

We're being robbed by Big Brother!

It's true! Excalibur has been stuck up! By who? By the greatest crook this country has ever known. The Federal Government. In a new move to rake in more of our hard earned cash, Big Brother has raised the price of stamps on letters, parcels and newspapers (us), to a new high and has caught Excalibur in the middle.

After always paying the usual rate of three cents for most issues of Excalibur we are told by our friendly men in Ottawa that the rates are going up and now we'll have to pay as much as an extra five cents.

This is putting a great deal of strain on our pecuniary piggy back.

And what will happen to the needy people out there who'll miss our keen wit and sharp guidance because we can't afford to send them our little secrets to better living?

For example, take Mr. Ivan Ivonovitch of Ivonovitch's and Sons Ltd. How will he do without us? Excalibur has wrapped more of Mr. Ivonovitch's fish at his groceteria than all other papers combined. A record to be

proud of. Without us he may well go out of business. Is this just?

And what about poor people like Mrs. Amanda Smoothchest, a poor widow of 86 with no one to keep her company but Excalibur and two dozen cats. Time and again Excalibur has come through and saved her from the common drudgery of her existence. How would she spend those long, lonely hours without this newspaper to put her cats on?

And then there's the working man like Mr. Harvey Hinkleman of Dominoes Construction Co. He's always kept his sandwiches fresh in Excalibur. Now they'll never taste the same without it. And there's always a few choice photos to leer over on the front page, while taking a lunch break or using the Johnny-on-the-Spot on the spot.

And lastly, leave us not forget those great stalwarts of modern civilization and society, the high school principals. What would they do without the copies of Excalibur we send them? How would they cope with the daily

problems which confront them without our firm support?

Just the other day it came to light that a high school principal used Excalibur to make a point with one of his students. Raising it high in the air where it could be plainly seen, he hit him in the mouth with it.

So as you see, because of our friendly government's friendly persuasion, Excalibur is faced with financial hardships and deprivations which it must pass on to its readers by denying to them the great words of wisdom inherent in our editions.

This is unjust. Unfair. But fear not, Excalibur will fight to the end. We will place the issue before the government.

Either they cut all stamps down to the original level or cut them out altogether. Or we will burn the Parliament Buildings down. Excalibur makes a good torch too.

This is a sticky issue and we could get all gummed up in our efforts, but we will stick to it and we will lick this unjust situation. We will lick the stamp.

Unjust procedure

As you know, Henry Best held the second meeting of his committee to investigate and make recommendations to the President concerning the recent parking debate on Sunday at 5 p.m. There are a number of issues arising out of the procedure of that meeting which merit discussion, but I should like to limit myself here to one item, the use of **unsigned information** which tended to incriminate certain members of this community.

As part of the investigations into the personnel involved in the parking thing, Mr. Best received a long letter, which contained the names of various people. This list included the members of the executive and myself, who had already indicated to Mr. Best our involvement. None of the others had done so. On the basis of that letter, and on that basis alone, Mr. Best "invited" those others named in the letter to attend that meeting. He says that if they were not involved, all they had to do was say so.

I say that to grant any measure of credulity to such information is despicable, and I have so informed Mr. Best. In any even vaguely quasi-judicial proceeding, such information is automatically inadmissible. Even if the list were accurate — and this one is not — it ranks with the worst kind of informer, black-hooded tactic.

The individuals concerned have the right to know who gave Mr. Best their names, and until Mr. Best can give them that information, he has no right to involve them in the proceedings. To set these individuals apart and under suspicion in this manner is both unjust and inadmissible as a proper procedure.

To use such information is wrong ethically, and, perhaps, legally, and prejudices the deliberations of such a committee. I would hope, that the presentation and discussion arising out of that information will be stricken, and such information will, in future, be disallowed.

John Bosley

Adams speaks

I would like to inform the York University community of my attitude toward the ad hoc committee on the parking fiasco recently established by Mr. Henry Best (Student Services Director).

Dr. Murray Ross has informed me to my face that the alternatives available to the administration concerning this affair include, among

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others, the following:

- 1) turn the investigation over to the Metropolitan Toronto Police
- 2) rustication of the responsible individuals
- 3) probation of the responsible individuals.

I feel strongly that while there exists a possibility, however remote, that this matter may involve some legal actions at some further date, all those concerned have a responsibility to insure the respect of all appropriate legal procedures, and, especially, all legal rights of the individuals concerned.

To those ends, I have sought preliminary legal advice. I suggest that all other individuals implicated or in the future might do likewise.

I have done so not to antagonize the committee members or to hamper their proceedings. I wish to cooperate with the committee.

John Adams
President, York Student Council.

No Chapel again

Dear Sir:

I think it may be of some interest, in the controversy about the York Chapel, to know that almost every clergyman on the Advisory Board of the York Student Christian Movement earnestly pleaded that a chapel not be built on this campus.

They said that university chapels serve no useful function beyond the occasional wedding of graduates or undergraduates, and that maintaining such buildings is extremely expensive.

The clergy felt that such money as is available for "religious purposes" could be more usefully spent on projects that bear a closer relation to the life and teaching of the founder of the Christian religion than the erection and maintenance of a building.

Mrs. C.B. Guild
Treasurer, Student
Christian Movement

Mean Mac Council

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, the Interim Council of McLaughlin College decided to hold a closed meeting on Tues. Nov. 26. This decision was ratified over the strong objections of a few councillors at the meeting of Nov. 12.

The purpose of this closed meeting is to discuss proposed referendum on whether McLaughlin should join the York Student Council. It is not the entrance of McLaughlin into YSC that concerns me in this letter, rather it is the high handed manner in which some council members have decided to hold a closed meeting, a meeting unprecedented at York by a student group.

Any elected body is responsible to the students who elected them and their decisions and the rationale behind them should at all times be available to the electorate.

A closed meeting precludes this and, most importantly, denies the members of McLaughlin College of

their right to have a voice in the decisions of this council.

Pursuant to this high-handedness, I must further point out that a representative of YSC was twice snubbed by McLaughlin Council in her attempts to meet the council and answer questions that councillors may or may not have had with regard to YSC.

On one occasion the representative, Miss Eva Marszewski, was told that she would not be introduced to the council because certain councillors did not wish to meet any representatives of YSC at that time.

The following week, council moved to hold its closed meeting before Miss Marszewski could arrive and present her opinion. And when she did arrive, she was turned away outside the meeting so that some councillors, including myself, were not informed of her arrival until the next day. Miss Marszewski had previously been informed that the YSC was to be the last item on the agenda.

As a councillor, I deplore the actions taken by the council as a whole on this matter. I will, of course attend all council meetings and will endeavour through due processes to change the council's decision with regards to closed meetings. It is, however, up to the students themselves to protest so vociferously that their elected representatives are forced to obey the will of the electorate. If, on the other hand, this closed meeting is held, I will resign and seek the impeachment of the council as a group.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to extend my personal apology to Miss Marszewski for the treatment she received at the hands of McLaughlin Council. I hope that such boorishness will not recur.

Rich Smith

Violent Treasure Van

The recent visit of Treasure Van has left me with one question on my mind: does the overabundance of knives, swords, daggers and other paraphernalia of war say something about the state of both our society and the cultures of other nations?

Surely the countries of the world can find more appropriate wares to display to us than such weapons of carnage as we were offered in this year's Treasure Van. What kind of treasure is a three-foot sword, unless you're a Viking?

Ian M. Binns (FIII)

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it's the silly season for stupid staffers . . . a woman's place is in the oven, rhonda, says tony . . . grant brandished the layout ruler over our heads to get his copy done . . . egie actually belly-laughed tonite . . . over fisticuffs with rockin' richie, about olga of course who's giving kworum koop the runaround hoho . . . anita's here too in her pyjamas which she just spilled coke on (missed her mouth — incredible) . . . ross drinking editor's comfort . . . people lined up to talk to stew, esp. george . . . snook & gail were here, kandygale too . . . we may have won the u of calgary this week and maybe a white sport coat too . . . staff meeting tonite at 5 . . . bob says i've got too many lines so i'm goin' down that road . . . bye.