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EDITORIAL

Fourteen down, twelve to go

The dateline reads number 14, and the dateline never lies. It's been 14 short weeks since we began publishing this year. Before we break for our mini-vacation here are a few memories of 14 news-filled weeks.

Students returning from summers in which some were employed, found a report from the Committee on the Future Role of Ontario Universities that predicted the demise of quality education in this province. CYSF joined the Ontario Federation of Students, petitioning and protesting the underfunding of Ontario universities.

While students wrestled with Bette Stephenson and a hard-line Conservative government, the York chapter of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW) found an equally tough opponent in their

negotiations with the York administration. On Monday, October 26, CUEW struck over limits on class sizes, job security, and a twenty per cent salary increase. A week later they settled with the promise that class size restrictions, a central issue, would be discussed further.

Before they had a chance to recover from the effects of increased class sizes and bulging tuitions, students were informed that \$1.1 billion in funding would be stripped from post-secondary education over the next five years. Sunny times, these are not.

Perhaps in reaction to those pressures, the campus was being vandalized with infuriating regularity. The move prompted administration officials to warn all campus organizations to beef-up the

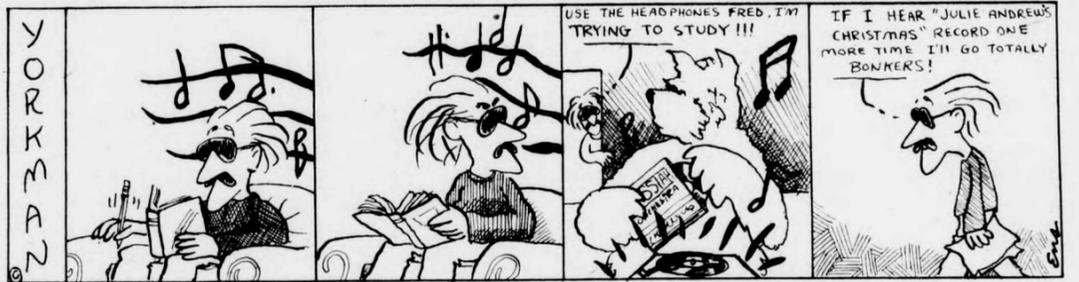
security or else.

The recent BOG elections demonstrated that York students still don't care who represents them. Let's hope the feeling isn't mutual.

Last week's constitutional debate at York brought home a discussion that's being aired in every gathering spot in this country. Broadcaster Lloyd Robertson spoke for everyone when he said, "Quebec is the question of the moment."

14 weeks, 224 pages, 521 articles. Hope you enjoyed them—stay tuned. See you in three weeks.

Until then, the staff and the editors of the *Excalbur* want to take this opportunity to wish the students, staff, faculty and, yes, even members of the York administration the best that the holiday season has to offer.



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