

# Excalibur

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

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## Today's Queens Park picket is necessary

Today the Ontario Student Federation is holding a picket at Queen's Park to bring attention once again to the problems facing universities since the Davis government started its education cutbacks policy.

Perhaps most students do not think the picket is of sufficient importance to be bothered about, but we ask you to consider that our fiscal problems are not going away.

The monetary conflicts of this institution leapt into the limelight during the recent York University Staff Association strike, but since its resolution those concerns seem

to have been put on the back burner. But what about next year, when YUSA has yet another contract settlement to realize?

What about a possible tuition hike for September? Or a residence fee hike? Or perhaps a "minor" item like extensive cutbacks of library hours, or yet more inflated parking fees.

What about the York University Faculty Association which is still in the midst of contract negotiations for this year?

Despite the apparent lull, in economic conflict at present, the situation is bad and could well get worse.

The next question is anticipated. Where is the money going to come from to meet all the demands put on the government by the social sectors?

"Here they go again screaming 'tax the corporations!' you may well mutter, 'don't they see the result could be the undermining the financial basis of our society?'"

We are not advocating the blind endorsement of any self-indulgent, irresponsible suggestion. But we are advocating that we explore the possibilities.

A report published by OFS, which Excalibur reprinted in issues its October 26 and November 2 issues, suggested we cut down in the large number of tax subsidies in Ontario which a) do not do what they are designed to do (ie. stimulate the economy, provide employment) or b) give an inequitable amount of subsidies to the wealthier members of our society as opposed to the poorer ones, the ones the subsidy was

originally designed for. This could save millions of dollars.

We believe the answers are there. The present one they are trying to feed us in unsatisfactory. So today on the picket line we have an opportunity to demonstrate our dissatisfaction.

We are doing what every other sector of society does — put pressure on the government to get what we want. All groups affected by government policy lobby Queen's Park for their slice of the pie. It follows that students should too. It would be ridiculous if students were the only sector of

society that didn't stand up for their own interests.

It is all very well and constructive for our student leaders to present briefs and make presentations to our government leaders, but those kind of lobbying activities are only effective if the lobbyists can show they have some support from rank and file students.

That is what this picket is designed to do. A mere picket line may not turn the Ontario government's budget policies entirely around but, on the positive side, every little bit helps.

### Board of Pubs to meet

Excalibur's publisher, the Board of Publications, is scheduled to meet for the first time this year, Thursday 23, at 7:30 pm in S312 Ross. We've frequently been asked: "What is the Board of Publications?"

In a nutshell, it is the community's legal and financial watchdog of the York newspaper.

It sets the salaries of our full-time editors, the business manager and part-time assistants, plus the honouraria of our part-time editors (news, sports, entertainment & college affairs).

It reviews our annual financial statements and sets business policies designed to keep Excalibur on the financial rails. The Board's February decision, that Excalibur be made up of 40 per cent ads—to keep the paper on a break-even basis—is an example.

The B of P has its work cut out for it this year. Some of the tasks it will face are:

- Acting on suggestions to increase Excalibur's grants from student sources.
- Giving the go-ahead for the purchase of our own typesetting equipment, if it's feasible.
- Attracting more ad sales staff.

### Excalibur is

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Others: Janet Keehn, Steve Toth, Celeste Pellicone, Lori Sheridan, Gwen Venema.

### Shcaransky on stage

"The Trial of Anatoly Shcaransky," will be presented tonight only, at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, 7:30 pm. There may be some tickets left at the Jewish Student Federation S101 Ross.

### Our Town

#### African Studies Programme

On Tuesday, November 21 at 3-5 pm in Curtis Lecture Hall "L", the African Studies Programme presents *Black Girl* (Senegal 1965) directed by Africa's greatest director, Ousmane Sembene. This film is winner of the *Prix Jean Digo*, Best Direction. Admission is 75c.

#### Atkinson

All Atkinson students are invited to meet the Atkinson faculty members in a series of talks conducted by the leading lights of the faculty. On Wednesday, November 22, Professor Adelman of the Department of Philosophy will be speaking on the Middle East. The lecture will be held in the Fellows Lounge (Room 004, cafeteria level).... refreshments will be served.

#### Bethune

Today's Bethune seminar is *Music and Dissent in Czechoslovakia* with Paul Wilson (former member of *The Plastic People* prominent Czech rock group) and Joseph Skvorecky (Professor of English at University of Toronto and author of *Red Jazz*). The seminar will take place in the Bethune Gallery (320) at 4:30 pm.

There's a Folk Nite on Friday, November 17 at 8:30 pm in the JCR with John Whitehead.

The Bethune movies this week.... Friday and Saturday night *Coming Home* is showing at 8:30 pm in Curtis "L"... and same time and place on Sunday night for *Madame Rosa*.

#### Chess Club

The Chess Club, (located in Room 030A, Winters College) will be open at the new times of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 2-5 pm. For further information contact Peter at 661-7267.

#### CYSF Classic Film Festival

Tonight's feature film is *Midnight Cowboy* showing at 8:30 pm in Curtis "L". Admission is \$1.75.

#### Department of French Studies

On Monday, November 20 the Department of French Studies and the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics is sponsoring the film *Magic Night*. The film

with English subtitles) will be preceded by an introduction by Dr. Helen Semenuk.... the film will be shown in Curtis "L"... admission is free.

#### Founders

Founders College wishes to thank all the students who gave blood at last week's Blood Donor Clinic (it was a success)....

The F.U.S.E. (Founder's Universal Sauna and Exercise) Room is open from noon-4 pm and 8-11 pm everyday. Memberships are still available (obtain them in the F.U.S.E. room) - \$10.00 for Founders students, \$15.00 for others.

If you're looking for a quiet place to read, Founder's has a Reading and Listening Room, complete with records, reference books and magazines... it's open 10 am - 9 pm.

The Founder's swim team is holding a dance on November 18 in the Founder's Dining Hall.

#### Harbinger

Harbinger is sponsoring a workshop on dance therapy and movement explorations, which will be held on Thursday November 30, 1-3 pm, in the Fine Arts Studio No.2.

Harbinger is your peer counselling centre. Its trained volunteers provide services without cost and in strictest confidence. Drop by Harbinger's offices for coffee and a chat or to discuss any problem... its located at Room 214, Vanier Residence and open 10 am - 4pm, Monday to Friday.

#### Italian Canadian Association

The Italian Association presents 2 one-act plays in Italian by Pirandello on Monday November 20 at 8 pm at Stong Theatre. Tickets are available in Room 140, Founders College. For more information call 667-2257.

#### Jewish Student Federation

Weekly events: Hebrew lessons: Beginners at 2-3 pm; advanced, 4-5 pm, in S128 Ross; Yiddish lessons, Thursday at 1 pm, S122 Ross; Israeli Dancing, 8:30 pm in the Vanier studio; Gourmet Jewish cooking, Thursday 8 pm & Hebrew Calligraphy, 7:30 pm at Temple Sinai. For more info check the JSF office at S101 Ross.

#### McLaughlin

The second of McLaughlin's Lunchtime series is being held on Monday, November 20 at 12 noon in McLaughlin Senior Common Room (140). Professor John Beare, of the Department of Economics will give a talk on *Whither the Dollar?*, to be followed by a discussion. Everyone is invited to bring lunch-coffee will be provided.

McLaughlin Student Council, in conjunction with the Argh Coffee Shop, is presenting the first Annual Apple Fest on tonight at 9 am - 1 am in the McLaughlin JCR. Admission is free.

There will be a Mac Pub Friday November 17 9 pm - 1 am in the McLaughlin JCR. Admission is \$1.00 for Mac students and \$2.00 for non-Mac students.

#### Osgoode

Tonight is the end of term 'bash', at 9 pm in the Osgoode Pub. Admission is free.

#### Stong

Stong College presents a performance by the York Winds in the Stong Master's Dining Room, November 20 at 7:30 pm. No admission charge. All members of the community are welcome.

The Art of 'Ksan ... the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery, Stong College, is presenting a one-man show of the works of Vernon Stephens.

A programme of lectures and demonstrations on Indian art in Canada, Indian dance, music and the Gitson and legends and myths is planned in conjunction with the exhibition. The gallery is open from 12 noon-5 pm Monday to Thursday; 2-5 pm Sunday, and closed Friday and Saturday.... Vernon Stephens will be on hand during the exhibition to discuss his work. There is no admission charge. For further information, contact Mrs. Olga Cirak at 667-3061.

#### Winters

Nominations for Faculty of Arts Students' Caucus will be accepted until the end of the fall term. Forms are available in S937 Ross. By-elections are being held soon for the Council positions of treasurer and first year female rep....

For study and relaxation, Winters offers a weekend in Marylake, King City. The cost is \$5 for Winters students and \$20 for others.

The price includes accommodations and meals. Contact Pat Ralston at Winters 269 or phone 667-2204 before November 22.

#### Women's Centre

Maryon Katroff, renowned sculptor and feminist, will be the special guest at the York Women's Centre today from 12 noon to 2 pm.

The regular film series has been expanded - now there are two showings of a film by and about women every Monday at 12 noon and 6 pm. Bring your lunch or supper - coffee is available.

There will be a lesbian drop-in every Monday from 4 to 6 pm, sponsored by Harbinger. Come meet other gay women for conversation, problem sharing, and new friendships.

All events take place at the Women's Centre 102 B.S.B., open Monday through Thursday 9 am to 7 pm

#### York Biological Society

Sign up for the Molson's Brewery Tour in Room 005 Farquarson Building before November 24.... the limit is 30 people...

Get your York Biology t-shirts, available in the front entrance of the Farquarson Building.

#### York University Progressive Conservative Association

There will be an important meeting for members of the Association today at 4:30 pm in Room S105 Ross. All members are urged to attend and everyone is welcome.

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meets at  
1 pm Friday**