

# Excalibur

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## Broke, Disgruntled and P.O.'d

Your student loan has run out. You haven't got your income tax returns yet. You're broke. You're also out of luck.

At this financially poor time of year, one or two inconsistencies begin to appear in the student aid program.

For example, a middle class family man making 12 thousand dollars a year with four dependents, is expected to contribute close to one thousand dollars towards the education of a child in university. In any urban area this is ludicrous for such a family. It generally means the family has to take out a loan at the usually high rates charged by banks or loan sharks. To avoid this, the student may get a high paying labour job during the summer. However, if he makes enough at this job, he runs the risk of making too much. He will no longer be classified as a dependent child, and his parents will have to pay tax on an extra five hundred dollars. And yet, unless he has completed three successful years at university, or been out of school for a period of 12 months, this student can not be independent in the eyes of the government when it comes to getting a student loan. He is independent only for tax purposes. Not only do his parents have to pay extra taxes, but also may be called upon to give him extra assistance as he can get little from the government loans.

And still related to the matter of taxes, consider the student whose parents get their income from investments which they do not have to declare for tax purposes. These students are generally better off to begin with, as their parents have enough money to live on investments. And yet these students can fill out a form giving only their parents taxable income, which may be virtually insignificant. Thus they get a substantial loan. And what do they do? Like father like son or daughter, they invest it.

We feel that the conditions for independence on a student loan form should be changed to include granting independence to students who can produce a signed affidavit from their parent to the effect that they are getting no support beyond such things as Christmas gifts. The value of these should be stated.

The student loan plan is basically a good idea. That does not mean that it is perfect. Changes should be made, and must be made. Students too, are affected by rising living costs. Costs coming mainly from the actions of the political governments of the world, not from the tastes of the students themselves.

## \$950 is thievery, not fees

It will cost you \$950 for a single room in residence at York next year.

We think its too much. We foresee a residence of 'poor little rich kids'. Maybe that's what the administration of York wants.

The thought hurts. Does it hurt you too?

Its up to the students to do something about it. Its up to YSC.

That's not a residence fee, its thievery, especially for those students who are not Toronto residents. It may prevent some of them from completing their education.

You won't believe this, but boobo and lil, the Moron twins, are single-handedly putting out The Papyrus this week. Mike destroys page 2, while the mice, Richie, Frank, Gail, and Arthus, nibble cheeses and talk about the nitty-gritty. Big Deal Dept: Anita isn't here. Claire moves into contention for office-doll-face. Linda, Phyllis, Frances, and the Flunky, G.H., gossip. Frank L. burps long distance. Greg P. blows his nose. Ross flakes out, Kerry if you scream, once more. Rick the beady one claims H.T. is a crud photog (rumour, scandal) Question of the month: Who's Dave W? Juno, Sylvie, and Wendy get rubber cement in their hair (courtesy Fred torture of the month club Nix). Save me.

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WELL, HERE I AM, ALL OUT OF MONEY. FEE PAYMENTS ARE COMING UP AND I NEED MONEY FOR INCIDENTALS. I GUESS THAT MEANS A STUDENT LOAN!



YOU KNOW, IT'S GETTING SO WE CAN'T GET THE DAMN THINGS WITHOUT SELLING OUR EYE TEETH FOR THEM. IT TOOK ME WEEKS TO GET MY OLD MAN TO FILL OUT ONE LAST YEAR AND NEXT YEAR, THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE MORE STRINGENT.



ALL THESE STUDENTS CHEATING DID THAT FOR US HONEST ONES. I MEAN, I ONLY MADE \$2500 THIS SUMMER - ENOUGH TO BUY MY CAR, STEREO SET, AND TV - THOSE I REALLY NEED. AND NOW I NEED MONEY FOR A TAPE RECORDER, NOT TO MENTION FEES. WELL, I GUESS I SHOULD SEE ABOUT THAT LOAN.



## We Get Letters

This university is a police state when it comes to guarding ... the toilets?

### Arrogance in Psych

Dear Sir:

The situation in the library is even more ridiculous than that regarding parking and access to the campus. Certainly security is important, but the present measures are unduly oppressive. The presence of one security officer in the library reading room entrance to check identification should be sufficient to prevent outsiders from gaining access to the library. By the way, unless York students are being prevented from use of the facilities by an overflow of outsiders, the policy of not allowing visitors to use the library seems to be poor public relations policy.

Once one succeeds in overcoming the parking guards, gains admission into the library and starts to work, he is suddenly confronted by a third line of defense in the person of yet another brown-shirted guard who demands identification. How could anyone except James Bond penetrate the myriad of Maginot lines at York? The amazing thing is that most students are annoyed, but docilely comply with these obnoxious interruptions.

What will the university police next...the toilets?...the dining facilities?...the classrooms and labs? There are security guards almost everywhere you turn...at the university entrance, in the parking lots, in the bookstore, and of course in the library. Are we, the members of the university community really that dangerous and criminally inclined? Quick, build a wall around the University...not to prevent outsiders from getting in but to stop us from getting out.

John Jung, Psychology.

Dear Sir:

A psych prof in the 324.3 course has reportedly made the whole class come in at 9:00 am every Thursday instead of the scheduled 11:00 a.m. The reason? So he can drive his kids home at lunch time. It is arrogance of this nature which brings out the 'Student as Nigger' aspect of York where even the grad. Students are trod into the ground. Perhaps until the course critique is established, Excalibur could run an Arrogance of the Week column.

J. Stevens

EDITOR'S NOTE: We would appreciate a letter from the faculty in response to this. We question whether or not a Course Critique could ever change the personalities of either the professor who is 'reported' to do this, or the student who would write a letter proving that the author of Nigger was right. Letters won't make a prof change, but a class petition might.

### Res vending machines

Dear Sir:

I would like to comment on the installation of residence vending machines as reported in your last issue in order to avoid a possible misunderstanding.

First, the meeting of Winters residents was called by Sue Peacock (W III) and Caroline Back (W III), not by me. I attended the meeting only as an interested resident.

Second, it seems to me that credit should be given where it is due. Sue and Caroline, Harriet Hewitt (V I) and Don Haire (W II) have been working on the Food Service Committee since last September, attempting to arrange for these ma-

chines. My contribution is limited to attendance at the last two meetings. Your article implied otherwise.

Third, according to the administration, my contention that students were operating their own machines is incorrect. It appears that the college is operating them.

In any case, the sturdy oak has bent in a breeze.

Hugh Schatz (W IV)

### Under Attack shows us up

Sir:

After viewing the latest 'edition' of Under Attack originating from York University (Hans Holzer: ghost hunter.) I seriously question the type of student being produced at York. The students participating obviously had no intention of questioning Holzer's theories. They seemed only interested in discrediting Holzer in terms of their accepted standards.

'Are you qualified Mr. Holzer? Pardon. No! No! Not experience. Experience doesn't count. You must have a degree.'

On the panel, only Gary Woodill appeared to have done any homework on the subject. Unfortunately he consented to the majority and tried to use his acquired knowledge only to question Holzer's credibility, rather than his beliefs.

As for the audience...I assumed they were university students. It's too bad they forgot all they took in first year as soon as the exam was over.

I hope that someday I am present when real students (whether institutionalized or not) attempt to understand what Hans Holzer is trying to say.

John Maly