

Dunn sends memorandum warning of campus thefts

Approximately \$14,000 worth of personal property was stolen during the last academic year from offices and residence rooms on campus, York's director of safety and security reported last week.

In a university memorandum, George Dunn stated that a good deal of the losses could be attributed to "a failure on the part of the losers to appreciate that the majority of buildings on campus are accessible to any member of the community at large."

A number of the thefts took place when rooms were left open or unlocked and purses were in plain view on desks, tables or filing cabinets, the report stated.

"Some people think the university's got some overall insurance

policy to cover this, but they don't," Dunn later said in an interview. "The trouble is, many students fail to realize this is an open community. The general public has access to buildings until late at night. It's not like a private home.

"Students are careless about locking doors. They go to the shower and leave their wallet or purse on the table. Unfortunately for them, not everybody is honest."

Dunn's current headache is a long series of reports about money disappearing in the mail.

"One girl sent \$90 through the mail which didn't turn up. The worst case I heard of was a student who reported sending over \$200 for

his tuition fees to the accounting office. Accounting never received it, and they can't accept responsibility for cash mailed to them.

"You'd think the older students, staff and faculty would be more used to better business practices. Sending cash through the mail isn't accepted practice anywhere. Some people think this is a type of sanctuary."

In his mailed memorandum, Dunn added a series of warnings to resident students, including "don't wedge entrance and exit doors open as this is an invitation to would-be prowlers."

For students generally he advises, "If persons are seen loitering in corridors, or in offices or rooms where the occupants are not present, it is suggested that they be politely asked their business. If their answers prove unsatisfactory, notify the department of safety and security services without loss of time, through the Centre (3333).

"Recent prompt action by a member of staff, who observed two men behaving suspiciously in a parking lot and notified security, resulted in the arrest of two men who were responsible for a total of 46 thefts from parking lots at the university and the surrounding area."

Student directory

According to Anne Scotton, president of CYSF, a council-sponsored directory of York students is almost ready for publication.

"All we need now," she said, "are the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the students."

This information will be provided by the Office of Student Records on October 1; any students who change their address in the meantime should fill out a change of address form at the York Enquiry Service desk in the Steacie Science Library.

The directory will be free to all York students.

Students who do not wish to be listed in the directory should inform Anne Scotton, 667-2515, before October 1.



This year's registration went so smoothly that one student presented Registration Officer Betty Nolte with a bouquet of roses. Students who have not yet obtained sessional validation cards may collect them from Mrs. Nolte room 107, Steacie Science Library.

Summer registration reduces long line-ups

Everyone knows that registration at York is never completed without at least one hour-long line-up.

That's why many students were surprised to find this year's registration exercise, in the Tait McKenzie gym from last Wednesday to Friday, a relatively painless experience.

Except for occasional busy periods, the long lines that have characterized registration in past years failed to materialize.

As Colin Rutter, a second year law student put it, "It's only taken about five minutes, so it can't be all bad."

One of the reasons for the improvement is York's early enrolment programme, initiated last summer, which enabled students to select their courses and register at any time during the summer months.

This year an estimated 4,200 students took advantage of the programme and had already completed their registration by September.

Bob Elliott, who has worked at registration for the past two years, explains the improvement more simply: "Last year we had line-ups, this year we don't."

Serfs or tenants?

Feud over residence terms

If you live in any of York's student residences you have already signed a series of post-dated cheques in full payment of your tenancy.

If you live in undergraduate residence you have also been compelled to pay the equivalent of 2½ months' rent before taking occupancy.

These are two provisions of York's residence agreements which have drawn criticism from several student councils, since

these provisions and similar ones in force at other Ontario universities appear to violate the provisions of Ontario's Landlord and Tenant Act.

Recently, the Brock University Students Administrative council went to court in a dispute between a Brock residence and a student, in an attempt to bring the residence agreement within the terms of the Act. But the case was never resolved, since the student involved decided not to pursue it.

At its council meeting on August 29, CYSF voted to support in principle Brock's legal proceedings, and passed a motion from the Ontario Federation of Students requesting a vote of solidarity among Ontario universities in this matter.

Computer mishap causes delay in OSAP handling

OSAP application processing is now back on schedule, according to James Auld, Ontario's minister of colleges and universities.

A source in York's student awards office said last year's average of six weeks for the processing of an application was now closer to eight weeks.

The government attributes the delay to computer keypunch problems and a 12 per cent increase in the number of applications.

Auld said the projection is for over 85,000 student aid applications among which over \$83 million is to be disbursed.

Ninth floor prison not for Macdonald

By DOUG TINDAL

It is essential that all members of the university community participate in determining the university's priorities, York University President Ian Macdonald told Excalibur in an interview last week.

"I don't think it's helpful to feel that the administration has got an interest at odds with the students and the students an interest at odds with the faculty," he said.

"I realize this will sound idealistic, but I think it's essential that we set ourselves up in a way in which we can develop a good consensus of what all of us at York want the place to be. Trying to provide leadership and guidance in that process is my task."

Macdonald said he had "no wish to become a prisoner on the ninth floor, shoving a lot of paper around."

"I would like to spend as much time as possible out in the York University community with the students, with the faculty, with the people who are running things, in order to be developing and participating in that consensus-making process. I don't think one could do it from behind the desk on the ninth floor."

Macdonald expressed a desire to involve himself in whatever way possible with student activities.

"If I have any slight sense of frustration already," he said, "it's that I'm up here on the ninth floor and I know there must be something happening out there, that I'm not a part of."

On budget constraints: "I do not see the universities of Ontario facing anything but a continuation of financial stringency for the rest of this decade. In the face of this, however, we cannot afford to lay back and be dormant; we must continue to be creative and vital.

"We have to be prepared to look very carefully at everything we're doing to try to establish which goals York has for itself; where it wants to put its emphasis."

On the structure of the university: The university administrative structure is not unlike the congressional system of government, because you've got the executive centre in the president responsible to the board; you've also got the senate and the senate's committees and their responsibilities for academic matters; and then you have, like the state governors, the deans. So you have a kind of congressional system at work which means that there has to be a lot of political work in the best sense of the term: a lot of consultation, a lot of time spent understanding different points of view.



York president H. Ian Macdonald

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Course evaluation on horizon

Members of the Council of York Student Federation are currently considering the prospect of a course evaluation programme. Antoni Burzotta, vice-president of academic affairs, has approached the deans of Arts, Fine Arts, and Science in connection with the proposal. All the deans agreed that the matter should be given further consideration, and Burzotta says they have submitted in writing their approvals in principle. Student council has also agreed to the programme in principle, and are waiting to work out such details, as structure, involvement and budgetary needs.

"There is a great need for this type of programme here at York," said Burzotta. "It is one of the ways to improve the quality of academic programmes. I am not pursuing evaluation per se, but rather a mutual feedback system with the sole purpose of improving the quality of education at this university."

Speak publicly without fears

If you come down with an attack of stage fright each time you try to ask a question in class, a new course in public speaking is available on the Glendon Campus. Lectures on Effective and Advanced Public Speaking will begin on September 18 and wind their way through three sessions until April 9, 1975. Each session is \$100, payable to the Centre for Continuing Education. Phone 667-2525 for further details.