. Sixty-nine people were killed in the ensuing slaughter. The rally is organized by the National Association of South Africans in Canada and guest speakers will include Jim Renwick of the NDP, and Professor C. Pratt.

Student reverses plea

By COLAN INGLIS

James Ince, the York student arrested in the U.S. during Christmas for draft evasion, has decided to plead not guilty to the charge of failing to be inducted into the U.S. Army.

Ince had previously indicated to American authorities that he would plead guilty.

In an interview, Monday, Ince said a trial would be expensive in terms of time, money, and the disruptive effect it would have on his life. His decision to change pleas means that he will probably not be able to return to school next year.

According to Ince, his decision was influenced by the fact that as a Canadian citizen a felony conviction would prevent him from ever again entering the U.S. and the principle involved was important to him personally.

Ince will be tried in Shreveport, Louisiana by a jury. But he has stated that he intends to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

A benefit with proceeds going to the James Ince Defence Fund will be held April 3 and 5 in the Vanier Open End cabaret theatre. An evening of skits will be presented by the National Dream Machine comedy troupe. The benefit, sponsored by Bethune and Stong Colleges, will help offset heavy legal expenses expected in the trial. Admission is \$1.

Prof deemed proficient

Economics Professor John Ridpath will be nominated for the Proficiency in Teaching award offered by OCUFA (Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations).

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