



POWER STUDY! York's Ron Bar-Yoseph piles up books for librarians to re-shelve, as he crams for exams in Scott Library.

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Student health plan proposed

By NANCY PHILLIPS

York students may have a comprehensive health insurance plan by next September.

The CYSF is presently considering two Blue Cross plans which would include the cost of prescriptions, said President Tammy Hasselfeldt. Both plans would completely cover all drugs except preventative drugs, such as vaccines.

"A health plan is especially important now because the costs of drugs are getting incredibly high," said Hasselfeldt. She added that the CYSF

has been trying to get a student health plan for the past 10 years and she is pleased that this year it may finally happen.

Under either plan, Blue Cross would automatically pay for drugs when a student presents a subscriber's identification card. "This is a major advantage over other plans," said Hasselfeldt. Most health plans, she explained, require proof of payment before drug expenses are reimbursed.

Both plans also include partial coverage for naturopaths, psychologists, and chiropractors.

Hasselfeldt said that the only difference between the two plans is that one covers the cost of oral contraceptives. The cost of the plans would be about \$47 per student with the coverage of oral contraceptives, or \$33 without it.

The CYSF will decide between the options at a Council meeting December 6. Further details of the chosen plan will be released at that time.

Students will determine the fate of the plans at a referendum in March, to coincide with the annual CYSF elections.

Food services may face finance troubles

By JAMES HOGGETT

York's Food Services is headed toward some extremely difficult financial times.

Director of Housing and Food Service Norm Crandles explained that the 1988-89 operating budget figures indicate that for the first time in several years the Department will be unable to produce any surplus with which to continue its goal of reducing the cumulative Food Services deficit.

Instead, said Crandles, Food Services will experience a small overall deficit of \$20,000.

The current cumulative Food Services deficit stands at \$800,000 and, according to Crandles, has been reduced over the past 15 years from \$1.6 million.

Crandles explained the major cause for this year's deficit is the drastically reduced Return to University (RTU) funds under the contract with Marriott Corporation. RTU refers to the amount of money that the catering firm gives to the university, usually a certain percentage of the profits. Crandles explained that part of the problem originated when Beaver Foods' failed to perform profitably last year and was forced to withdraw from its contract. Subsequently, the terms of the one-year trial contract with Marriott Corporation has resulted in a

net reduction in RTU between \$125,000 and \$150,000.

"This loss of discretionary funds will seriously hurt us," Crandles said. "This money was going to be used for fixing up the dining halls which are in badly need of work as they are 20 years old, replacing the furniture and upgrading the kitchen facilities — including the purchasing of two new dishwashers which cost \$50,000 apiece."

"The long term factor is that sooner or later these things are going to have to be done," he explained. "The question is where is the money going to come from for this upgrading. Another source has to be found for these funds. But at this point in time I have no idea where."

The situation will only get worse, Crandles said. He explained that when the Student Centre opens in 1990, Central Square Cafeteria — the major source of funds for Food Services — will likely experience a loss in sales due to competition with the Centre's food court. He added that this reduction in sales will result in further reductions in the university's RTU.

Crandles said these developments drastically alter Food Services Financial position. He added, "It poses an interesting challenge for the future that will be pursued through the UFBS and other channels."

Divestment update

By ELAN KATTSIR

The York University Pension Fund (YUPF) has substantially reduced its investment in companies with South African interests, said a senior YUPF official last week.

William Small, Secretary to YUPF's Board of Trustees, told the YUPF last Thursday afternoon that the Fund's holdings in companies with South African connections has been reduced from 6.84 per cent in 1986 to .92 per cent or \$2,621,216.

The total amount in the Pension Fund, as of September 30, is \$284,569,216.

Divestment has been an ongoing issue since January 1986, when the York Divestment Committee (YDC) proposed that York Pension Funds

be pulled out of those companies which have holding in South Africa.

President Harry Arthurs and the York University Faculty and Staff Association were in favour of this motion. The proposal was also approved by the All University Pension Committee. But the issue had yet to be approved by the Board of Trustees, an eight-member committee of the Board of Governors.

In February 1986, the Trustees' concern over the legal implications of divestment was expressed by Small. He was concerned that if, as a result of the divesting funds, a loss of revenue occurs, beneficiaries against

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