

Rental assistance announced

By GARY MARR

A new Rental Assistance Programme will allow York University tenants to apply for financial aid, the University announced Tuesday.

The programme, which has received initial funding from Vice-President Bill Farr, will be implemented immediately and is to be administered by the University's Office of Financial Aid.

The programme was initiated after the Department of Housing consulted and discussed residence fees, rents and other charges with organizations such as the York University Tenants Association (YUTA).

A statement issued by Norman Crandles, Director, Housing and Food Services, says the programme's goal is "to attempt to provide some relief for those members of the community whose circumstances are particularly difficult." Those members, the statement explains, could include single parents or disabled students.

"It's a modest attempt to help those in need," said Crandles.

The programme is being implemented on a trial basis and after approximately one year it will be reevaluated. According to Crandles, all future funding would have to come from the Resident Budget Committee. The \$15,000 provided

by Farr is a one-time allocation.

Crandles explained that the allocation is specifically designed to help those people the increase could be softening to 6 per cent. Crandles added that any aid would not be direct aid, but would be reflected in a transfer of funds to a tenant's housing account.

Whether the programme becomes permanent will depend on how much is used, said Crandles. A reexamination of the programme could occur anytime within the next year, depending on how much of the funding is used.

"It's a programme that has its merits," said Crandles. "We will probably follow Mr. Farr's lead."

Scott library hours extended

By CARLA PIKE

In response to student pressure and a recommendation from the Senate Library Committee, Scott Library hours will be partially extended.

According to Director of Libraries Ellen Hoffman, Scott Library, will also be open Sundays from 12 p.m. to effective January. Presently Scott is open Sundays until 9 p.m. There will, however, be a staff cut-back on Sundays in order that the change will not increase costs.

Earlier this fall, Scott Library hours were shortened from midnight to nine p.m. on Fridays and Sundays.

Hoffmann is also considering shifting Scott Library's Saturday hours from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. to 12 - 8

p.m. in order to better accommodate students. Hoffmann said that because this would not extend hours, the change would not require extra funds.

But Friday's hours will remain the same.

"Friday night has not been a problem with students and we have not seen a need to reinstate Friday hours," Hoffmann said.

Taylor Roberts, a student who began a petition to reinstate last year's library hours, is not completely satisfied.

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Hoffmann also announced that the Scott Library Reserve Reading Room hours will be extended during exams.

"Because students need a place to study during exams, the library has traditionally extended the Reserve Room hours," she said.

The Reserve Room will be open until midnight on the first three Fridays and Sundays in December, and on the first three Saturdays it will be open until 10 p.m.

Frost Library and Law Libraries have also been slightly extended during this period.

YORKDEX

Number of course enrolments in the Department of Psychology this academic year: 10,604

Number of Psychology majors: 2,984

Number of full-time faculty in the Department of Psychology: 56

Number of course enrolments in the Mass Communication Department this year: 1,296

Number of Mass Communication majors: 272

Number of full-time Mass Communication faculty: 5

Average grade of the incoming Faculty of Arts class in 1983: (approx.) 65

Average grade of the incoming Faculty of Arts class in 1988: 75

Proportion of the 1983 incoming Faculty of Arts class with averages over 75: 26.2

Proportion of the 1988 incoming Faculty of Arts class with averages over 75: 43.3

Number of Ontario Scholars (80 per cent and over) in the 1983 incoming Faculty of Arts class: 334

Number of Ontario Scholars in the 1988 incoming Faculty of Arts class: 526

SECURITY BEAT

By NANCY PHILLIPS

On Friday November 18 a vehicle travelling north on Fraser Drive rear ended a vehicle that had stopped at a stop sign. The driver of the second vehicle was taken to Branson Hospital with a possible neck injury. The estimated damage is \$3,000.

A stolen car was reported on Saturday November 19. The complainant said that his 1984 Volkswagon had been parked in Lot 1A for about 11 hours, and when he returned, it was gone. The approximate value of the car is \$11,000.

On Tuesday November 22, a member of York Security observed a vehicle, in Lot DD, which had been left out of gear. It rolled out of its parking space and into another parked car. The estimated damage is \$500.

In a further attempt to ease York's parking crisis, reserved spots in Lot HH are being offered to both those on the waiting lists for other reserve lots, and the general York popula-

tion. Director of Security and Parking Services Michael O'Neil said that he hopes this will ease the crowding in the unreserved lots.

Lot HH has 386 spots, and only 159 of them have been sold. About 50 people pay daily to park there.

On November 14 a woman saw two men leaving her office as she returned. Her belongings had been disturbed, and her keys were missing. She called Security and provided them with a description of the men, and they were apprehended within 15 minutes.

On being questioned the men admitted they were not York students, and could not produce any identification. They were put under arrest for trespassing, and held for the Metro Police.

A cursory search revealed that both men had two-way radios and white construction gloves, and one had a crowbar under his jacket. Despite this Metro Police refused to charge them with possession of burglars tools, but they were charged with trespassing.

Cliche of the Week

Better Late than Never — An excuse for not being on time; also used as a civility by the person kept waiting. The term is found in literature as early as 1200; in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales (1410) it turns up as, "bet than nevere is late."

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