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It's called "3662" and is a sculpture by York student Brian Crerar, on exhibit, with other student works in the lobby of the Fine Arts building and in the IDA gallery. Exhibition ends Saturday.

Paul Stuart

No income tax for students 'til York processes education certificates

By Laura Brown

Approximately 20,000 York students are unable to file their income tax forms because the university is late in sending out the Education Deduction Certificates.

Since last year Revenue Canada did not accept tuition fee receipts as sufficient proof of school enrolment, but required the additional certificate, known as the T2202.

Excalibur was notified earlier this week by York student, Bob Grisdale who is angry because "I'm ready to hand my form in now, but I can't until I receive this certificate."

Grisdale said he earlier complained to the Registrar's office who had informed him that they would not be mailing the certificates until March 21.

Grisdale said he was incensed because he has to wait until the end of this month to send in his forms, which in turn, will result in a delay receiving his income tax refunds. He added that he contacted the tax department in Ottawa as well as Revenue Canada in Toronto but only met with additional frustration.

Revenue Canada will return forms which are missing the T2202 certificates, and yet according to his source in Ottawa, "there is no law requiring institutes to have these forms out by any specific date."

Grisdale added that the Toronto office of Revenue Canada was not aware of the stall at York.

When contacted Monday afternoon, York registration officer Noel Berman said he is aware

that this holdup is an inconvenience but shifts the blame to Revenue Canada. Wherever this blame lies, Berman estimates that 15,000-20,000 students are being affected.

"Revenue Canada first required these certificates in 1977, but the university did not have the time or facilities to properly sign this certificate," Berman said.

"We made an agreement with them that last year's slips would be signed manually but this year's slips would be computerized forms of the T2202.

Berman claims that the office ordered 50,000 forms from Revenue Canada last November and asked them to be delivered no later than mid-December so they could begin testing the computer program directly after the Christmas break.

Berman maintained they needed this amount of time to work the files "because we're a very decentralized institute as far as files go."

"To ensure correct programming of the T2202 forms would take a month of testing simply because we are dealing with nine different files," Berman said. This includes three different Atkinson, three undergraduate and three graduate files.

Revenue Canada informed the office that the forms would not be available until February 21 and computer time was booked for this date. Although the registrar's office received the forms two weeks earlier than expected, Berman said the computer was booked up.

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Hate slogans, intimidation of women mar pedestrian tunnel

By Paul Stuart

The appearance of anti-semitic graffiti in the pedestrian tunnel on three occasions in recent weeks, led to it being closed on a trial basis last weekend.

The sudden spurt of hate slogans was capped off in the early hours of Monday morning when the tunnel became spotted with swastikas. A York security officer told some members of the Jewish Student Federation that the tunnel, which was locked, had been checked by a patrol at 2 am and there were no problems. The swastikas had appeared by the next check at 4 am.

Another cause for concern about the tunnel's security was pointed out on March 9 by student governor Shawn Brayman in a letter to President Macdonald. He said that he had recently been contacted by several women who late at night, "had been confronted by men, who approached them, unclothed from the waist down, and had been subjected to intimidation and insult."

Brayman suggested that the lack of security in the tunnel be discussed at the next Board of Governors meeting.

The closing of the tunnel caused concern last week in the Center for Handicapped Students. The tunnel closure can pose a problem for handicapped students because locking it up cuts off an excellent route for wheel chairs in winter weather.

George Dunn, Director of Safety and Security Services, told Excalibur Tuesday that arrangements were made last weekend to provide access to the tunnel for handicapped students who called security and asked for admittance. He said Wednesday

the tunnel would be closed again this weekend. Dunn said making arrangements for handicapped students "on a long term basis" would be "difficult" due to the size of the security staff on weekends.

Representatives from the Center for Handicapped Students met with the JSF last Thursday to discuss the tunnel problem. Judy Snow, the center's co-ordinator, said Tuesday night that the JSF

"did not want to inconvenience" the handicapped students by closing the tunnel and added that the JSF displayed a "fine attitude."

Charles Lebow, programme assistant for the Jewish Student Federation said Tuesday that he had met with Mr. Dunn last week, and was told that surveillance of the tunnel had been increased to "the maximum of what he says is possible." Lebow termed the

stepped-up level of surveillance "obviously inadequate."

Lebow said that he has tried to approach President Macdonald and vice-presidents Small and Farr on the matter, "but I haven't received any response directly from them yet."

"We're looking for a response from the administration towards measures that will increase the security and that will lead to the

apprehension of those responsible," said Lebow.

As to the identity of those responsible for the graffiti, a Jewish student who has been participating in the clean-up of the tunnel said Tuesday "that

we just don't have any hard evidence yet." The Jewish Student Federation is considering offering a reward for information leading to the apprehension of the painters.

The York choir will provide a pleasant respite

By Andrew C. Rowsome

Amidst the chaos of the mid-March panic, when essays and assignments suddenly come due and exams loom on the horizon, breaks become a necessity of life.

To sooth frazzled nerves and to give a pleasant respite the York University Choir will be presenting an evening of "Music and Meditation" on March 16 in the Scott Religious Centre.

The idea, according to Nick Kaethler the Choir Director, is "to create a sensitive mood. It will be light with a pensive undertone, legato you could say."

The York Choir is a continually metamorphosing organization. "We're a few shorter in number but we've achieved a greater degree of musical maturity. The male sections in particular are stronger which is not only necessary but also a musical delight," adds Mr. Kaethler.

The Choir is open to any member of the University with an interest in singing. Some are music students out for extra practice but there are members from virtually

all the faculties. "I do it for therapy after a busy day of classes," asserted an Arts student.

Almost as a warm up to this concert the Choir was invited to perform at the christening of the City of York and the opening of the new municipal buildings. Despite having their voices swallowed by

the spacious lobby the public reaction was positive. It was a brief moment of style during a generally vulgar political event.

If you are just too busy to catch the March 16 evening there will be another Choir presentation in Burton Auditorium on March 30. The second concert deals with

eternal spring theme: Love. Love as a joke and love as life. Nick Kaethler describes it as "a romantic progression with a balance of satire and serious moments. It has a dynamic scope with several very funny moments." Admission is free to both concerts.

Today is student election day



Bryon Johnson

Today's visit by Toronto Mayor John Sewell (at 1 pm in Central Square) may put you in the mood for some political action. All York students may vote for one representative to the Board of Governors, and CYSF members can choose the council's University Affairs vice-president. For details of CYSF's constituency rep elections, contact your college council.

Polling stations are located at Central Square from 10 to 6; in Stong College (by the porter's office); in Founders/Vanier (by the ramp to the dining hall, both college polls open 10 to 5) and in the Osgoode Mixing Area, from 10 to 4:30.