

# Excalibur

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

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## Saving money but not cutting back

From out the student council doors last week came a set of proposals that, in the main, make a lot of sense, and for which the CYSF is to be congratulated and encouraged to follow through on.

A CYSF committee, headed by president Paul Hayden, has sent a letter to all the college councils calling for the elimination of expensive duplication of services, the creation of a centrally-located meeting place for York students, and some re-organization of the structure of student government on the campus.

The proposal to once again attempt to co-ordinate social activities at York, is a damn good idea.

Hayden points out a fact which has long been public knowledge; there is a vast duplication of services among the various different college and CYSF social committees. It leads to uneven quality in the social life available to York students, and wastes scads of money in the process.

No one knows how much money is thrown away on poorly planned, advertised and organized dances, parties and concerts at York, but it almost certainly amounts to tens (yes tens) of thousands of dollars. With scores of really valuable student services at York starving to death for lack of funds, "we don't have the money for it anymore" as Haydens says.

Any college council which stands in the way of the implementation of this modified version of the long defunct York Social Co-op, should have the bills for wasted money dumped on their doorsteps.

We also wish the CYSF well, in its attempt to get the administration to cough up \$6500 to put a roof on the Central Square patio.

We need a centrally-located meeting place. Desperately. Ever since the C. Square caf was con-

verted into our local Macdonald's, York students who want to sit and chat, meet some old friends, or just flake out between classes, have been forced out into the halls and stairwells in and around the fast-food joint.

These and most of the other proposals are great.

There is one, however, that we must take exception with. Bringing college council presidents onto CYSF to replace the third elected representative is not a good idea, and is probably unworkable anyway.

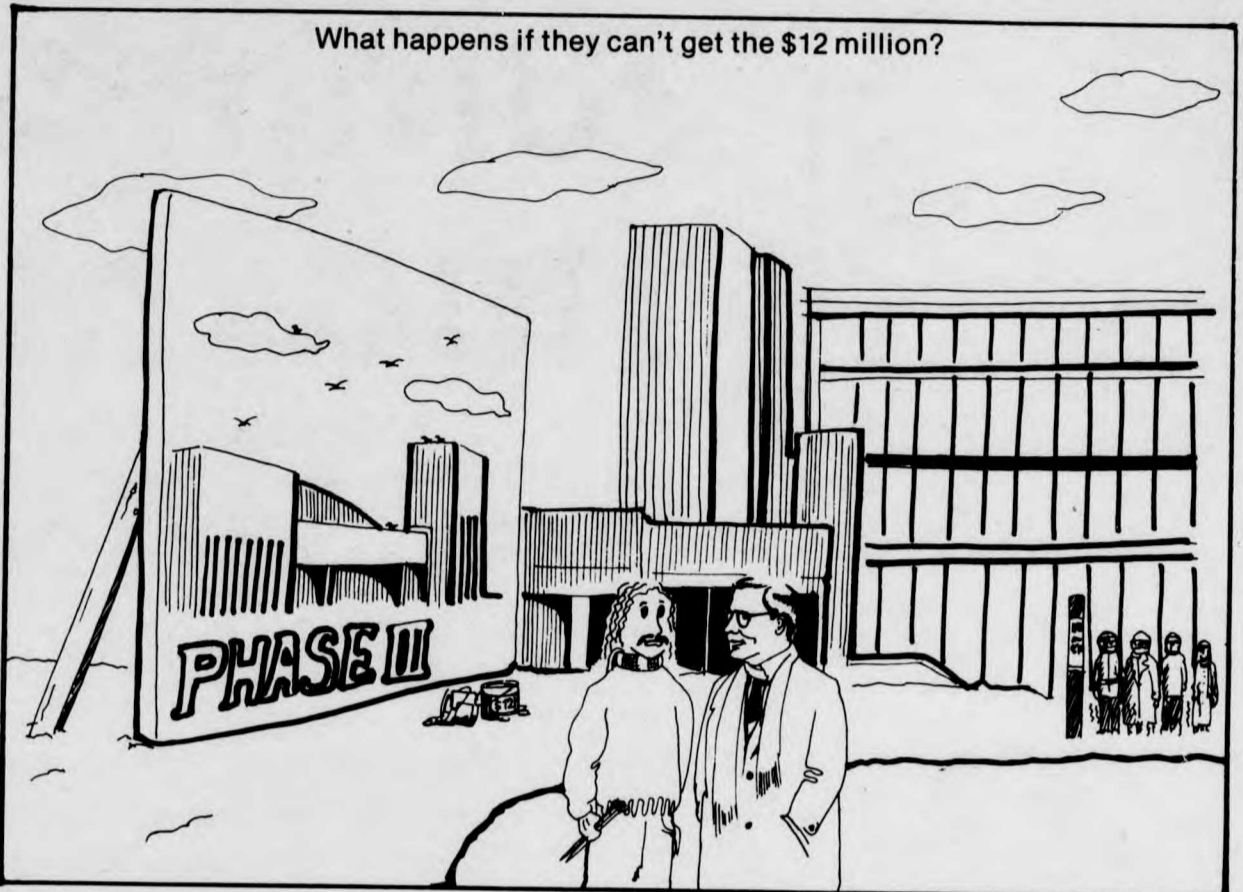
For one, college councils largely serve and relate to only residence students. This isn't the fault of the councils themselves, many of them legitimately try to reach out to day students.

It's a built-in weakness. Colleges are artificial units. The only people who are organized on a college basis are residence students, and the employees and friends of the colleges' pub and - or coffee-shop.

There is no reason for commuter students to identify with their college, or take any interest in it. Nine out of ten commuter students will tell you that is their department or faculty which they identify with, if anything, not their college.

The central student council is the only one that gets any significant input from commuter students. Making a third of council's representatives college council presidents, means that a third of council's representatives will probably be quite divorced from the interests of commuter students, who after all are the majority.

And we're also willing to bet, that council presidents put in enough hours already just doing college business. There are probably ways CYSF could improve its ability to represent students but we don't think this is the way.



"Now paint me a parking lot."

## Exile on Keele Street

The Board of Governors, supreme administrative body of this city of enlightenment, has declined to move its major budget meeting to the main campus from Glendon College.

Seems that most members of the BOG have never had anything to do with the main campus (besides

## Staff meets today 1 pm

Agenda will include: review of the issue, assignments for number 16, anything else that comes up. Don't forget editorial meetings Tuesdays at 5. Everyone welcome.

rubber stamping ninth floor decisions, that is) and members find it inconvenient to tool all the way up here in their Mercedes-Benz's, all the way up from their corporate canyons to Downsview where most of us study, teach and work.

Now we're not saying that meetings should never be held at Glendon, but you'd think they'd make it possible for most of their constituents to attend such a crucial meeting without heading all the way down to the other campus (which isn't exactly conveniently situated vis-a-vis those of us up here in Becker Country).

If the Governors don't know where to meet once they get here then we hereby offer them the *Excalibur* lounge (except for our production nights).

We've got a coffee machine, some tatty chesterfields and can guarantee lots of input from the York community.

And that's what the Board wants — isn't it?

## Bravo!

To the Faculty of Fine Arts, which won't let York's fiscal blues stop it from starting down the road to an exciting project: the performance and exhibition complex.

Phase III should go a long way towards raising morale around York when all we hear and feel is cutbacks and freezes.

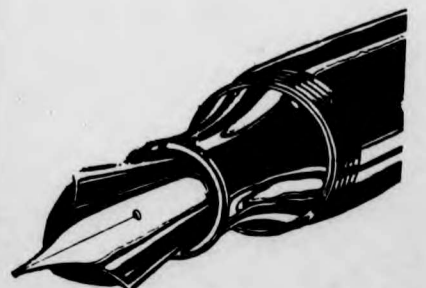
The Art Room of York University can truly become the Art Gallery of York University. There will be a theatre large enough to make largename (and more expensive) entertainment financially viable to bring on campus.

To Dean Green's aspiration to make the complex's café-lounge into "a real restaurant, a place with some gastronomic class," bravo again! We need a break from mass-merchandised mush.

Phase III may begin to break down York's garrison mentality. This was an uninspired choice of a site for a university in the first place, and an attitude that treats all strangers on campus as intruders hasn't helped York interact with the outside community.

If and when the complex comes to be, it will be a shot in the arm for both Dullsville and York (no trespassing) University.

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## Going Going Gonzo

Egad! True - to - life trash for your funny money.

From the Indianapolis company that brought you hearing aids for plants ("Corn of Plenty") and Bisontennial Buffalo Chips, there is now "Wet Wear", the instant wet t-shirt. Wet Wear comes packaged in water-filled plastic jars. Could this start a trend in amphibious apparel?

Cosmometrics, makers of the first edible underpants, has come out with edible greeting cards. Their \$3 package includes a dozen tasty envelopes and cards and a pen full of natural food colouring. Should do well in espionage circles.

From a company in Hackensack, NJ comes "Concha-Consciousness, Your Legal High". For a mere \$10 you get two "adjustable, genuine 3" to 5" Couch Shells mounted on a lightweight comfortable headband." Their ad copy waxes on to reveal conch freaks can "Tune into nature..... Tune into your

head," and be "everlastingly filled with the most beautiful sounds on earth.... waves washing on a distant shore." *Man, did I get conched last night.*

One Gordon Gerboin has invented a 100 watt "electra suit" for bikers who want to stay toasty on their choppers. The suit works like an electric blanket, and can be plugged into the bike's battery. Gerboin also makes an electric vest for sportsmen and sports fans. But where to find an outlet at a football game?

The poor man's CB is the "Hi sign" according to LA inventor Paul Steinbaum. Hi sign is a ping-pong type paddle with pre-printed ready-to-flip messages such as "You're cute", "Are you attached?", "Same to you turkey" etc.

Sunstone Associates is the Toronto distributor of Hi Signs. In *Excalibur* no. 10, Sunstone took out an ad featuring a granny in a VW flashing her "U of T sucks" sign at readers. Following a complaint made by a York staff member, Sunstone took out another ad, "A sincere apology to the University of Toronto."

The Winnegago "Heli Home" is a combination helicopter-camper, retailing at \$300,000. Wall-to-wall carpeting, stereo, a bathroom, bunkhouse and kitchen are standard equipment. The whirling blades are extra.

Finally, something useful. Students at Rensselaer Polytech-

nical Institute in Troy, NY, have designed a house which can be constructed for only \$3,000. Why so cheap? It's made of garbage — not rotten watermelons and half-eaten Big Macs, but non-returnable pop bottles, carboard tubes, waste rubber, corrugated cardboard, 2,000 no. 10 cans, and scrap steel strapping. So start collecting.



Typographical errors are the curse of the published word. They've stained many publications besides *Excalibur*, including some of the hundreds of bibles that have been published over the centuries. For instance:

- The so-called "Affinity Bible" of 1923, which states, "A man may not marry his grandmother's wife."

- A bible published in 1810, which printed *Matt XIII*, 43, as, "Who hath ears to ear, let him hear."

- *Luke VII*, 47, read "Her sins, which are many, are forgotten," (instead of *forgiven*) in a bible published in 1638.

- The all time typo trophy winner was a bible issued in 1804, whose entries included "The murderer shall surely be put together," (instead of *to death*); "... but thy son that shall come forth out of they lions", (for *loins*); and "For the flesh lusteth after the Spirit," (for *against the Spirit*).

- An Irish bible dated 1716 reprinted *John V*, 14, as "Sin on more," instead of "Sin *no* more".

- An Oxford printing of 1717 gave *Luke XX* the chapter heading "The Parable of the Vinegar" (for *Vineyard*).

- In 1631, the King's printers, Barker and Lucas, were fined into ruination after making the seventh commandment, "Thou shalt commit adultery." (How many souls were lost because of this one?)

- A Cambridge printing of 1653 contains, "... know yet not that the unrighteous shall inherit the Kingdom of God?", (instead of *shall not inherit*). Romans VI, 13, read, "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of righteousness unto sin," (in place of *unrighteousness*).

- The Geneva Bible of 1562 prints *Matt. V*, 9 as "Blessed are the placemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

- Most fitting of all biblical typos was one found in an edition of 1702 which has David complain "printers (*princes*) have persecuted me without a cause". T.M.