

**Cabaret, art jeopardized**

**Fine Arts cuts curtail sidelines**

By HONEY FISHER

The Faculty of Fine Arts will find itself in a tight situation because of the \$1.6 million budget deficit this year.

Joseph Green, dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts, is especially concerned about the shrinking support of the provincial government for Ontario universities. Although he feels the students will not be severely hurt by the cutbacks, Green says "the quality of the Fine Arts programme will definitely suffer".

Part of the budget deficit will be reduced by releasing some faculty members. The first to "get it in the ear" will be the part-time faculty, on which Fine Arts relies heavily.

Like the Faculty of Science, Fine Arts is a high "non-teaching cost" faculty. Large sums of money are

spent on materials, which are necessary requirements for the courses. Prices for these materials are now expected to rise approximately 15 per cent in the coming year.

**STUDENTS PAY**

As a result, teaching material can be expected to be quite heavy, a fact which will mean that students will have to pay these extra costs out of their own pockets.

Although none of the departments in Fine Arts will be cut, reductions in faculty numbers will ultimately result in cancellation of some courses, while others will be offered on a cyclical basis only.

Already in the department of Visual Arts, one professor has not had his contract renewed. No professor has

been hired to fill the vacated position. Consequently, this course will be deleted from the programme to the dismay of many students.

The faculty trimming will affect the problem of crowded classrooms. At the present time, the large numbers of students in the fine arts classes affect the quality of teaching and learning.

**CABARET IN DANGER**

"Co-curricular services" will also have to be curtailed to some extent, according to Green. These are non-faculty, non-credit offerings somewhere between academic courses and extra-curricular courses. They include such activities as the popular and highly successful Cabaret, the open evening studio in art, music concerts, ceramic classes, and

photography classes.

The Art Gallery of North York University (AGYU) will be allowed to continue, although there will be no hope of any possible expansion.

**OASES SURVIVE**

Green also expressed sincere hope that events like India Week and Japan Week would not have to be cancelled in the future due to the budget crisis. He considers these exhibits to be "oases of cultural activity" and "beginnings of intellectual focal points, which York University so desperately needs."

In the past years, the Faculty of Fine Arts has pleaded for increases in research and scholarship monies. At present, however, amounts are minimal, and likely to grow even smaller.



Arts dean Sidney Eisen

**Part-timers cut in Arts**

By J.W. BELTRAME

The faculty of arts has been asked to cut its spending over last year by \$225 thousand.

Dean of arts, Sidney Eisen, said in an interview Monday that a cut in part-time faculty members will be made next year due to the current budget difficulty.

The faculty of arts has a part-time budget of half a million dollars and it is in this area that Eisen hopes to make up for a large chunk of the deficit.

"No regular faculty members or probationary faculty waiting for tenure will be cut," he stated. Although no seasonal faculty members will be released this year, future cuts might be made in this area as well if present financial trends continue.

The proportion of part-time faculty members to be released will remain uncertain until all leaves of absence and resignations have been submitted. Eisen said that any faculty or secretarial help who resign "will not be replaced" if the faculty can get along without them.

Other cuts will come in the areas of reduced course offerings and in the cost of running the department, such as paper and cutting back on services to students.

Eisen also stated that money saved from the attrition of part-time teachers will be used to increase the value of graduate student assistantships.

Meanwhile the prospects for graduate students finding employment at York remain very bleak. Eisen said no probational positions will be offered next year, and that any hiring will be only to replace teachers on leave. The reduction in teaching staff will result in both an increase in the student-teacher ratio for the next school year, and increased working hours for faculty.

Eisen blamed the cuts on the Davis government, which he said seems to have lost interest in the field of education. "The government is funding us at a rate which doesn't keep up with the cost of living," complained the dean. The cost of living is increasing at a rate of 8 or 9 per cent, while the increase in funding per student enrolled at the university is only 5 per cent. He also stated that library costs have risen by 20 per cent.

Eisen expressed grave concern over the fate of universities in the future, as costs continue to rise and the government remain unresponsive to their needs.

**Bad vibes**

By BONNIE SANDISON

The Council of the York Student Federation refused to endorse Radio York's referendum because of the sketchy plans presented at the council meeting Monday night.

Most council members were in favour of Radio York's FM licence application and realized that a written guarantee was required that Radio York would have sufficient funds to continue broadcasting for three years.

But they balked at Radio York's request that the \$25,000 a year of student money which would fund its operations be controlled through the Board of Governors.

A revised version of the proposed referendum is to be presented to council in the Jan. 28 meeting.

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