

Casual attitude of students hinders housing

By **KIM LLEWELLYN**
The Council of York Student Federation condemned a North York by-law which prohibits non-family members from sharing a single dwelling as the major reason for the alleged housing

shortage at York at a council meeting last week. Dale Ritch, CYSF president cited the cases of several York students who could not find residence in North York because of the by-law.

C. Newman, who has worked for the housing service for the past five years refuted Ritch's statement.

She said that every student that has used the bureau has found accommodation. Newman added that

the service does not advertise for accommodation because the landlords will hike their rents if they think that there is a housing shortage at York.

"This is why the false notion that there is a housing shortage does more harm than good."

Newman told Excalibur that the housing office is not as effective as it could be because York students have a casual attitude towards the service.

According to Newman, many students do not bother to phone the landlord to arrange for an appointment.

"The apartment is often taken by the time they do go to see the apartment. When students obtain a place suggested to them by the bureau, they do not inform us and as a result that apartment is not taken out of the listings."

Que. store returns texts

MONTREAL (CUP) — Drastic increases in publishing costs have forced the Loyola university bookstore to return many French language textbooks to their publishers because of excessive markups.

Average book prices have climbed as much as 20 per cent since last September. Many French textbooks distributed by French publishers have actually doubled in price.

The decision to return a textbook is arrived at by both the professor who made the requisition and the bookstore. The notification of a price hike is given to the professor, who then decides whether or not to retain the book.

Lina Plescia, assistant manager of the bookstore, did not reveal how many French textbooks were returned to the publishers but pointed out one book which, although having doubled in price, was still on the shelf.

"We contacted the French department and they told us to hang on to it. This is a rare example of a book with a high markup that has been retained," said Plescia.

The higher prices on books have forced students to seek alternate bookstore on the campus.

The Book Exchange, one such alternative, has already surpassed last year's sales record, with another week remaining before regular classes begin.

YUSA dispute makes progress

The York University Staff Association has accepted an interim wage offer made by the university last week.

The annual salary rates of all individuals covered by YUSA's application will be increased by \$1,000 per annum or by 10.5 per cent which ever is the greater.

The wage increase would apply to all full-time staff on the payroll and will be retroactive to July 1st, 1975.

The results of the vote on the university's wage offer are as follows: 458-yes; 18-no; and three spoiled ballots and the increases will be included in their october salary.

YUSA plans to meet the Ontario Labour Relations Board for more hearings to determine who is to be included in the bargaining unit.

Test profs for literacy

WATERLOO (CUP) - With all the talk about consistent admission standards to Ontario universities, a University of Waterloo senator pulled the classic switch September 15.

Rick Irving, student representative to the senate suggested that professors, not just students, be tested in English.

While the senate discussion centered on the experimental testing of students in English and Mathematics, Irving said professors with a poor command of English may be doing harm to students who take courses at the

university.

But Matthews, UW president, long-time advocate of student exams in English and Mathematics, acknowledged that it was "an interesting idea", but said he had never heard of any similar testing.

1,800 first year UW students participated on September 12 in an exam to test their achievement in English and Mathematics. The test results are to be compared with the high school marks of the students. About one-half of the first year class wrote the test.

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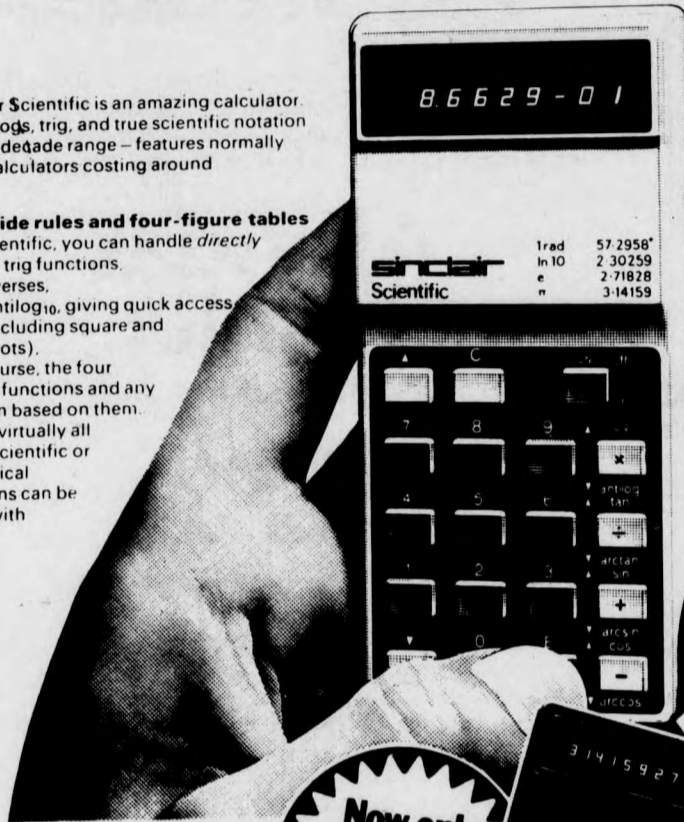
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