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FIRE!

A North York firefighter tosses smoldering upholstery from the burned out interior of a York student's car. The car caught on fire in parking lot 'J' last Tuesday. Probable cause of the blaze? The cigarette of a careless hitchhiker.

Part-time faculty may be sacrificed for grad. students

By SUSAN GRANT

Many part-time faculty, employed at York could be out of a job this April because of a university proposal to the Labour-Management Committee of the GAA and the university.

The proposal states that full-time graduate students should have hiring preference over part-time faculty in all tutorial leader positions.

One effect of these new regulations, if implemented, will be that if a part-time faculty member is a tutorial leader this year, any full-time graduate student can apply for his-her position, prior to April 15. Only if this position is still vacant after this date, can any part-time faculty apply.

Part-time faculty often have their Ph.D.'s, but are unable to land a full-time teaching jobs because of the shortage of positions. To remain in university, they take on part-time teaching jobs and maintain another job. The GAA thinks it is unfair to both the part-time faculty and the students to hire a graduate student,

often with less experience, to replacethem.

Although the university contract with the graduate students is committed to giving full-time graduate students the experience of teaching in a university environment, the province pays for a percentage of each full-time graduate student's salary. However, this offer does not apply to the salary of the part-time faculty.

The GAA represents both the full-time graduate students and the part-time faculty, and as such feels compelled to defend the jobs of these people.

Although the Labour-Management Committee is composed of three members from the GAA, as well as three members from the university, the GAA has been unable to block this proposal.

The committee itself, was set up by a clause in a contract to "recommend some procedures for hiring and to do job descriptions," and as such the GAA representatives have little or no official power to defend their members on this committee.

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Trapped in elevator help slow for students

By PAUL KELLOGG

For two hours on March 13, six York students and a delivery boy for Pizza Delight were trapped in an elevator in graduate residence number one.

Although one of the trapped students was claustrophobic and was hysterical for most of the two hours, neither physical plant nor the fire department was phoned to pry the doors open and free the seven people.

It wasn't until 9:25 pm, two hours after the elevator became jammed between the first and second floors, that a serviceman from Dover Corporation, the company that services elevators at York, arrived from his weekend home in Milton, Ontario (near Hamilton), with the emergency key which opened the elevator doors, and released the seven people.

"It was a nightmare," said Bogusia Wojciachowska-Kibble, "We didn't bloody-well know how long we were going to be in there for. They (emergency services) kept

tellings us we'd be out any minute, they kept raising our hopes . . . it was enough to drive anybody crazy."

Janet Atkinson, the woman who suffered from claustrophobia, said, "I've had bad dreams about that (being caught in an elevator) ever since I came to York, and it finally happened. It was really awful."

Fortunately, for the trapped people, material was available for an impromptu supper. The delivery boy realized after fifteen minutes he was going to be there for a while, divided the pizza up among the seven, while one of the women in the elevator passed around a can of coke she happened to be carrying.

Service manager for Dover, Bill Wilkinson, said his company responded as fast as possible to the call.

"It was an unfortunate coincidence," said Wilkinson. "All our men happened to be tied up. When an elevator situation such as this one is a trapping situation, then we inform our men working elsewhere to drop what they're doing and get to the scene of the trapping as quickly as possible. The fellow in Milton was as close as anybody at the time."

When asked if there was not an emergency procedure for a situation where a person was sick, Wilkinson said there was, but that the university hadn't informed Dover that someone was claustrophobic.

"If we had been told about the claustrophobia, we would have contacted the fire department or urged the university to contact the fire department to pry the doors open," said Wilkinson.

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New housing policy under review many controversial clauses out

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

Students with tuition debts to the university will not be allowed to rent student apartments if proposed changes to the residences' admission policies are approved this week by York president H. Ian Macdonald.

The final report on eligibility for accommodation in the graduate and Atkinson student residences is now under review by University Services Vice-president Bill Small, who said he will "recommend the report as an operating procedure to the president's office."

Included in the policy statement is the condition that applicants must first be admitted to the university before they can apply for an apartment lease, and a point system for determining apartment priority for different applicants.

Residence manager Jane Corbett said the housing department has been swamped by a backlog of application forms from people who would apply for an apartment lease before they were accepted by the university "so they would be accepted to both simultaneously."

Corbett said the department has refused since last January to accept application forms from students until they produced evidence of their registration at York.

Also, the report explicitly said

that the sex of individuals applying for a one-bedroom apartment to share will not be a consideration. The inclusion of this clause, according to Dave Fleet, chairman of the York University Tenants' Association (YUTA), is a result of recent coverage by Excalibur of discrimination against homosexual applicants.

Last January, Excalibur reported that the residence policy committee tried to include a clause that would disqualify applicants with debts of more than \$50 to York. But, according to YUTA chairman Dave Fleet, the clause was dropped because of strong opposition from Tenants' Association.

The report also states that, in the case of undergraduate applicants under 23 years of age, married or common-law couples must provide a marriage certificate to prove their current status wasn't arranged for the purpose of gaining occupancy.

Small said the report will be a formalization of York's housing policy because there has not been an official statement of housing procedures since 1971.

He said he hoped the policies would legitimize current operating procedures in the housing department. The restriction on non-

student applicants should "overcome a goodly number of people on the waiting lists (for residence) who shouldn't have been there in the first place," he said.

The report did not however, establish a limitation on residence tenancy but stated that a policy will be announced this December.

The residence policy committee included: John Becker, assistant vice president of employee and student relations; Don Nesbitt, head of ancillary services; Magda Davey, graduate studies representative; Roger Gray, Osgoode representative; Atkinson Dean Margaret Knittl; Denys Brown from community services; Jane Corbett and Dave Fleet.

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