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Macdonald announces deficit.....

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More millions to be cut next year

By Agnes Kruchio

York University may have to cut as much as \$5.725 million off its budget next year, York president H. Ian Macdonald told a Senate meeting last week.

Because the increase in operating grants from the government for the

entire Ontario University system as a whole will be only 5.8 per cent next year, he said, the actual increase in York's income will be less than 5 per cent.

This cut in the next year's budget is over and above the cut in the current budget which Macdonald esti-

mated between \$1 million and \$1.6 million depending on "when (the university) has concluded the collective agreements currently under discussion"

"To the extent we don't meet this target in 1977-78 the problem in 1978-79 will be exacerbated," Macdonald said.

Macdonald said choices will have to be made among different expense categories at York in the future.

"Our problem now is to bring into common focus our various processes for decision-making and to act quickly. We must consider the large macro-choices between salaries, jobs, workloads, class sizes, course offerings, the level of support services, along with areas of academic priority," he said.

He then hinted that if York is not able or willing to do this, others may. While the administration of the university can only "attempt to bring the community together for the purpose of collegial determination of our direction (sic)," he said, "surely it is preferable that we do this for ourselves rather than having the Board of Governors or the government do it for us."

The rest of the meeting, which was originally to have dealt with resolutions passed by senate last spring on the Presidents' Report on the Goals and Objectives of the University the so-called "Red Book", and subcommittee reports on it, was taken up by a discussion of a report on the libraries, and the beginnings of a discussion of the president's report which was side-tracked on the issue of a possible research strategy for York.

Senate was adjourned at the usual time, leaving the lion share of the agenda unattended.

Cuts could mean 30 less courses

By Agnes Kruchio

As many as 50 part-time Atkinson professors may lose their jobs and the courses they teach cut next year.

Atkinson College Dean Margaret Knittl said in an interview earlier this week that because of the \$57 million university-wide budget cut announced for next year, and a drop in enrolment of at least 5 per cent at Atkinson this year, at least 30 of the college's 600 courses would have to be cut.

She said plans are not final yet because results of the November 1 "head count" were not yet known and because she had no "firm fix" on the actual cut that Atkinson would have to make.

"We will have to find out what the university intends," she said.

A figure of \$2.2 million would have to be carved out of the budgets of the four faculties of Arts, education, Atkinson and Glendon colleges, a meeting of the President's policy committee was recently held.

This figure, Knittl said, may be somewhat premature, because it is based on the assumption the university would have to cut the \$5.7 million in one year.

It would be better for the university to cut back over a period of two to three years, she said. This would require that the university go into deficit financing. When told by a reporter that the university's Board of Governors are adamant about having a balanced budget, she

replied, "so far they are."

While it is not certain just how many courses will be axed, it will be part-time faculty who will be dismissed said Leslie Sanders a humanities professor at Atkinson. She said she and other part-time instructors at Atkinson attended a meeting uninvited held for full-time faculty last week, where the announcement was made.

"In the future we want to be invited to these meetings, she said, "Our jobs are in jeopardy and many of us are dependent on York for our income" she said.

Cutting courses will mean that majors will have no choice in their courses, especially in the upper years, and that teachers' work load may increase to the level of community colleges where it is common for a teacher to have to face a class for over 9 hours a week.

Dean Knittl said the cuts will not be so serious for large departments where classes can be amalgamated to reduce the number of courses, but it will be difficult to keep programs intact in smaller departments.



David Himbara photo

Donnie Walsh of the Downchild Blues Band rocks on at Bethune's tap 'n keg last Wednesday. For more entertainment, see page 11.

All libraries having hours axed

By Paul Stuart

The reduction of eighteen hours of service for Scott Library, reported last week, will effect all of the university's libraries and should be put fully into effect by the middle of this month.

The curtailment of service, due to cutbacks in the library's budget, had lopped off ten hours of service at the Administrative Studies, Osgoode Hall, Glendon College, Scott and Steacie Science libraries, as of November 1.

At press time members of the Osgoode Hall Legal and Literary Society were planning an "occupation sit-in" at the law library for tomorrow at five pm, the first day of curtailed service.

Carol Beckman, the society's President, in a Monday Press release said that "libraries are the last things to cut", when budgets are stretched.



"Daily access to the library is essential to law students because almost all of the publications used regularly by students cannot be taken out."

"We're asking students to bring their books and sit down and do

their work because that's what the library is all about," said Murray Miskin, an executive member of the society, when contacted late Tuesday.

Miskin noted that the situation at the law library has attracted the attention of the daily press and said the society expects plenty of media coverage of the sit-in.

The occupation was initiated by a general meeting of the society held on Wednesday October 26, which was attended by over 150 students.

As for the remaining eight hours of service not yet curtailed, it is possible that an all day Saturday or Sunday closing may be chosen, but the reduction may be split both days.

The listening room will close down Sundays.

Last week William Newman, Acting Director of Libraries told *Excalibur* he had not yet received the feedback which will determine his decision on where to make the remaining cuts.

Stressing that he was trying to make the reductions at times which would cause the least inconvenience for students, he said he did not have sufficient time to put the entire cut in service into effect all at once.



Bryon Johnson photo

York Yeomen's "Magic" Mac Musabay (left) counted a goal and an assist on the weekend, as the home squad squashed Western 2-1 to take the Ontario soccer championship title. More sports on page 20.

The 6-million bucks the administration has announced it's going to cut back next year is going to have a big impact on York. Is your department or Faculty going to have courses, seminars, profs teaching assistants, trimmed a way next year? If you know, let us know, and we'll let the rest of the university know.

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