

# Which Hunt?

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In its attempt to get closer to student, staff and faculty problems, grievances and questions at York, EXCALIBUR has an "Action Line" type feature, which appears below.

If you are having trouble or just a little aggravation at York and you want help, come to the friendly EXCALIBUR office in the central square or drop us a line.

Isaac Salomon is still angry, baffled and quite unemployed seven weeks after being fired from his job as a York cleaner.

At 54, he finds himself out of work right in the midst of Canada's worst unemployment crisis in a decade — and he doesn't understand why.

Salomon worked the night shift in the Petrie building. "I never had a night off for four years," he said in an interview recently.

Stressing his record, Salomon said: "I never came late. . . I was always punctual."

In fact, he never took a "sick day" off. One and a half days are allowed per month with pay. These accumulate, but once a worker resigns or is fired he gets nothing for them.

Salomon was well liked by other workers. Even the superintendent who fired him calls him Izzy.

So why was Salomon fired?

He claims it wasn't the quality of his work. He even read a glowing letter of recommendation, signed by an assistant

superintendent, citing him as a dependable and "co-operative worker". But a caretaker had warned Salomon that his work "wasn't to her liking".

R.F. Mills, superintendent of caretaker services, would not reveal the reason for sacking Salomon. He did say that the Labour Board had investigated the case and was satisfied that Salomon was fired for just cause.

Whatever the reasons for the firing, though, certain facts can't be ignored.

Salomon was employed by York for 4 years — well past the 2 month probation period when incompetence is supposed to be spotted by the ever-alert caretaking staff. (Caretakers have supervisory functions at York.)

Salomon was retained while union representation existed. He was given notice January 15, with no union to turn to for help.

Which Hunt knows of at least one instance when workers were caught playing cards. At another time, grounds-men supposed to be shovelling snow were drinking instead. In neither case was a

single worker fired.

Salomon, with his wife ill in hospital, asked for an extension on the 2 weeks notice allowed. His request was denied with the argument that "we're short in money. . . you're going and that's the end of it." It's surprising he wasn't hit with the usual answer bureaucrats like to give: "rules are rules."

Salomon gets \$53 a week in unemployment benefits. His apartment rent alone is \$150 a month. Asked what his income was, he replied "I've got out- come, not income."

Before coming to York, he was an elevator operator — a job not in much demand at any time, no matter what the employment situation is like.

Year-end bits and pieces: There's been no change in the car policing system — parked cars get tagged, moving cars don't. Maybe somebody will have to get killed before speeding and dangerous driving on campus are stopped. Better still, shouldn't all cars be banned from the inner campus and an effective busing system created?

Whatever happened to the trees that were supposed to act as windbreaks at various points around the campus? No one can deny that York in the wintertime is a cold, bleak and barren place.

Somebody should shoot the architect for designing a southern California campus in sunny southern Ontario.

To answer a query put to us earlier in the year, office personnel can wear pantsuits or any other type of apparel, providing their department supervisor approves.

Has anyone noticed that the university refuses to send statements or bills until maximum penalties have been built up on money owing? It's York's way of pretending that it's not a business. But since it turns out a fairly marketable finished product off an assembly line process — and is American controlled in the bargain — who can support that position?

Which Hunt didn't stir up as much muck as we wanted to, but then we didn't have a shovel big enough.

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Physics 314S	Apr. 30 p.m.	S137R
Soc. Sc. 176	Apr. 27 p.m.	SG

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