

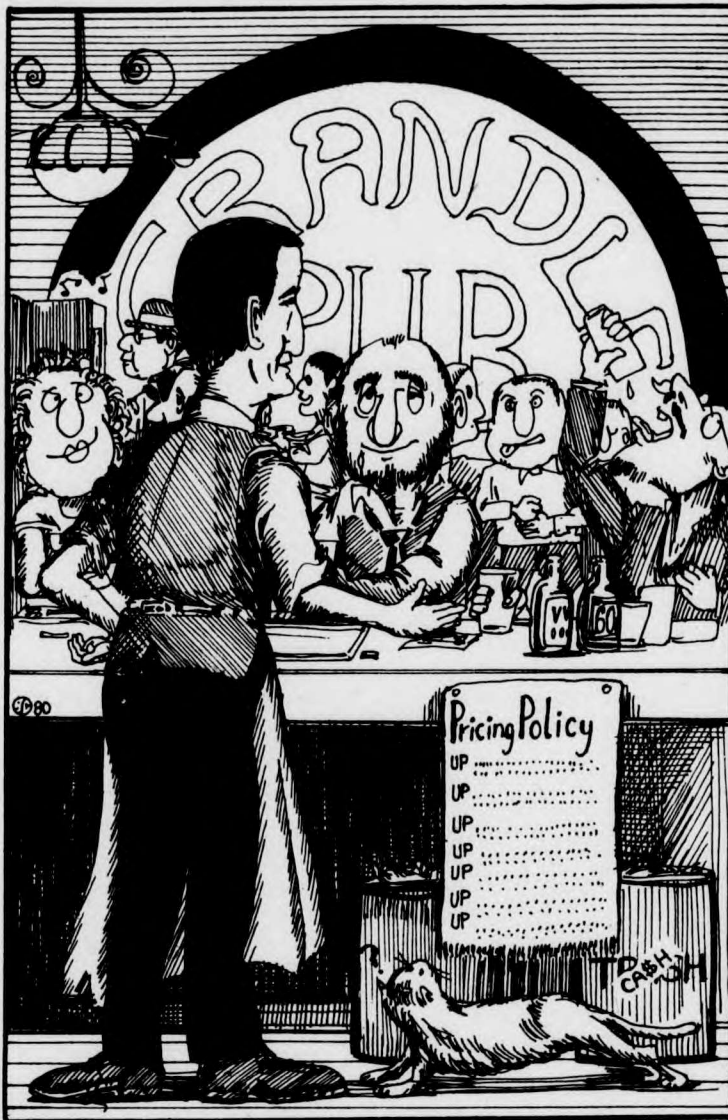
## Editorial

# Closet control

Increases, increases, increases. Residence, food, books, tuition and now a potential increased surcharge on student-run coffee shops and pubs. At a University Food Service Committee meeting held February 8, the Committee voted to increase the present surcharge of 20 per cent of invoiced liquor costs to 25 per cent. In addition, a 5 per cent surcharge is to be imposed on gross food sales in all student operated outlets. This article was drawn up as an alternative to "Article 19" of a draft liquor policy which invited much heated criticism from many sectors of the campus, notably college masters and college councils.

The University Food Services Committee and Norman Crandles' Food and Beverage Office stand to receive criticism on several counts. First of all their handling of the issue of student pubs is less than respectable. Given that there is a significant loss each year to the university vis-a-vis the catering contracts, there have been countless efforts over the past few years to rectify this discrepancy by taxing the student-run pubs. Student-run pubs it will be remembered are under the jurisdiction of college councils who ultimately run them and hire students throughout the year. Profits (and some pubs only break even) are coughed back into student programs so that the flow of money stays within the boundaries of a student-operated enterprise. The Food and Beverage Office has failed to justify to the community why the caterers lose money and why they should collect such a high degree of income from students. (Last year Food Services lost \$73,000 and revenue from the college pubs was \$9,000.)

After its meeting of February 8, members of the Committee were advised not to discuss the contents of the meeting until minutes were distributed some three weeks later "for fear that certain parties would create a scene." However, confidence was breached and normal distribution was effected so that minutes were received by all constituents by Feb. 13. The



confidential nature of the proceedings was revealed when one member of the Committee felt that his responsibility as a "representative" on the Food Service Committee was secondary to that of his role as a "rep" of his constituency. In this respect, the choice of the Committee to remain behind closed doors was a direct contradiction of the role assigned to the various constituent members.

Finally at its February 8 meeting, there was a request to consider changing the name of the Committee from University Food Service Committee (UFSC) to University Food and Beverage Services Committee on the ground that this Committee was dealing with major policy that

certainly stepped outside the area of "food problems" in cafeterias and catering contracts. In the light of this name-changing decision, one might ask, "Should this committee be dealing with liquor-related matters at all?"

It seems that the whole issue has been brought about too discreetly and in a rather underhanded manner. Should there not be more constructive dialogue between all the parties involved—college masters, college council presidents, pub managers, and the Food and Beverage Office—to come to some agreement on what is a fair and just liquor policy? As it is student monies are being redirected into areas that have been left undefined.

## After the fall

Neil Wiberg

The 1980 federal election was the first federal vote since 1972 to take place during the school year. The political clubs on campus wasted no time in plying their trade, convincing students to vote for their candidate.

When the votes from undergrad and graduate residences were counted, the Liberals had won the campus vote. Incumbent Bob Kaplan won 320 votes, the NDP's Chris Liscio tallied 303 while Conservative Anne trailed with 201. Kaplan won York Centre riding with a huge plurality.

Two factors must be remembered when looking at these results. First, the election took place during reading week for many students, so several residents voted in their home ridings or at an advance poll. Advance poll results are not included in the above totals.

The second factor is that local issues play no role at all in a residence vote. Students have no attachment to the surrounding community, so they are influenced even less by local

candidates than are other voters.

The Liberal club ran the most visible campaign on campus. Their information in Central Square appeared a week before those of the other parties and featured more volunteer staffers.

The Grit campaign on campus was run by Sandy Manyak, John Wright and Andrew Cardozo. The major campaign elements were residence visitations, blitzes in selected ridings as well as appearances by guest speakers at York.

The Liberal club attracted former Finance Minister Jean Chretien, and Metro candidates Anne Cools, Roy MacLaren, Jim Peterson, David Smith, Jim Fleming and Bob Kaplan to appear on campus.

The NDP club split up and individual club members worked in their own ridings. Members were advised to work in York Centre only if they lived in a "lost cause riding". Tim Gallagher was in charge of election strategy.

Ed Broadbent's trip to York was the highlight of the campaign for the NDP club. Members of the club were assigned plant

questions and were told to position themselves throughout the hall with heavy concentrations near the microphones. The party faithful were asked to lead a standing ovation but were advised "to try to make it look spontaneous."

The Tory club kept a low profile during the campaign. The major thrust of the group was to visit local high schools to recruit workers. An information table was operated occasionally to provide brochures to interested students.

Joe Clark came to York during the first full week of the term. However the Tories failed to organize the event like the NDP did for Broadbent. The hall was not packed with Tories, and only one planted question was asked.

All parties did some work in the residences. The NDP and the Tories dropped off literature under each door. The Liberals blitzed the residences with candidate Kaplan in early February and knocked on doors to remind voters of a special enumeration in mid January.

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