

Student Services: Changing

No longer will students have to find their way to the stratospheric level of the ninth floor to pick up their diplomas or inquire about student services.

The office of the assistant vice-president responsible for overseeing all student services, John A. Becker, has moved down to the ground floor of the Ross Building, room S104. That's just one of a number of important changes in Mr. Becker's department.

"My re-location down here was the result of a personal desire to be more accessible," he explained. "But in addition to that there were a number of activities that were not being handled very conveniently, or that we wanted to emphasize more."

If one were to pile up all the various "hats" Mr. Becker wears in his various advisory and supervisory roles, they would reach almost up to the ninth floor, where York's president and vice-presidents have their offices.

He is responsible for nearly all activities and areas in which the University staff meet and help students on a face-to-face basis, except for actual teaching. Such student aids as the Counselling and

Development Centre, Canda Manpower, Health Services, day care, student governments, and the convocation office report to him.

Invaluable help to new students is offered by Information York, the volunteer-staffed Central Square information service now administered by Mr. Becker's office. The International Student Centre unfortunately had to be closed due to budget cutbacks, but Mr. Becker and his staff assistant Denys Bown Brown are advising foreign students from their new office.

In addition to acting as chairman of the president's residence committee and advising the masters' residence committee, Mr. Becker now has an additional connection with student quarters. As the new Resident Tutor of McLaughlin College (replacing Prof. George Tatham who retired last year), Mr. Becker lives in its residence.

"The functions of my office can be divided up into three areas," Mr. Becker said, "and there are changes in each of them." The first area, developmental and educational programs, involves more than 50 employees. This

embraces the colleges, including all student council audits. The York Art Gallery, formerly administered in this area, is now under the control of the Dean of Fine Arts.

The therapeutic and "helping" agencies also employ approximately 50 staff members. One of the former parts of this area, the Math Learning Centre, has been organizationally relocated to a Faculty.

The Counselling and Development Centre has a new director, Prof. Harvey Mandel. Among its component groups is the Centre for Handicapped Students which "we hope to carry on with a new grant," Mr. Becker said.

Also under new direction are the volunteer health-counselling clinic Harbinger, now chaired by Bruce Lowe, the director of Atkinson College Counselling; and the Canada Manpower Centre, whose manager is now Mrs. Carolyn Reid.

The last area, services, includes relations with ancillary services (food and residences), student pubs and coffee shops, the Student Awards Office, the Convocation Office, and Off-Campus Housing Office.

Michael Mouritsen, the staff assistant responsible for convocations, has resigned, Mr. Becker said. Inquiries concerning diplomas and convocations should

go directly to the assistant vice-president's office.

The University's official calligrapher responsible for handlettering on diplomas and citations was Georges Steffen, who died last year. F.B. Kavanaugh Ltd. will produce the future York diplomas.

The Off-Campus Housing Office is in fact a variable service. "In the summer, when inquiries are most frequent, we actually employ someone to help with off-campus housing. But by October, we return to a phone service and a weekly bulletin of available places," Mr. Becker said.

Although the office has moved, information about student services can still be obtained from 667-2226.

York Bus Service Cut

The York buses which connect the University with the Islington and Finch subway stations have been cut back in service, compared with last year's schedule.

The change in service was

necessitated by the small number of passengers in offpeak hours, and the fact that most Atkinson (evening) students drive, a Physical Plant spokesman said.

Buses leave the Yonge-Finch

boarding point in the morning at 8:05, 8:20, 8:35 and 9:39. Afternoon service back to the subway is provided at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 and 5:40.

The Islington bus leaves the station at 7:55, 8:10 and 9:05. Afternoon service back is at 3:10, 4:10 and 5:10. There is no evening or week-end service on either line.

For the times of buses leaving York in the morning or other details, call Information York at 6666.

The schedule of the Glendon-York bus service is unchanged from last year's. Tickets for all York buses must be purchased at the Central Square Bookstore, Atkinson Reception Desk, Student Accounts (Temporary Office Building), or Glendon College reception; the busdrivers do not carry tickets.

Three for Muses

Within one week, Burton Auditorium will be hosting performances by a group of York theatre students, a world-renowned jazz composer and musician, and one of Canada's best folk bands.

The theatre company, Necessary Angel, consists of Richard Rose, Brian Conrad, R. Bruce Specht, and Lawrence Laffan. They are staging Aeschylus' Agamemnon on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 students, \$4.00 general; for information call 667-2370.

Anthony Braxton is a man of many instruments: alto, soprano and bass saxophone — and an award-winning improviser and composer. He is playing a solo engagement at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 19, sponsored by the Third World Students Union and GBM Productions. Tickets are \$4.50 students, \$8.50 general; call 783-0535 or 461-8080.

Famous for their Canadian content and wit, the Whilom Stringband will be entertaining with traditional songs and tunes like "Dief will be the Chief again" and "Maple Leaf Dog" on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 8:30 p.m. The group includes songwriter and founder Bob Bossin, singer Nancy Ahern, bassist Alan Soberman and fiddler Terry King.

If you don't know their three albums, catch this chance to hear a unique Canadian group. Tickets are \$3.00 student, \$4.00 general; information is at 667-2370.

Windfall Balances Budget

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Colleges and Universities of \$249,000, representing York University's share of previously undistributed Ministry contingency reserves and residual line item funds, and the system-wide reallocation of differential visa student fees.

This windfall payment of \$249,000 and the normal recovery of some \$60,000 in prior appropriations for non-degree course activities allowed the University to achieve what is essentially a balanced budget after providing appropriations of \$214,000. These appropriations included the additional \$175,000 in scholarships and bursaries in support of recruitment for 1978-79, an amount of \$30,000 to match an equal Faculty contribution for library

books and or Instructional Development programs, and a previously agreed upon annual appropriation of \$9,000 for Executive Development.

After all expenses and appropriations have been taken into account, the University has been able to reduce the accumulated operating deficit from \$613,000 to \$559,000, subject to any subsequent adjustment that might result from the annual special audit of the supplementary grants for the Faculty of Education.

Footnotes

Rhodes, Rhodes

If you're a single Canadian student between the age of 18 and 24, here's your chance to join the ranks of Rhodes scholars.

Eleven scholarships are offered to students in Canada this year. Each is worth 3600 British pounds a year, which is intended to cover living expenses and tuition at the University of Oxford for two or three years.

The selection of scholars is made by a provincial committee on the basis of academic achievement, character, leadership qualities and athletic interests. Applications from students now in their third or fourth year of undergraduate studies are preferred.

Over 600 Canadians have held Rhodes scholarships, including York President H. Ian Macdonald. The scholarships were established in 1904 by the will of Cecil Rhodes.

The deadline for applications is October 25, 1978. A few copies of the application form are available at the Communications Department, S804 Ross. For further information contact: J.M. Farley, Esq., P.O. Box 451, Toronto-

Dominion Centre, Toronto M5K 1M5.

Glendon Orchestra

Attention amateur classical musicians: here's your chance to play first string (or horn) in an orchestra.

The Glendon Orchestra, founded in 1968, is a chamber ensemble of about 35 players. Its membership includes amateur and professional musicians and its repertoire has ranged from Beethoven and Mozart to Weber.

The Music director is York professor James McKay. Interested students, staff or faculty are invited to contact him at 667-3825. Rehearsals are held at 8:00 p.m. Mondays at Glendon College.

Easy Degrees

Does a doctorate for \$195 sound like an unusual bargain? The prosecutor's office in Settle thought so, and decided to investigate "Pacific Northwestern University". Other deals it offered were bachelor's at \$85, master's for \$140, and even academic

transcripts for a modest additional charge.

The bogus degrees were being sold in his spare time by an administrator at a genuine Seattle institution, Seattle University.

3rd World Views Sought

Ideas and suggestions about ways in which developing countries can use science and technology effectively are sought from students who are natives of those areas. A first world conference on this subject is planned by the United Nations for 1979.

The precise subjects of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development have not yet been chosen, but the Association of the Scientific, Engineering and Technological Community of Canada (SCITEC) has been asked to solicit views and briefs from interested students on such topics as: food, energy, natural resources, industrialization, and tropical diseases. For further information, or to submit comments, write to: SCITEC, 202 - 151 Slater St., Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5H3



This is Elsie Ross, not Alice in Wonderland. She's an 1895 member of "Six Generations of Women," a photographic journey through more than a century of the Gooderham family's picture albums, at the Glendon Art Gallery until October 1. The photographs were assembled and reprinted by Susan Trow, a photographer and youngest family descendant. The exhibition documents changes in fashions and in the art of photography itself. The Gallery is open from 10-6 Monday to Friday, 2-5 p.m. Sundays.