

Excalibur

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

editorial

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It's appalling, but the worst is yet to come

The *lust* for scholarly activity.

Books. Fitzgerald and Freud and those mind-boggling charts and diagrams science students are forever lining up around the Xerox machine with...

That's what this place is all about.

When the administration begins to make access to its primary academic resource a difficult task, it has virtually begun to hack away at the university's reason for existence.

The reduction in Scott Library's hours of service, which will take effect next month, is going to take York a giant step further into a grim era of poorer education.

Eighteen hours will be lopped off Scott's weekend and Friday service time.

York students who live in the peripheral dormitories of Toronto will find themselves trekking downtown to do research, as well-stocked libraries are a rare commodity in the hinterlands. Most gravely disadvantaged will be Atkinson and part-time students, whose work obligations during the week demand extensive studying during the weekend.

And almost everyone will sorely miss those weekend hours as exams and term paper deadlines loom closer.

And worse may well be in store for 78-79.

Yes, 1979. It's hard to believe, but the end of the "new depression" decade is closing in fast.

The 1970's have really cramped York's style. The Calumet College residence and the Student Union building were among the better known casualties.

Of course when you consider Downsview architecture perhaps an aborted building or two will remain unlamented. But you can't say the same thing about the *human cost* of the cutbacks to education.

Highly educated, jobless young people abound in such quantities even the *Toronto Star* is getting worried about it. Crowded classrooms are clouding more minds every semester.

And the student assistance plan is getting squeezed so tightly that the program's title has become a contradiction in terms.

And now the blade has fallen on accessibility to the *damn library*. Perhaps its time the Davis government came up with the bucks to cut back on cutbacks to education.

Where is the money to be found?

May we suggest a peek into the pockets of the corporate welfare bums?

But talk—especially editorial talk—is cheap.

If you're wondering what the Ontario government is planning to do to your education next and want to do something about it, a visit to the Bearpit today at noon where a student aid committee is getting under way, could be well worth your while.

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Congratulations to the sports staff. This year's sports page shows a remarkable diversity, depth and insight that has been missing in previous years.

The increase in pictures and the wide range of coverage goes a long way in brightening Thursdays for those of us who begin reading *Excalibur* from the back.

P.T. Kirjanik

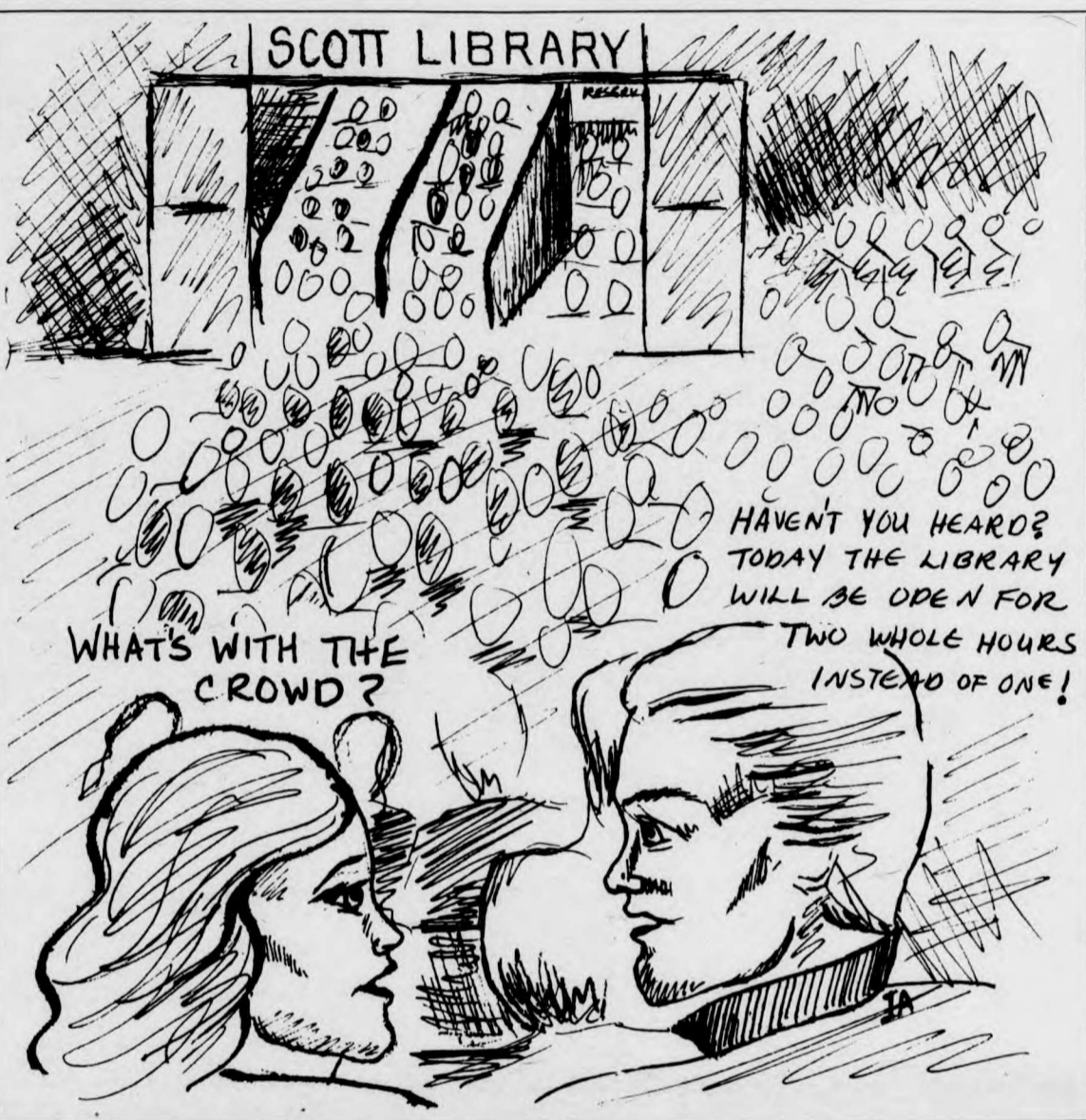
Considering that the new smoking by-law has not made its presence known to the York community, I feel that several recommendations

should be pointed out for the coming academic year (1978-79).

Earlier in the year *Excalibur* had a "special notice" printed inside the front cover which explained the new smoking rules for York. This is my fourth year at this school, and in view of smoking restrictions, this year is no different than any other previous year.

My most important recommendations would be to have smoking and non-smoking tutorial sessions and possibly the same for lectures as well.

This year I have noticed that



Advice to the Anonymous



Dear Mr. Teeple:

I am having a conflict with the Dean of my college. I wonder if you would act as mediator in our dispute?

The problem is that he refuses to let me keep my pet. He is being very unreasonable. A quieter, more affectionate companion could hardly be found. I keep him in my room, never letting him wander the halls. Please speak to the man.

Animal lover.

Dear Animal Lover:

I spoke with the Dean, and he insists that you simply cannot keep a pet in your room, and especially a Bengal tiger, no matter how quiet and affectionate he is. He says that before you acquired your pet, there were hardly any maulings on your floor, but now the cleaning staff refuses to pick up any more bones found lying about. Besides, six delivery men have vanished so far, and at night the purring can be heard

nine floors up. He says if you want a tigerskin rug, okay, but Kitty has to go. Maybe you could give him away at Christmas as a gift from Santa Claws.



Dear Sir:

Why does everyone laugh at me just because I wear a tie to class?

Flashy Dresser.

Dear Flasher:

They don't laugh at you just because you wear a tie to class. They laugh at you because you wear just a tie to class. There's a difference. Try a nice matching belt, or perhaps some coordinated socks. Grow a moustache. It's the tie alone that looks silly.

Dear Tracy:

Hefe is a question that has been worrying me for weeks - are you getting enough to eat?

Concerned.

Dear Mother:

How many times do I have to tell you not to write me here? For the last time, yes, the food here is very good, and not harmful at all, unless taken internally, of course. Now, please stop sending me soup in the mail. It's awful hard to eat soup out of an envelope.

N.H. Warshafsky

Dear Sir:

I am twenty-five, and I'm beginning to worry about falling hair. Tell me, what's the best way to avoid falling hair?

Self-conscious.

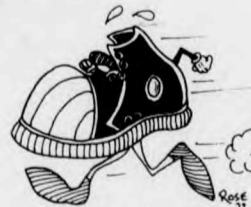
Dear Self-conscious:

The best way to avoid falling hair is to jump out of the way before it lands on you. For \$12.95 at Canadian Tire you can buy a portable Hair Raid Siren.

(Do you have a problem that only an expert can solve? Write to Mr. Teeple at this address:

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staff meeting today 1 pm

Agenda will include: the issue, assignments, editorial position on YUSA and other topics, arts supplement, workshops, editorial personnel and the staff party.

Editorial meetings will be held Tuesday at 5 pm.