

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity — Lord Acton

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A high ol'time at York U., but...

Remember your first days at York? The mixture of intellectual excitement, exhilaration, ambition? The disgust you felt when you realized that the place consisted almost completely of cement. The first time you were awed at the intellect of a professor? The first time you wondered how a certain academic managed to tie his shoe laces in the morning? Your first Friday night session at a college pub?

Well for hundreds of new students, it's happening now. To the newcomers, we'd like to extend a welcome — and a word or two of warning.

First of all, despite the fact that a BA is no longer a ticket to a big-bucks career (was it ever?) a university can still be a magnificent learning experience. The best place you can go to develop your critical faculty and research skills, meet a fascinating variety of people and acquaint yourself, at exam time, with basic crisis management.

If you've just seen *Animal House*, you'll find that truth can easily outdo fiction.

But anybody who is just getting an academic career underway, ought to be aware that the university you're entering today is going to be very different when you graduate.

The reason is a national — an international — phenomenon: the cutbacks to education. York is currently saddled with a \$3.8 million reduction in its operating income. An attrition policy is in force which means that faculty who leave, don't get replaced.

On an institutional scale, the effects can be drastic. Last year an attempt was made to reduce the service of York's libraries by eighteen hours on the weekends. But the outcry reached such a pitch that the university had to find another way of saving just \$18,000.

For individual students the effects are felt in numerous ways, from severe restrictions in the student aid plan, to reductions in on-campus services, to higher tuition fees.

But worst of all is the educational cost: fewer courses to



Ahh, the ivy-covered walls of York U. Scholars in gowns, manicured lawns, the scent of fine old brandy in the library, the literate discussions, the romantic autumn evenings. Isn't it great to be back?

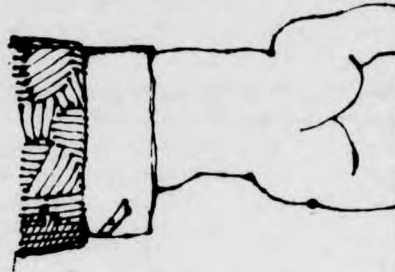
choose from, crowded classrooms, over-worked professors and teaching assistants with less time to spend on individual students.

But you'll be coming to grips with all of this soon enough.

But there's no cause for depression. There's a thing called the student movement (with plenty of friends in the faculty and staff) that can oppose governmental cuts against education and social services.

We hope you'll participate in the anti-cutbacks movement this year — and the full range of extra-curricular activities offered at York.

This issue brought to you by....



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RABBIT FACTS



Rabbits do not float

Bethune

Come out and see the new art display at Normans pub (Room 201).... attention all aspiring artists, pub manager Jan Day hopes to change the artwork every monty. Any York students who would like their art displayed, contact Jan at 667-3597.

Events this week: the finale of orientation includes numerous games and tournaments. Come into JACS today at 2 pm for chess, darts, table tennis, and go into Normans for shuffleboard and backgammon.... For Sunday sportsmen, there's co-ed baseball and flag football at 2 pm.

Thursday at 7:30 pm come and meet the fellows of the college and stick around to hear the Jazz Ensemble and starting at 9:30 pm there's a free folk nite in JACS/JCR.

Remember to get your tickets by tomorrow for Saturday's college dinner. A Band and dance follows dinner. Tickets are available at JACS; \$1 cash or scrip.

The college council is holding a meeting at 4 pm on Friday in the JCR.

Calumet

Calumet's General Meeting is today at 5:00. The new students will be acquainted with the issues facing the college... emphasis will be on the explanation why Calumet left CYSF. The Steering Out Committee will present a report on where the college stands now in their dealings with the university; they are trying to strike a formula for an equitable sharing of the funds which traditionally went to CYSF.

Founders

Today at 4 pm classical guitarist Nick Walton plays in the senior



common room....

Founders welcomes its new students on Friday with a tour of the college and campus; meet in the junior common room at 11 am. Coffee and donuts provided... follow the hike with a free bar-b-que at the Cock 'N Bull patio, at 12:30 pm.

Also Friday, information tables will be set up in the dining hall for the FUSE room, reading and listening room, athletics, West Indian performing group, Italian group, East Indian studies programme, Latin America and Caribbean room, and student council.

An introduction to college 'personalities' and residence mayhem Friday at 9 pm with a

(local) talent night in the dining hall followed by all night movies beginning at 11 pm in the junior common room. Commuters will be accommodated in the residence games room. Bring a sleeping bag and pillows; features that night include Countess Dracula, Marx Brothers, Cartoons, Bob Hope in a "road" movie.

Spend a leisurly Saturday morning at the Stouffville flea market; bus leaves at 8 am sharp and returns at noon... \$1 charge at bus. That night there's the Founders college - Italian club orientation disco. Admission fee, \$2.... its' licensed....

Top off the weekend with the International Dinner in the Senior common room, on Sunday at 5.

Osgoode

There's a pub dance tonight at 9 in the junior common room....

Get acquainted with the structure and operations of CLASP on Saturday, 10-2 pm. It's running an educational workshop, featuring mock trials and tribunals... discover what Osgoode's legal aid society is all about.

Smoke for students, their advisors and faculty in sections A, B, and C on Monday, 4-6.... Tuesday 4-6 for sections D and E, both in the Junior Common Room.

Come out to the Moot Court on Wednesday at noon and see Hollywood's version of real life in a law school, in the film Paper Chase.

Talent night on Thursday starting at 9 pm in the JCR offers

you a chance to perform.... check the Obitier for details...

Get your tickets in the mixing area for the Sunday baseball game outing. The Blue Jays play the Boston Red Sox at the CNE.

Stong

Friday at 8:30 pm there's an orientation pub and dance featuring Telemann in the dining hall; admission is \$1 for Stong, \$2 for others... and free for those with Orientation passports.

Vanier

Today at 4:30, ex-Vanier Fellow William Irwin Thompson will be the guest speaker in Mac Hall.... follow up with the Frosh Dinner which begins at 6 in the Vanier Dining Hall.

There's a concert in the JCR on Friday, featuring John and Tony....

Festival day on Saturday... participate in the Pioneer Village Festival in the morning and off to Stratford in the evening for Titus Andronicus... the bus leaves at 5:30 pm and returns 11:00.

Toronto sight-seeing is scheduled for Sunday.... visit the C.N. tower or the Royal Ontario Museum. The bus leaves at 1 pm and returns at 6.

See the film Ways of Seeing this Monday at noon in the senior common room.

Winters

The Freshman Dinner and Dance is tonight in the dining hall; tickets are \$7.50 (cash or scrip).... all Yorkites are welcome to the dance, admission price \$2.50

Wintres residence welcomes new dons Nancy Kelly, Blair Clarkson, Keith Smockum, Louise Morin, Paula Cline and Jos de Pencier.

This week, Our Town was assembled by Laura Brown.