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YSC: efficiency, not luxury

YSC has voted itself a budget of 61,000 dollars for the coming year. They are basing this budget on the establishment of a commercial-type business enterprise. The budget includes a large amount for accessories such as new desks and office equipment. The budget includes a \$950 grant to the president, equivalent to resident fees, but the president has stated to the council that he will not stay in residence. It includes a \$500 honorarium to each of the now five-man executive.

While the rest of us are trying to find enough money to return to school, YSC, in the tradition of big-business everywhere, has voted itself a luxury budget of \$61,000 for its first year of existence. Efficiency of the new York Student Council should not depend on luxury, but on action. Action spelled in terms of a protest of residence fees--changes made in the curriculum without consulting students (OCA struck over just such an issue), and in the production of an anti-calendar.

YSC should, and we trust it will, use its magnificent budget to serve the students, not to equip its offices and pay its members.

Increase the grant, not fees

Residence fees will be as stated in the last issue of Excalibur, and there is little we can do about it. Except for one thing.

We can lay the blame where it belongs, and require a solution from the same source. The Ontario government.

To meet rising costs, the university must increase its residence fees. Tuition fees will follow. Maybe not until the year after next, but still they will go up. But the university does not have to meet the costs by penalizing the students with higher fees. The increase cost of living that is affecting the university affects everyone of us on an individual level. The government should increase its grant to the university to alleviate rising costs.

This is not such a difficult or unlikely task as it sounds. The Ontario College of Art found Mr. Robarts and his legislature remarkably co-operative when it came to reinstating two faculty members. There is no reason that we can not bring the same pressure to bear. If we do nothing we will have little more than an elitist university. We will return to the days when a person's opportunities in life are determined by the wealth of the family he is born into, not by his abilities.

On top of the hike in fees, add the information in this year's calendar: 'The maximum payment which may be advanced under this plan (student loans) to one student is \$1000 in one year.' This is only \$50 over and above the cost of residence, and it is the maximum loan available.

We have a choice. Either we pressure the government into a twentieth century style of assistance, or we return to the nineteenth century mode of position by birth.

Conversation at the last minute: Where's the crap for the last page. Laugh, laugh, your crum. Foul, like you. This paper is supposed to be funny. For some reason. The real news is on page one. Phyllis Kokko (revealed for the first time). Tears. Good-bye, good-bye. Dave Cooper says Happy birthday to chick-friend. All this for an eight-page paper. I love you, Linda, June, Doreen, Claire, Kerry, Wendy, Valerie, Anne, Anita (both of you, you schizoid), Marie, Rhonda, Frances, Olga in spirit, Eleanor, Louise, Phyllis, Francine, Sylvie, Kandy, Gale, Susan, Flunkie, Janie, Bev, and me.

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Anyone who wants to work on the paper next year, come to the office and leave your name. (or come in next september)

Fight Fees or be FLEECED

OTTAWA (CUP)--If you don't want your fees to increase next year you'll have to get out and fight for it. And go on strike if you have to.

That's the advice from Canadian Union of Students president Hugh Armstrong, who Wednesday urged student governments and provincial unions to take the initiative in leading the battle.

He said CUS is ready to offer strong support to such efforts, but the prime responsibility rests with the provincial student unions.

'It is clear that costs must go down,' he said, 'but provincial governments want to let costs go up.'

'This to me demonstrates the necessity for students to organize more effectively in order to make their demands more forcefully to administrations and provincial governments.'

Armstrong termed the recent Moncton student strike a 'courageous example of what can be done, and in some cases what must be done.'

(Students at Moncton boycotted the classes for ten days, demanding a freeze in fees and increased government grants to the French-language University of Moncton. Armstrong led a march by 3,000 students to the legislature from all the province's post-secondary institutions Feb. 20.)

He praised the government of Newfoundland for abolishing tuition fees and paying stipends to its students, claiming more universities should follow suit.

He said Ontario has encouraged the stabilization of tuition fees at one level through its method of determining operating grants to the universities. This proves that governments can freeze tuitions or lower them, he said.

He said with residence fees rising along with tuition, higher education is becoming more and more inaccessible to any but the rich. 'This is intolerable,' he said.

The CUS chief pointed out the high cost of residences is partly due to inflated capital costs. He urged builders to make use of building techniques pioneered in co-op residences. 'If it can be done for \$5,000,' he said, 'there's no reason why seven, eight or ten thousand must be paid.'

He said tuition fee increases are imminent in all but four provinces--Manitoba, British Columbia, Quebec and Newfoundland, and residence hikes are even more widespread.

You said it!

York barber likes us

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank the people of York University--students, faculty, and other personnel, for helping me to build a solid business here on campus.

I am grateful for your cooperation, and for your faithfulness as clientele.

I hope to see everyone back next year, and wish everyone a happy and prosperous summer vacation.

Felice (Freddie) Bizzano,
Campus Barbershop.

Beer Garden big hoax

Dear Sir:

I was attracted, or should I say conned, by one of the

colorful posters advertising York's first big dance in seven weeks.

What a hoax. The 'Beer Garden' as it turns out, are York's own 69ers. Their only connection with the 'underground' is their gross dress and uncouth music. The part about New York, is easy if you refer to Glendon as 'old York'. And this act was advertised at other local schools. Some advertising to other universities, when they see the kind of dance we put on.

And as for the kind of music put out by Waterloo's 'Nowe Sound', I haven't paid to go to a record hop since grade eight.

All in all it was some enjoyable evening.

J. Raivensdale (W I)



Expo here, Expo there, but tell me, do you have sore feet?

Expo- 'idols, images, idiots'

by Greg Physick

At the Expo Happening, you could be sitting next to Alan King, Norman Depoe, Lister Sinclair, or Dalton Camp.

Saturday, the CBC crew tuned in the packed house at Atkinson College Hall for the discussion on 'Idols, Images, & Idiots'.

Many participants came from around the city; but the student turnout was low.

The old flavor of Expo was abounding, with a few Expo guides, films and posters.

While the people were watching slides on one screen, they could turn around and see a film strip on another wall.

The guests--Lister Sinclair, Foikus the Vancouver fool, & Stanley Burke--came and sat with the audience. No podiums or prepared speeches.

Camp and Depoe are scheduled to appear this Saturday. The theme will be 'Ya Gotta Sell', dealing with the problem of selling Canada at home and abroad.

The program starts at 9 p.m. with a film and goes on live radio at 10 p.m.

York - one Wilson scholarship

by Linda Bohnen

Jonathan Slan, a fourth year Honour English student, has been named as York's sole Woodrow Wilson scholar for 1968.

Slan is one of 93 Canadian students and 1,031 US students to be chosen as the best future college teacher prospects of the year.

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation terms the scholars designates; they carry the highest recommendation for first-year graduate study awards available in Canadian and US schools.

Stanley Feinberg and Gerda Wekerle of York received honorable mentions.

Other universities and the number of Wilson fellow are: University of Toronto, 24; University of Manitoba, 9; British Columbia, Carleton, and McGill seven each; McMaster six; Simon Fraser, five; Alberta, Queen's, Saskatchewan and Western Ontario, four; Victoria and Windsor, two; Calgary, Laval, Montreal, St. Francis Xavier, Sir George Williams, Waterloo, Winnipeg, one.