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HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY

For results York's Senate must support, not impede student activism

In the next month, we'll be seeing how much York's Senate is really committed to doing something about the problems that plague this campus.

If the union representing part-time faculty and teaching assistants decides next Thursday to strike, it will be the Senate that determines how successful that strike will be. The Senate will vote on whether students can be penalized academically for refusing to cross picket lines.

In other words, they will be deciding if students will be forced to choose between passing their first semester or supporting their striking part-time profs and TAs.

The Senate voted to not punish students academically for refusing to cross picket lines in a similar 1985 strike.

Tomorrow, a committee of this 214-member body will be asked to cancel classes on Oct. 21 — National Student Day — to make it easier for students to take part in a planned protest at

Queen's park.

They will also be asked to cancel classes for at least one hour on December 7 so students can participate in a memorial service for the 14 women killed at a Montréal university in 1989.

Unprecedented funding cuts to universities from the federal government are leading to a second-rate education for many students. Many educational workers — already underpaid — are finding their jobs threatened. And misogynist violence in universities keeps rearing its ugly head. Students can't avoid these issues anymore by burying their heads in a textbook, hoping that someone else will deal with them. And professors can't force them to do that. Not without a risk.

If Senate follows last year's route and decides not to cancel classes, or if they force students to cross picket lines, they'll be sending out a clear message: "Just keep going to classes and don't do anything about the fact that there are 35 more students in this course than there's supposed to be, or that you're paying for residence but you can only get

• Not all the fluff mail we get is junk. Check this out:
Office of Excalibur
Sept. 29, 1992

Dear Sir/Madam,

From the time our daughter Dr. Susan Mann came on staff at University of Ottawa, published some books and then became Vice-Rector I have been keeping a file of clippings about her.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Now that she is President of York U I want to continue the file.

I have heard that your paper carried an article about her. Do you suppose some-

one could send me a copy of that item? And any other bits that appear from time to time?

And if you would like to set me up on some financial arrangement for each item you send or just for the service, I'd be glad to have one.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Marjorie Mann

Rest assured we'll do everything we can to accommodate Mann's mom.

• Young Liberals at York are definitely more intent on getting the press excited about their favorite MPs than the Young Tories on campus. The Liberals have been to our office on two separate occasions to remind us about the Bob Kaplan YES speech coming soon to campus. At least the Conservatives had the decency to only remind us once that Barbara McDougall was speaking at Osgoode. We plan to give Bob the same type coverage we gave Babs — nada.

• York Senate facts:

Population of York University 60,506
No. of students attending York 52,301

No. of Senate seats 214
No. of Senate seats held by students 32
No. of women student senators 3

No. of full-time and part-time faculty at York 2,650
No. of Teaching Assistants 943
No. of Faculty seats on Senate 146
No. of Teaching Assistant seats on Senate 0

Source: York University Fact Book, 1991-92 and York University's Senate Handbook, 1992.

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Thursday, October 8

Design seminar 12:30 pm

Staff meeting — 5 pm

(Everyone is welcome)

Piece of mind:

"It's scary when things are unquestionably accepted by the masses. Apathy is at least worse than what Excalibur has done"

—Alex Fang