

NEWS

Library fines raised 500%

by Tina Pannunzio

If you have an overdue book from one of York's reserve libraries you better return it quick, or you may need a bank loan to pay the fine.

Effective as of the second week of September, York's libraries, including Scott, Steacie, Law and Frost have undergone several policy changes designed to solve the unavailability of reserve items.

Changes include the increase of the maximum fine of daily and hourly reserve loans from \$15 to \$100 per item. Rates calculated on an hourly and daily basis have also been raised.

The decision to increase the reserve fines began with a proposal by the Circulation Committee (comprised of library staff, faculty and students). The Senate Committee approved the increases and specifically opted for a high maximum fine in order to create an effective deterrent against the abuse of borrowing reserve items.

While the maximum fine may seem high to York students, some Ontario universities such as Waterloo, Queen's, McMaster, UofT and Ryerson have no fixed maximum fines. It is not uncommon at these institutions to see some fines go as high as \$500.

By raising the maximum from \$15, the attempt to "lease" a reserve book for the course year becomes a less attractive option.

Olshen said the changes were made to improve service and added that "with regulation there is some flexibility" allowing discretion when applying the fine and offering access to an appeal.

Olshen also said that revenue incurred through the collection of fines will be allocated to "further service the goals of the library and support the continuation of its services."

Another noteworthy change at York's libraries is the addition of a second line to the telephone renewal system. This added line should be in full operation by the end of October.

The second line was added in response to the high demand and use of the system, and to eliminate long delays during peak hours.

According to Olshen, there are more renewals by telephone than in the library during peak hours.

An information desk has also been added to the second floor of the Scott Library in order to alleviate traffic and waiting at the circulation and reference desks.

This new desk will provide directional information, information about library services and assistance in filling out specific forms.

The library's intention in creating the addition is to allow the latter desks to concentrate on research questions and what they were specifically designed for.

Future plans for improvement of library facilities include the expansion of the Scott Library into the area presently occupied by the University Book Store.

York students will be demonstrating in support of aboriginal sovereignty at Downsview military base this afternoon, September 26.

The peaceful demonstration has been organized by the Native Law Student Association (NLSA) of Osgoode Hall Law School. The protest will begin at 12:30 pm at the main entrance of the Canadian Forces Base (CFB) on the corner of Sheppard and Keele.

Bernd Christmas, spokesperson for the NLSA, told *Excalibur* that he is expecting a minimum of 50 protesters to show up for the rally as well as all of the major Toronto television and print media.

The Osgoode group will be reading a statement to the media, expressing its alliance with the First Nations and supporting a peaceful resolution to the Oka conflict. Christmas said he informed the Downsview CFB commander as well as Metro Police about the protest ahead of time to keep the demonstration legal and as peaceful as possible.

According to Christmas, the group does not want a radical or violent rally.

"We wish to send a message to other university communities in Ontario and Canada to get actively involved in Native sovereignty claims," said Christmas.

Pages cut from college handbook

by Grayson Levy

The decision to cut pages from the Bethune College handbook was a result of a threatened lawsuit over pages which were potentially libellous.

"It was really [Bethune College Council's—BCC] decision to cut the pages. *Lexicon* (Bethune's college paper) and handbook editor Cindy Reeves said, "They were afraid of a lawsuit."

Reeves would not detail who threatened the suit, but said "the person who allegedly wanted to sue never came forward".

BCC president Sarah Payne would not comment on the issue, nor would any other BCC members.

Excalibur has obtained an original copy of the handbook, containing the allegedly libellous pages.

The controversial pages contain a history of Bethune College, entitled "A Student's Eye-View: The First Two Decades", which levels serious criticisms against two of Bethune College's former masters, Griffiths Cunningham and David Lumsden.

The handbook was not included in the mailer to first year students after a lawyer consulted

by the BCC said the pages may be libellous on four separate counts. The pages were then cut out of the handbook and it was later distributed during Orientation.

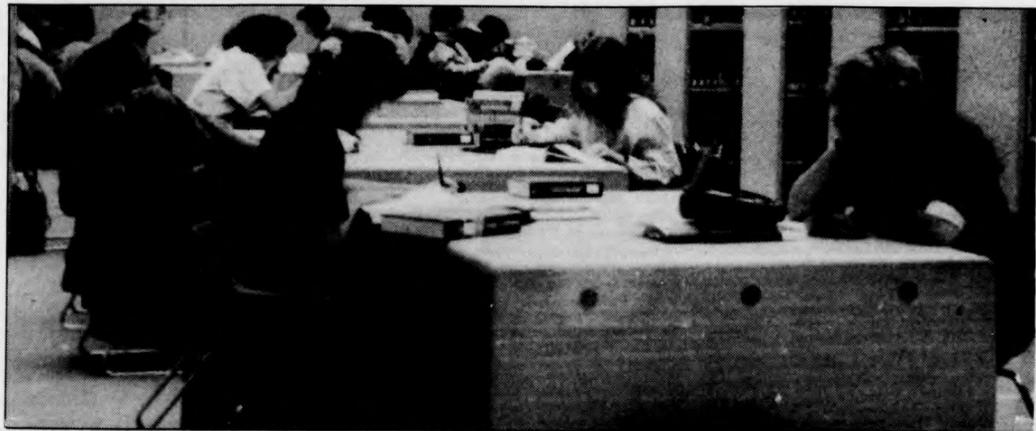
The *Lexicon* has edited the article and has reprinted it in its latest issue, Reeves said. She feels that the whole story should not be lost for the sake of a few controversial passages.

Although she was editor of the handbook, Reeves did not participate in the decision to remove the pages.

"Nobody actually informed me that they [the pages] couldn't stay," Reeves said. "I received a memo from Judy Libman, academic liaison office of Bethune, who was acting master. The memo inferred that the book would be banned. Judy felt that she was protecting council from a lawsuit."

"I felt that the real issue was that she didn't like the tone of the book. She felt that it would hurt the college's reputation and recruitment [of students]. If anything, I felt it would encourage students to become more active in the college."

Libman was unavailable for comment.



York's new library policy will see the maximum fine for overdue reserve books increased to \$100 from \$15.

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