

# Excalibur

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

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## Government report is a clear and present danger to students

Wednesday, hundreds of students will crowd into the U. of T.'s Convocation Hall to give voice to their protests of the Ontario government's Henderson report, which is a clear and present danger to equal-access education.

The report of the Special Program Review, tabled back on November 20, has been lying dormant ever since. But it is far from extinct.

The controversial report called for 65 per cent tuition increases over the next three or four years, catapulting tuitions over the magic \$1,000 plateau.

The report marked a milestone in provincial politics, for here was a committee of six influential personalities advocating a return to the good old days of "you get what you pay for". While the inflated tuitions would only account for approximately 28 per cent of the total post-secondary education budget, at a time when part-time and summer jobs are scarce and expenses are skyrocketing at breakneck pace, students will find it more difficult to meet the increased tuitions, than ever before.

Adding to the harrowing prospects, the government, should it endorse the report, will make it more difficult to obtain aid. By increasing the loan portion and lowering the grant portion of OSAP, Davis will in effect be telling students that they can go to university, only if they are willing to dig themselves into a financial hole.

It's the old one-two punch against mass education, delivered by that consummate reverse-field politician, Bill Davis. It was Davis, when he was Education minister for the Robarts government, who blazed the Ontario trail towards mass education.

Luckily, university students seem to have received a respite from the future.

The timing of the report, as far as the government was concerned, was disastrous. The report, controversial by its very conservatism, was completed after an election which saw the province swing decidedly to the left. The Conservatives are in the position of having to establish some kind of propinquity of thought with either the Liberals or NDP in order to stave off another election. Hence the government procrastination after the Henderson report. Still reeling from the last election, the Conservatives are not emotionally ready for another.

For these reasons, Wednesday's Convocation Hall rally to protest the recommendations of the Henderson report couldn't have come at a more propitious time. A significant turnout may just be the scare the Davis government needs to make it play it safe and leave the Henderson report where it belongs — buried.



Item: Students from across Ontario assemble to protest the government's Henderson report.



**Come join us!**  
**Staff meeting**  
**today 1 p.m.**

**room 111 Central Square**

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## Who is being an entrepreneur?

The salami method has arrived at York.

Simply put, the salami method is the art of realizing wide-ranging changes through small, seemingly insignificant victories. No-one will put up much resistance to any of the changes, because, by themselves, they extract few concessions.

Each small concession is like a wafer-thin slice of salami. There's little meat in the individual slice, but when a number of slices have been extracted, they make quite a substantial meal.

This method, most recently ascribed to Mr. Trudeau's government by a number of political observers, can shed quite a bit of light on York's two-year-old entrepreneurial policy.

Last year the administration was able to put into effect the seemingly innocuous policy in a

small way. They charged small campus entrepreneurs, such as Bethune and Winters films, a small fee, dropping the hint that college coffee shops might eventually have to pay utility charges as well.

At every opportunity, usually in response to a reporter's questions, the university brushed the matter off, saying that a study of the utility charges would have to be undertaken before it could determine an equitable levy.

This kept everyone at bay, and left the eventuality of utility charges looming.

Last week the university struck. A courteous memo from Mr. Knox's office informed the college coffee houses that the university is exploring the feasibility of charging them for utilities at the rate of \$2.94 per net actual square foot.

For most of York's coffee houses, this would result in a further expenditure of \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year, which they will have to recoup. We don't need to tell you from whom.

Given the fact that the college pubs do not operate to make a profit, and given the fact that they already pay 20 per cent of cost to the beverage manager's office (a sum of loot that even Mr. Mitchell agrees is generous), it might be suggested that the university's entrepreneurial fangs are beginning to show.

Ironic that the same university administration which has shown itself to be so parsimonious in its dealings with its employees (YUFA, YUSA, CUPE, GAA), should ask students to open their wallets to it.

Oh well, cheers! and drink while ye may.