

Excalibur

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

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Brickwood & Weisfeld best bets for Board of Governors

Wednesday's Board of Governor's election will present York students with the chance to send two determined student reps to the highest level of the university administration.

It is the Board of Governors — completely dominated by representatives of the corporations 19 out of 32 seats — which officially rules York government underfunding of the universities, those of us on the short end of the stick need resolute representation. We need student governors who will increasingly pressure the Board into wrangling a better deal for the universities from the government.

Most Board members have no first-hand acquaintance with the economic problems of the students, faculty and staff—if anyone can fill them in on this score it is Peter Brickwood and Abie Weisfeld, the student governor candidates of York Students Against Cutbacks (YSAC).

Take this line from YSAC's statement of principles:

"As students at York, we refused to see our education and our futures sacrificed for a change in the government's social and economic priorities."

A stand which merits our support.

A personal look at the candidates should reassure everyone that they are capable of making Board members sit up and take notice.

• **PETER BRICKWOOD:** He worked long and hard for student action in last year's central council election, when he wasn't a candidate and got not credit. York students should be grateful to Brickwood who has labored tirelessly backstage to get this election held (Council of the York Student Federation is organizing it, though it is not obligated to do so).

A member of the Senate Academic Policy and Planning Committee, Brickwood has been doing his homework. He will be able to negotiate reasonably with everyone from the college councils to Chairman Bertrand Gerstein.

• **WEISFELD:** He has been graduate student rep on the Council of the York Student Federation since 1975. He can be counted on to oppose any Board attempt to short-change student proposals with procedural flim-flammy.

As a Phd. student, Weisfeld has a first-hand acquaintance with the human cost of cutbacks to education.

In electing Weisfeld and Brickwood, York students can ensure that the entire democratic spectrum has a voice at York. With the college councils, general meetings, and CYSF making solid pragmatic efforts at co-operation (see our first issue), a no-nonsense team on the Board is needed to press home the anti-cutbacks cause.

At Excalibur's Monday staff meeting with the candidates, Brickwood and Weisfeld were refreshingly straight forward about their intentions of talking tough to the Board. They made it clear that they'll engage in frank and serious discussions with the other members.

In YSAC's statement of principles, is the following promise:

"We are willing to unite in common action against the cutbacks with any section of the York community..."

Thus, Brickwood and Weisfeld are committed to working with anyone who is willing to pitch in. We urge you to put them on the Board and put them to the test of working in your interests.

"You're here, Frosh. This is the place where it's at. The fastest growing, most important university on the Canadian Campus scene. Welcome to York."

This cordial greeting directed to 1,200 freshmen, appeared on the front page of the Excalibur, September 12, 1967.

Looking back through the pages of the 1967 fall Excaliburs, one cannot help but picture York as a type of 'boom town'. "Be sure to wear your boots to 'Muddy York,' we're expanding and the mud is going to be deep," Excalibur advised.

The year was 1967: Canada's Centennial, Expo '67, hope, promise, space age...bright eyed, crew cut freshmen wandering around the campus.

This sincere, poignant account of Frosh feelings was printed in the Excalibur, "When girls are at the teeny booper stage, they read those books that are all about college (with names like 'First Love, Farewell' and 'Marci Grows Up), how wonderful and free and wild it is and what a great time you have...So when I walked into Vanier College, I was feeling pretty lonely..."

But these heartbroken teenagers were soon cured of their misery by the many helpful hints and fun activities that were so graciously given by the 'seniors'.

Excalibur listed the following

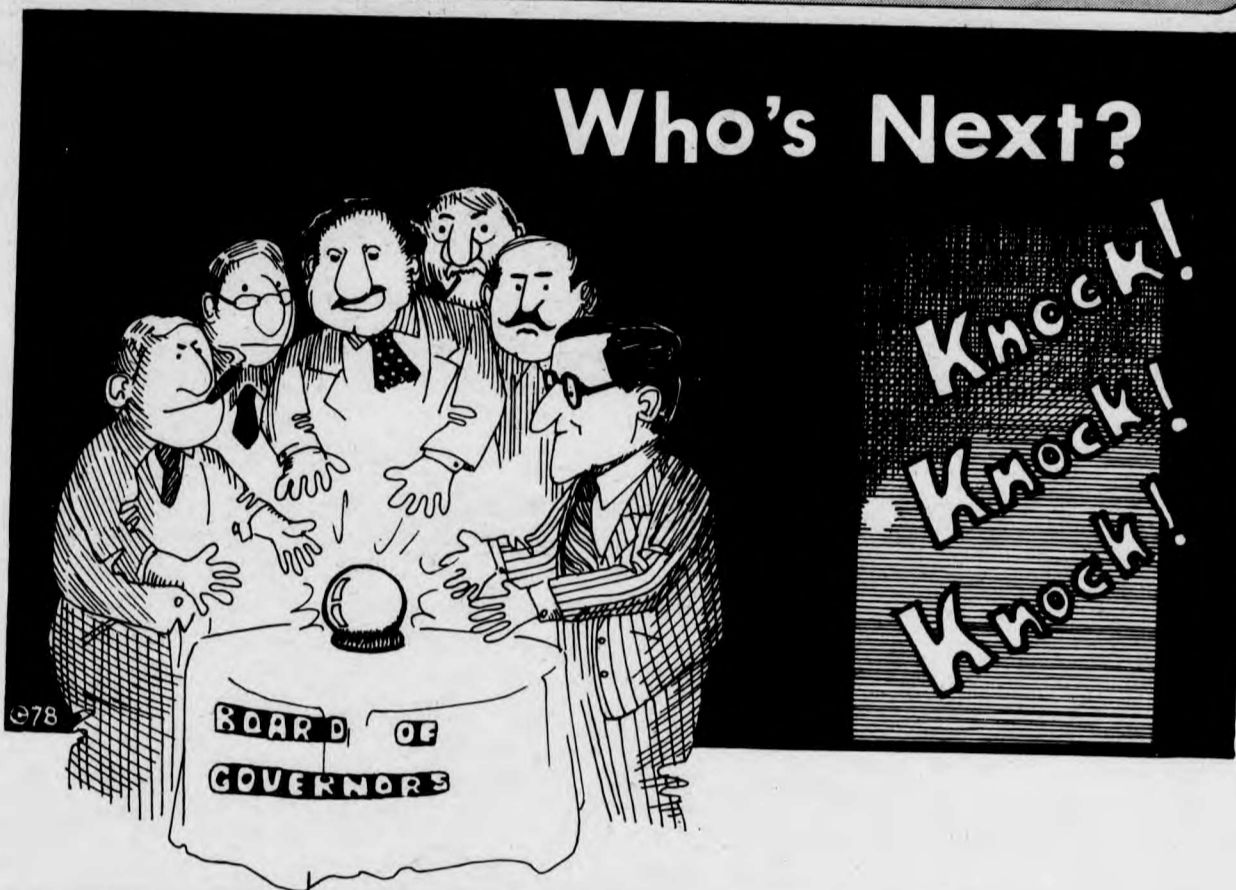
Way Back

'Ins and Outs':

"Carrying girls' books is very out, so is handholding in the halls. Knowing girls on the top floor of the watertower is in, especially for non-resident students. Spending any time in Council offices and newspaper offices is very out, except for the select few who believe in getting involved. Bitching about almost anything is very in for all seniors."

President Murray G. Ross pleaded to "Name That Goon", in a contest to name an unidentified new mascot. "Please if you can't give him a home, will you give him a name?"

Excalibur invites any interested writers artists or photo types today's staff meeting 2 pm, 111 Central Sq.



Legal facts from CLASP

By Paul Lants

Almost all tenants in Ontario have certain basic rights provided by The Landlord and Tenant Act. These rights exist regardless of what the tenant's lease may or may not say.

In the last decade the law of Landlord and Tenant has been greatly revised in Ontario. It has changed from a basically feudal relationship giving the tenant very few rights to a more modern one that recognizes that tenants are not second class citizens.

One very basic right that did not exist until recent changes to The

Landlord and Tenant Act was the tenant's right to have the rented premises maintained in good condition by the Landlord. In the event that the tenant suffers damages or injury, due to her landlord's failure to repair the premises, the landlord may be liable to her.

Tenants may not be evicted without a court order under any circumstances. To evict a tenant the landlord must satisfy the court that he has proper grounds as provided by the Act.

To evict a tenant before the expiry of the lease the landlord must show that the tenant failed to pay rent, damaged the property, disturbed others, overcrowded the premises or performed an illegal act on the rented premises. Under some of these conditions the tenant has seven days to correct the situation.

Many leases specifically prohibit pets, but because pets are not included in the Act as grounds for eviction, the landlord must show that the tenant violated one of the conditions in the Act to evict the tenant. It is still possible for a landlord to sue his tenant for having pets but he must then show that he has suffered damages

York's Centennial project was a weekend of International Debating. Twenty teams from across Canada and the U.S. participated for the chance to meet a Russian team in the finals. A Wyoming team challenged the Russians in the final debate, "Resolved that the United States should immediately withdraw its troops from Vietnam."

York University began to appear as "an embryo cultural centre, surrounded by the suburban wasteland that forms its protective shell." The Centennial Arts Festival featured "a dreamland concert of songs and poems presented by Leonard Cohen. It is impossible to recreate the incense-filled atmosphere that this talented Canadian created in Burton Auditorium."

Not only was a cultural satellite launched, but the newly created Centre for Research in Experimental Space Science planned to begin a series of rocket flights from Fort Churchill by 1968.

Indeed it was in the Great Canadian tradition that more and more students braved to venture out to these upper limits of North York. The micro-minied, fish-net stockinged, female students, must have been real troopers to have lasted through our cold gusts. No doubt the former Pepsi generation has turned to Ben Gay by now.

Lydia Pawlenko



because of the pets.

Even at the end of the lease the landlord cannot automatically evict his tenant. The Act provides another set of conditions and if the landlord is not able to show that one of them applies the tenant may remain on the premises.

It is not clear whether or not students living in residences at Universities are tenants. If they are then they have the same rights as tenants off-campus. This would be true especially for students living in graduate residence at York, even though they sign a lease that contains several provisions contrary to The Landlord and Tenant Act.

Tenants are able to sue a landlord who violates the Act, or they may apply to the court for an order forcing the landlord to carry out his obligations. If, for example, the landlord fails to repair the premises the tenant may apply to the court for permission to have the repairs carried out and billed to the landlord.

The Act also provides that a landlord in breach of certain sections of the Act may be prosecuted, and if found guilty, ordered to pay a fine of up to \$2,000. Typical offences are illegal entry to an apartment, and seizure of the tenant's property for non-payment of rent. It is interesting to note that another offence is failure to keep posted part four of The Landlord and Tenant Act relating to residential tenancies — very few landlords bother to do so, including York University in several of its buildings.

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