

on campus

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SPECIAL LECTURES

Wednesday, 4 p.m. - Physics Seminar Series - "The Scattering of Low Energy Positrons in Helium" with Dr. R. Campeanu, University College, University of London - 317, Petrie.

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Today, 4 p.m. - Orientation

Gathering (Chinese Students' Association) - Junior Common Room, Bethune

5 p.m. - Rehearsal (York Chorus) - 112, Stong

Monday, 7, 8, & 9 p.m. - Yoga Club - beginners at 7; intermediate at 8; and advanced at 9 - for further information call Axel Molema at 742-0878 or Howard Halpern at 884-2671.

Tuesday, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Auditions (York Chorus) for new members - 112, Stong.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Yom Kippur Holiday Services (Jewish Student Federation) - Scott Religious Centre

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - York Women's Centre Open House, 257 Atkinson College. Screenings of three films, refreshments and informal discussion of programs with members of the Women's Centre, Women's Workshop, Harbinger, Women's Resource Centre, Osgoode Women's Caucus, Breakthrough and the office of the advisor to the president on the status of women.

Dear reader

Attached please find the first issue of volume 12 of *Excalibur*. We are York's community newspaper, available at finer red boxes across the campus each Thursday morning.

Although we have two full-time paid editors, *Excalibur* runs on the energies of volunteers who come into our office one fine day or another because they are interested in writing (news, sports, humour, entertainment and features), photography, cartooning and illustration, design, or because they need directions to Curtis Lecture Halls. (Down the hall, first right, first left.)

Anyone with some time and talent to spare is invited to join the illustrious *Excalibur* staff, which actually has many professional journalists to whom off among its alumni. *Excalibur* is run democratically by the staff.

Our offices are across from the Oasis in the Central Square terminal in search of an airport, so drop in for a coffee if you'd like to enlist or give us a scoop. Lots of phones: 677-3201-3202-3203. Advertising is 667-3800.

Have a good day,
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Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity - Lord Acton

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"May you live in interesting times"

It was sort of nice being eased gently into the school year - one day of classes, and then two days off.

Maybe it's a sign of good things to come.

We hope so. We're looking forward to an exciting year, and we wish you the same. Like the ancient Chinese proverb says, "May you live in interesting times."

Some say it's a curse.

Anyway, that said, we must add the following gloomy thought - there are some clouds on the horizon. We're not predicting a storm, but we should get a little rain.

So, welcome to academic-year, but.....

Have you seen what's been done to Central Square cafeteria?

It's become over the summer a wonderful, efficient, money-making, fast-food emporium.

It's horrible. You can't sit there anymore. Trying to relax in those immobile, mounted stools, eighteen inches from a window or pillar for more than forty-five seconds, you go bananas. You can't find three chairs together so you and your two friends can sit together, you can't pull up extra chairs to a table for an informal get-

together, because those damn chairs are nailed to the tables.

Your neck develops a permanent kink as it strains around to try and see if any of your friends, whom you haven't seen all summer, are there.

They have taken away the only place at York that even remotely resembled a central socializing place. Hundreds, if not thousands of Yorkites would frequent it every day, to chat between classes, have a coffee and smoke, or just sit.

And it's gone, and there are no signs of plans to replace it. To find why there's nothing suitable, let's go back in history a bit.

In the beginning, the York founders' scheme of things housed a highly imaginative paranoia of student uprisings. Student sit-ins, revolts, and marches at Berkeley and other American campuses made a regrettable impression on York's first president, Murray G. Ross, who seems to have thought that given a place where more than a few score of them could gather at a time, students would immediately set about destroying it.

Not surprisingly, a planned student union building was

left to the later stages of the York construction schedule and never came to pass. Central Square, awful as it was, became the replacement.

And if you think you miss the old Central Square, now, wait until the blizzards come.

Did you know, that as a York student, you belong to the only university in Ontario where you get to pay a tuition fee increase on top of a tuition fee increase?

Last year, the ministry of colleges and universities raised tuition \$100 for full-

time taking summer courses, seven credits a year, and two evenings a week of night school.

As Parrott told a Toronto reporter, it means no grant after a first degree.

If second degree students are to be cut off next year, who will fall under Parrott's axe next

They have painted the Bill Wyman memorial tunnel between Ross and Complex I, white. That's right, sanatorium white. Now the paintings in the tunnel were

secret decision-making at BOG. Executive committee meeting are closed, and with half the total membership attending each executive meeting, one wonders what items of business will be left for the 14 "rank and filers"

BOG chairman Bertrand Gerstein (who is also chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the Toronto - Dominion Bank) says the executive was increased to make it more representative.

It's hard not to agree with him either. He's stumbled

Excalibur's First staff meeting is today, 1 pm, in room 111 Central Square

(five course) students by \$100.

At York, the administration added another five.

They say it's because they want a number they can easily divide by 30.

If they ask, tell them that we at *Excalibur* understanding their plight, will gladly lend them our \$30, fully electronic calculator. It can divide by 30.

Then they can give us back our five bucks.

So Harry Parrott, in introducing the new provincial grant plan for next year, says he wants to encourage students to finish their education as quickly as possible, thus saving taxpayers' money.

That doesn't mean taking the same degrees, faster by

not exactly vintage Group of Seven, and some of the graffiti was offensive, but really, don't we have enough dreary, blank, alienating, white concrete walls already?

York's Board of Governors acquired the distinction this week of becoming one of the very few organizations in Canada - maybe even in the world - that has as many executive members as "rank and file" members.

The BOG passed a motion at its Monday meeting, to increase the size of the executive from five to 14. However, there are only 14 other members sitting on the Board.

BOG student member Harvey Pinder believes the increased executive will de facto mean a reimposition of

upon a unique way of ensuring that our governing bodies are truly representative - put everybody on them.

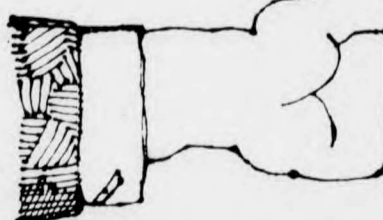
Except for one thing - there are no students on the executive. At last count, most people at York were students.

And all around us, signals of autumn's arrival, only six days away. One-third of our central student government has resigned, for one reason or another, Harbinger and Breakthrough are out of money, Radio York is after an FM license, and the Yeomen have lost their first football game.

Things that happen every autumn.

Oh yes, and the leaves are starting to turn. Have a good year.

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