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which reaffirms its authority and prestige over that of professors and students and continues the process, ongoing since the middle ages, of converting the university from an egalitarian community of scholars to a hierarchically-organized education factory ruled by administrators. Unfortunately, the concerns of professors and the concerns of administrators are entirely different.

For the professor, and the student ultimately, the concern is with the enlargement of the student's knowledge and the enlargement of knowledge in the discipline. For the administrator, though, the concern is with getting the maximum number of students through the maximum number of courses with the minimum cost to the institution, with ensuring the equality of grading between students, and with adherence to the rules and regulations of the organization.

A university whose direction and purposes are defined by administrators is one character-

ized by the lowest common standards, routinized education, and a noticeable absence of creative risk-taking. If the result is mediocrity, low standards, and the mass-production of worthless degrees then this is the price that must be paid for introducing the principles of industrial efficiency into education and for leaving the institution in the hands of administrators instead of educators (one cannot be both).

Finally, on a purely practical level, one thing the the COU might have considered before deciding that action under the Criminal Code would be the most expedient way of dealing with Custom Essay — what if Custom wins? As a writer for Custom Essay, I can say I would like nothing better than a public acknowledgment by the state that our activities are perfectly legitimate. It will do wonders for business. And, from all the lawyers to whom I've spoken, this seems to be the more likely outcome to this case.

Sincerely,  
Mark Rudd

## q and a

by HEATHER SANGSTER  
and BABAK AMIRFEIZ



Kathy Murphy, Osgoode 1

1) I'm really opposed to it. You're here to learn. It lowers the reputation of the university in terms of its education facilities and it puts those who have the money to buy the essays in a better position than those who don't.  
2) Bismark.

**Question 1:** Would you ever buy/sell an essay? Comment on the essay writing and buying issue at York.



Ellen Irmisch, Fine Arts 1

1) No, I wouldn't. It would be more of a hassle than writing one, especially if you're caught. Why put your name on it if it's not yours?  
2) Muffins — the blueberry bran muffins.

**Question 2:** What's your favourite Tim Horton product?



Dehlia Weldon-Yoon, employee at Atkinson

1) No, I'm against it.  
2) Orange cruller.

## "PRESENCE"

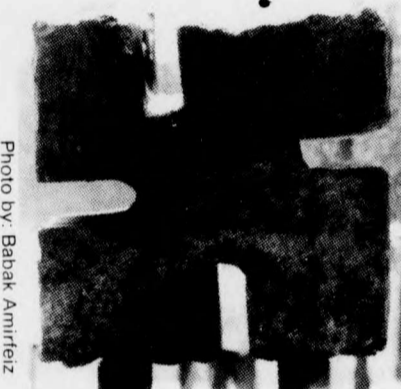
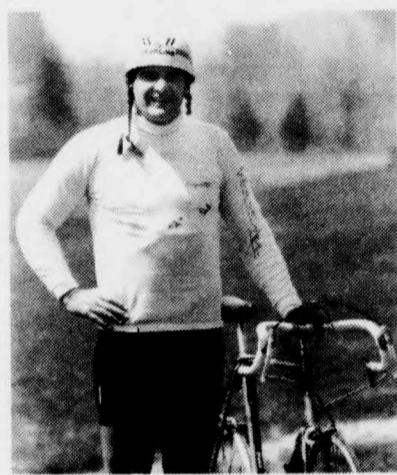


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As I walk from the parking lot on the west side of McLaughlin College towards the Stedman Lecture Halls, I must first pass by a peculiar looking piece of "art." This statue, titled "Presence," by Armand Vaillancourt, seems to me to contain a symbol which was used during the Second World War. I have seen the swastika in movies, as well as spray-painted on synagogues, and unfortunately, now, everyday before I start class.

As a first year student, I am unaware as to how to go about protesting something like this on campus, as well as whether or not it has been brought to the student body's attention before.

Thank you,  
Adam Joel Altberg  
1st Year Co-ordinated Business



Ron Hamilton, Arts 2 1/2

1) No, in any business you can farm out or contract out work but not at a university. You lose in the end. I'm really against that.  
2) Not a donut man really. French crullers are my favourite.



Mira Pilch, Osgoode 1

1) No, the temptation of the writing service is too great and so is the risk. It defeats the whole purpose of going to university.  
2) Honey glazed donut.



Brian Postill, Arts 3

1) No. I have no need to. I'm a psych major and have had maybe four essay assignments in two years.  
2) I'm more a fritter than a donut man but I like a honey glazed donut for variety.

Dear Editor,

I am really not sure of just who I should be directing this letter to, you, the newspaper, or the university itself. I would like to bring to your attention the topic of racism and its associated symbols.

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