



Hot Damn! A real fire! Did you stay in your class saying it couldn't happen here? It did, baby, at long last. (December 15, 1967, a day to remember.)

Founders fire: few fuss

York had a real fire—only one believed it.

The peace and quiet of Founders' academic wing was shattered by that ubiquitous fire alarm December 13. The elevator was on fire, filling the top floor with smoke.

But third floor people

didn't panic. Through a veil of blue smoke they continued discussing what to wear to the staff Christmas party.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The elevator company's inspector said there was no breakdown in the equipment which could possibly have caused it.

Debates inquiry to report soon

The three-man board of inquiry into the 7000 dollar loss of the York Debating Society is expected to make its report soon.

The inquiry was called to investigate the unexpected loss of the money following the International Debate at York last year, to make recommendations for the repayment of this debt, and to prevent the recurrence of a similar situation.

Henry Best, Director of Student Services, told Excalibur Wednesday that the report, although late, is expected within two weeks.

dents wishing to share accommodation. Example: the ad calling for a male student 23-25 to share an apartment with gym, indoor swimming pool, and sauna bath. Rate: \$20 a week including food.

Students wishing to form co-ops will find the average rent for a three-bedroom house to be about \$250 a month. Most are fully furnished. Many include full kitchen and laundry facilities.

Res fees may rise, says Best, but not to \$1000 as rumored

Henry Best, Director of Student Services, flatly denied a rumor that residence fees will increase to \$1000 next fall.

Best said, "There has been no decision made yet, I don't know whether fees will go up at all, but its going to be difficult to keep them down."

If any changes are made, students will be informed before the end of term, said Mr. Best. "Residence councils will be brought into the picture before the decision is made. This is my clear understanding unless someone else changes the situation."

H.B. Parkes, Vice-President of Finance, said although there has been no final decision made, cost of service and maintenance this year indicates an increase may be necessary to break even. Mr. Parkes added that it is unlikely that tuition fees will go up.

J.R. Allen, Business Manager, said an increase is

possible, but that all efforts are being made to veto the present cost. He expects a decision before the end of the month.

If the fees do increase, York will be following in the footsteps of the University of Western Ontario, whose fees increased to \$1000, last fall.

Zzardvark zzeroeszzout

by Doreen Menaker

The errors in this year's Zzardvark, the York student directory will not be corrected, said advertising manager Ron Bumstead.

A corrective supplement cannot be issued before February, and Bumstead feels that it would be too costly and too time consuming.

He said, the overworked computer caused a one month delay.

The many errors in Zzardvark can be blamed on the computer, he added. Names, addresses, and phone numbers are taken from admission lists, many of which are inaccurate.

"Because of the volume, it is virtually impossible to check out each name individually," Bumstead said.

Laser equipment stolen

Laser equipment worth \$5,000 was stolen from York's Farquharson Life Sciences Building December 19.

Dr. F. J. Morgan of the Space Science department reported the theft to security police when no one with access to the equipment could account for its disappearance.

J.A. Thompson of security police said his department immediately notified Metro

Police and the manufacturer, Electronetics Systems, in case the parts come to them for repairs.

Morgan said the theft of the three components makes no sense. He said the laser is only used for research purposes and the stolen parts are useless without their power source. To construct a power source, he added, is almost impossible.

Thompson pointed out the resemblance of the stolen parts to camera equipment and said the thief may have thought the parts contained a telephoto lens.

No more debates

by Judy Pendrith

There will be no 'Great Debate', or any other kind of debate at York this January, contrary to earlier Debating Society promises.

Richard Banigan, a spokesman for the society, blamed lack of student interest for the dwindling society membership, leaving the society without sufficient people to elect an executive.

He said approximately 50 students had declared interest but only 12 appeared at the last meeting.

Banigan criticized the college councils for their withholding of funds and apparent disinterest as part of the problem.

He said that they needed at least 30 society members and the cooperation of all the college councils to renew the debates.

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Evicted? Check out the housing lists

by Anne Wright

What's the matter, Bunky?

Are you tired of being a tunnel rat, fed up with living at home, worried about the rumored increase in residence fees? Is that your problem? Well, fear not.

The administration has come through once again. Detailed lists of student housing are there for the asking at Steacie Science Library.

Miss T. Appleby, secretary to York's business manager J.R. Allen, says the response to off-campus housing has 'not been too great'. There are more calls from landlords listing houses than from students seeking accommodation.

The housing lists contain fairly detailed information on student accommodation available in apartments, houses, and rooms to rent.

Miss Appleby blamed the lack of inquiry partially on the season. There were far more inquiries last September and October. She added that advertising for the housing service is limited to a few signs around campus and relies mostly on word-of-mouth.

Approximately 80 rooms all furnished, are listed ranging in rent from \$10 to \$25 a week.

Many offer room and board or kitchen privileges. One even includes free transportation to and from campus.

For the student whose loan didn't come through, there are always offers of room and board in exchange for babysitting and light household duties.

Alternatives are ads such as those offering free accommodation providing the student tutors a high school member of the family.

Apartments vary from a \$10 a week, two-room basement in Downsview, to a \$190 a month, fully furnished, one bedroom apartment, complete with underground parking, TV and stereo in Forest Hill.

Several are offered by stu-

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