

# editorial

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## Taking care of the freeloaders

To: Brian Mulroney, CEO, Canada Inc.  
From: Floyd Laughren, Ontario Cash Guru  
Re: Operation Freddie Freeloader

Dear Bri,

Pop open the Dom Perignon and taste the success.

I think we've finally got the universities back under control. I have to admit it's been a tough 25 years. For a while there, it looked like we were going to lose.

I've got to hand it to you, planting me in this government was a brilliant idea. The secret Tory in the NDP camp. A diamond in the rough. I promised you I'd deliver, and I am pleased to say I got the goods last week.

I know this has been a passionate concern of yours for years, ever since those good old days at St. Francis Xavier university. Boy, who would have thought back then that things would get this out of control!

Remember that time you held a beer-chugging contest with that bank president's son? I heard from him the other day — he's editing the *Globe and Mail*. By the way, his paper has been a big help throughout this campaign. They even outdid us by recommending a 600 per cent tuition increase. You should send him a bottle or something (I hear you've got a few).

But seriously, Bri. You were right — things were right out of control on campus. I got Dickie Allen, my colleges and universities minister, to look into the matter. You wouldn't believe what they were spending our money on. Women's centres. Race relations offices. Labour studies programs. Things are so out of whack they almost cut the football team at St. F.X. a few years back. It makes you wonder about the future of our great country.

And the students! The way they're going, you'd think everyone deserves a higher education. Immigrants, working people, single par-

ents — for God's sake, I thought I saw my cleaning lady at York the other day!

But don't worry. I talked Bob into letting me fix things. It was easy — I just gave him that line about the deficit. "Can't go sending everyone to school in a recession, eh Bob?" He bought it — didn't even remember all that stuff about global competitiveness and the need for an educated province. He was too busy dealing with Peter North's sex life.

Geez, Bri. The last thing those tree-hugging, peace loving, bleeding-heart little turds in the province's universities and colleges need is our money. I fixed them for good by cutting off student aid grants completely. Now they can go out and find a job, just like the good old days. Not that any of us had jobs then. But if we'd needed it, you can bet we'd be out there working. We never needed the government to pay our way.

And tuition fees! I know we only raised them seven per cent — but look on the bright side. That is about four times the inflation rate. At that rate, Caroline won't be ashamed to go to a Canadian school soon. We'll have her paying Harvard fees at Queen's before you know it.

Caroline will be glad to hear about my next plan. We're going to turn Queen's into Harvard North. And Western will be Yale, and Toronto Princeton. Waterloo already is MIT. But York... we're having trouble with York. Things should get better when they finish cutting out the Arts faculty. All those literate kids running around — scary! Next thing you know, they'll be writing newspaper editorials and spreading the wrong ideas.

Ah, Bri. I know just how concerned you are about these kids today. At the rate they're going some of them might be voting in the next election. But don't worry we'll give them something better to do with their time.

Yours truly,  
"Baby Blue" Laughren

• Ever seep through a neighbors refuge. It can tell you a lot about the person. York's full of garbage. Keeping tabs of our junk is serious business.

## BETWEEN THE LINES

Here's what York's garbage composition revealed in the summer garbage audit:

- 36.3 per cent is organic material, such as food waste.
- 17.4 per cent is other paper,

like box board, faxes, post-it notes, and colored paper.

- 15.9 per cent is office fine paper.
- 9.9 per cent is plastic.
- 6.9 per cent is glass.
- 4.9 per cent is metal.
- 4.6 per cent newsprint.
- 1.4 per cent is corrugated cardboard.

The following recyclables were found in our garbage:

- 158 metric tonnes of fine paper.
- 103 metric tonnes of newsprint.
- 100 metric tonnes of metal.

In rating recycling practices among York buildings, Waste Management coordinator Paul Mayol says the Ross Building has the best practices, while the West Office Building has the worst of all buildings examined in the audit.

• **Mann Watch:** York's Senate debated the proposed affiliation between our university and the International Space University last week. York President Susan Mann took the opportunity to explain her oft-changing reactions to the proposal.

They included (and she used numbers to break them down):

### Reaction #1

To the ISU bid after breezing through a glossy brochure on the subject: "Doesn't that look interesting?"

### Reaction #2

After reading literature opposing the bid: "Oh, oh."

### Reaction #3

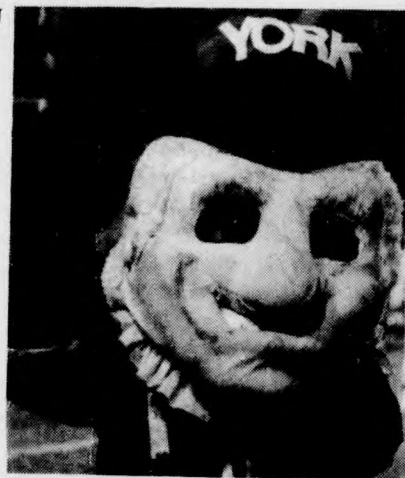
About having to deal with ISU during her first months in office:

"This issue was certainly not an issue I would have chosen to be saddled with."

### Reaction #4

To the lack of consultation during the bid preparation before she took office: "Yuuiy." (Not to be confused with *Yeoy*, the university's sports mascot.)

She cited at least four more reactions before telling the Senators she sided in support of the proposal. Mann called the process "an excellent opportunity to get introduced to the way York operates."



Yeoy has yet to declare a position on ISU.

## Black Caucus

Who's writing about your issues?  
**MAKE SURE YOU ARE**  
AFRICAN-BLACK HISTORY MONTH ISSUE  
BLACK WRITERS CAUCUS

All those interested should attend our next meeting to join discussions regarding the name of the Feb. issue, setting deadlines, developing story ideas and themes, recruiting writers and artists, and much more.

excalibur Black Writers Caucus next meeting  
Thursday Dec. 4 at 4:00pm in the excal office

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### Piece of mind:

"As an ex-military officer with first-hand experience in the USAF [United States Air Force] space program, I can dream of Canada becoming a major military space power..."

— ISTS Executive Director  
George MacFarlane in hot water after exposing dream (see pg. 3).