



President H. Ian Macdonald is welcomed by past acting president John Yolton.

September 12, 1974: Excalibur welcomes students to York with news of fresh criminal activity. Somebody has stolen \$15,000 worth of paintings, including two Harold Towns and five Eskimo prints. Somebody else has ripped three parking metres from their moorings outside the Temporary Office Building.

All the first year students have alibis, since they were standing in registration line-ups at Tait.

Ian Macdonald takes over the reins of York's presidency and says he has "no wish to become a prisoner on the ninth floor, shoving a lot of paper around".

New CYSF president Anne Scotton says the Manus phone directory is almost ready for publication.

"All we need now," she adds, "are the names, addresses and phone numbers of the students."

September 19: York art gallery curator Michael Greenwood whisks most of the campus's art to hiding.

"Ultimately," he says, "the university is going to have to provide a proper art gallery with adequate security precautions."

The Greaseball Boogie Band braves chilling winds atop Central Square to entertain massive crowds. The concert is an hour late, and the band members, who have not been informed that it is an outdoor concert, are freezing. But everybody gets up to dance.

Students Anhelina Szuch and Bohdan Kupycz conduct a hunger strike to publicize the plight of Ukrainian dissident Valentyn Moroz, who has been conducting a hunger strike in Vladimir Prison since July 1, 1974, demanding that he be transferred to a labour camp and receive humane treatment.

Students across the country find a drastic housing shortage, but York escapes fairly lightly. The off-campus housing bureau reports that only "a handful" of students are still seeking accommodation.

September 26: Anne Scotton is interviewed by Excalibur. She says she is "accessible, and will attempt to help people on their level, and not on the level of the administration".

October 3: Founders college starts off the year with a \$14,000 surplus in the bank. "We intend to spend it," college council president Jim Cupido assures Excalibur.

H. Ian Macdonald is officially installed as president. He says York must "plan long-term goals and objectives and present them clearly and forcefully to both the public and governments".

York gymnasts Lise Arsenaault, Sharon Tsukamoto, Theresa MacDonell and Nancy MacDonell leave for Bulgaria to compete in the 1974 World Games.



Anne Scotton tells Excalibur she wants to be "accessible".

The attending doctor tells Szuch and Kupycz to end their hunger strike. They do.

October 10: Staff sergeant Bill Bishop of Metro's 31 division announces that the York campus will become a regular part of the metro police patrols effective immediately. Residence students draw their curtains.

The Pizza Pit restaurant dies. The TD bank expands into the vacuum across from the Central Square cafeteria. Fifteen anchovies are deposited in tribute.



Moderator Rick Leswick and security chief George Dunn share the bearpit.

Startling revelations from Paris indicate that Napoleon was a pinball addict, and tucked his right hand under his cloak at all times to keep his good flipper hand warm.

October 24: Bethune overwhelmingly rejects membership in CYSF, with 176 against joining, and only 15 in favour. Bethune master Ioan Davies says, "Bethune operates as a kind of unofficial opposition to the CYSF."

Security chief George Dunn tells Rick Leswick in the Bearpit that there are no RCMP undercover agents on campus. Two heavy-set men in poorly-fitting denims and large overcoats applaud covertly from the corner.

October 31: Bethune's college council demands a \$500 refund from McLaughlin college, claiming 70 Bethune students were turned away from a ferryboat ride organized for orientation week by the two colleges and Winters college.

McLaughlin agrees Bethune didn't get a fair shake, and promises remuneration of \$165. Bethune council James McMurdo calls this proposal "unacceptable to us".

"There has even been a motion brought before our council to ban all McLaughlin students from all Bethune activities," he says.

A compromise is worked out whereby Mac students can attend Bethune movies but must wear blindfolds.

Harbinger, York's student clinic, is saved from financial distress momentarily by the cavalry, including Bethune, Founders, McLaughlin, Stong, Vanier, Calumet and Environmental Studies.

Excalibur's indefatigable newshawk Ralph Ashford covers the Miss Canada Pageant and hears Blake Emmons of Funny Farm sing a medley. A representative from Aruba tells the audience where Aruba is.

November 7: J.J. Koorstra, financial vice-president of CYSF, proposes an operating budget with a deficit of \$1,000. Business manager Doug Wise is not pleased, and tells Koorstra he has "created history" by budgeting a deficit.

Michael Mouritsen, CYSF president for 1973-74 and recently acclaimed chairman of the university food services committee, resigns his food post, amid growing protest from committee members, who claim he is ineligible to hold a seat.



# HITS FROM THE PAST

Excabur rummages through its back files and unearths these memories of 1974-75

Mouritsen moves upstairs, where he is now assistant to York vice-president Bill Farr.

CYSF academic affairs vice-president Antoni Burzotta quits CYSF, complaining of dissatisfaction with "council's inability to function as a cohesive, representative body". He says CYSF's problems are "not merely a question of leadership, but of solidarity", and says the method of operations has left him "saddened and disheartened".

In Burzotta's memory, the council waits about half a year before filling the vacant post.

November 14: Assistant vice-president John Becker tells the student clubs they must move immediately from their offices in the Ross building to available space in Winters and McLaughlin colleges. One club member says Becker's plan is "like moving us to Siberia".

Becker later apologizes for the "abrupt and ham-fisted way" he handled the matter, and the clubs move into the old Pizza Pit room, next to the TD bank partition.

Western Guard leader Don Andrews tells a Bearpit audience that Canada's black citizens should be sent to Africa, where, he said, they would become cannibals. "I was hoping," one black questioner remarks, "that your group would send someone intelligent to discuss these matters. But you are just an ass."

The Under Attack show comes to York. Globe and Mail columnist Richard Needham suggests Canadians agree to take pay cuts of from 10 to 30 per cent, as they did following the 1929 stock market crash, and that jobs in auto factories be distributed among "kids around 12 or 13 years old".



Indefatigable newshawk Ralph Ashford investigates the Miss Canada pageant. Here he poses with one of the also-rans, while jealous suitors eye the couple.

William Pickett, Ohio-born president of American Motors (Canada), isn't worried about statistics showing that the oil-producing nations could buy IBM, General Motors and 26 other top American firms.

"I believe in free trade," he says.

November 21: Students vote by a margin of 314 to 123 to pay \$1.50 more in tuition fees for 1975-76, to handle a fee increase by the Ontario Federation of Students. (The board of governors, who must approve the increase, has as yet not been told about it.)

One resident student forgets staff sergeant Bill Bishop's edict and doesn't keep her curtains closed. She almost gets busted for growing marijuana in the window.

November 28: Founders college's first annual pancake-eating contest makes all the contestants ill, but Harry Brugman wobbles off with the winning title.

The bookstore and the drugstore hire an agency to ward off shoplifters. During the first week, three agents are stolen.

Manus, York's student handbook, finally emerges. A healthy percentage of the phone numbers are wrong.

Minister of colleges and universities James Auld announces unexpectedly low levels of support for universities for 1975-76. Everyone groans audibly. Macdonald says York must somehow manage to strike a balance between "bankruptcy and ineffectuality".

The last fragments of York's "Whole Man" are uncovered. The renaissance ideal has not been rehired due to budget necessities; a few people remember him as "a nice chap, but sort of esoteric".

York's football Yeomen fell to Waterloo in Oc-

tober to cap off a winless season. In the aftermath, Western slays U of T in the College Bowl on November 22 by a score of 19 to 15.

December 5: Representatives of the campus's religious sects applaud the concept of York's chapel. "I just hope," remarks George Waverman of the Jewish Student Federation, "that it doesn't end up covered in posters."

York receives its long-awaited canteen liquor licence, which means that dining halls and pubs don't need to apply for nightly "special occasion" permits. Instead of shelling out hefty percentages to pay for the permits, the pubs can now shell out hefty percentages to pay for a full-time beverages manager.

H. Ian Macdonald reveals that the best piece of fiction he has read is The Masters by C.P. Snow, and that his favourite Canadian novel is Hugh MacLennan's The Watch that Ends the Night.

George, CYSF's student-operated coffee house, dies because of the lack of space in the council's new premises, opposite the Oasis. "It's the end of a dime cup of coffee in Central Square," moans one student.

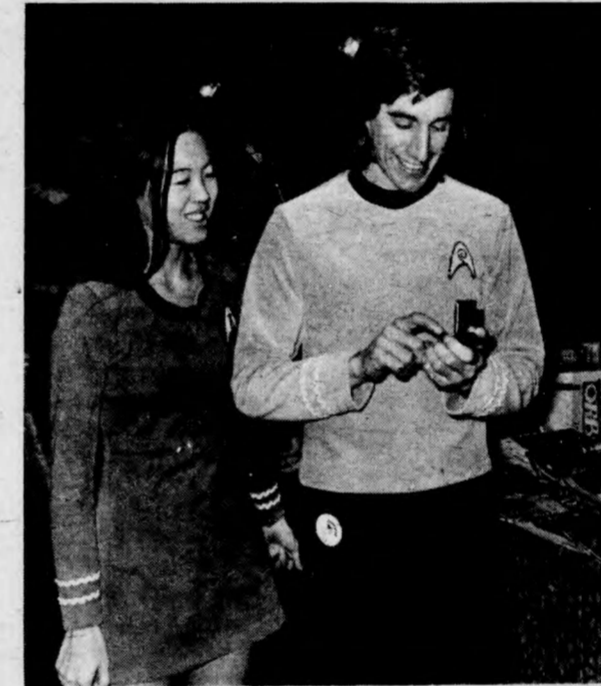
The bookstore unleashes a pyramid which makes cigarettes taste better. It also teaches cows to fly and turns peanut butter to cheese.

December 12: Burton Auditorium is the scene of a forum on York's budget. Classes are cancelled and hundreds pack the theatre. The general message is that the university needs more money. Administrators go back to their offices to lop off jobs, services, and employees' heads.

The Calumet common room is "disembowelled" in what is described as an "environment and interaction". "It's very interesting," says student Paul Taylor, "but it makes me want to clean up."

The senate votes by a margin of 31 to 21 to sever the link between tenure and promotion. A series of attempts to block or change the motion fail.

Arctic seals invade the tiny Norwegian fishing village of Candide, Apul, once again catching villagers completely unaware. "We were expecting toads," mutters one resident.



Star Trek fans circulate in the dealers' room at Cosmicon.

January 9, 1975: The Central Square cafeteria starts serving hot meals again, since a simple sandwich operation neither saved money nor forced patrons to go to the colleges for lunch. (Once the cafeteria resumes its service of macaroni and cheese à la king, the patrons flock willingly to the colleges.)

The York staff association votes by a margin of 202 to seven to seek certification as an independent union.

January 16: John Montgomerie, finance subcommittee chairman of the food services committee, is ousted from his job on a series of dubious charges. He says a report handed in by committee chairman Peter Jarvis was close to plagiarizing a report he gave Jarvis.

A week later, he revises his position, and says he "handed in" a verbal report to Peter Jarvis.

A report released on Versafood blasts the caterer for "bad house-keeping". Peter Jarvis calls the report "utterly useless, in view of the fact that Versafood might not be here next year".

January 23: Graduate Assistants' Association president Mark Golden calls the York administration's refusal to provide vacation pay for York's more than 700 graduate assistants "cheap and dishonest". The dispute centres over the wording of a letter the assistants signed earlier in the year.

Vice-president Bill Farr admits that, in places, the wording of the letter could have been "more felicitous".

The prices at the Oasis are compared with the prices at the Hudson's Bay store in Moosonee. The Oasis loses.

January 30: The senate decides that York students in their graduating year who owe more than \$25 in library fines will have their degrees withheld. Anthony Hopkins, chairman of the senate library committee, says, "We wanted a library lending code and, in a sense, I don't care what it is so long as we have it." He denies that the sanctions discriminate against students, since faculty members can be penalized for library offences by having their library privileges removed.



President Macdonald with newly elected master of Calumet, Eric Winter, in late February. "Calumet is unique," Winter told Excalibur, "because it is a 'street-car college' of commuters and, hence, very much in tune with today's society."

Four films are stolen from Winters College's Cosmic fantasy and art convention over the weekend. The year before, Night of the Living Dead was stolen.

Stong college demands that its representatives to CYSF report back to the college council more often. "This meeting means nothing," snaps rep J.J. Koorstra. "If you want to try to get me out, I can just get 100 of the people who voted for me to come to the meeting and keep me in."

February 6: Scott Marwood wins the station manager post at Radio York on a "professionalism" platform. Homily, who feels the station should adopt a more free-form policy, is defeated by 21 to 13.

The radio station changes its name to CHUM-FM and tries to confuse FM listeners by renaming its announcers Dave Pritchard and Pete Griffin.

The York local of the Canadian Union of Public Employees rejects the university's offer of a nine per cent wage increase, and supports a vote to go on strike if the administration does not increase its offer.

Secret government documents reveal a plan to raise the ceiling on Canada student loans from \$1,400 to \$1,800, to raise tuition, and to require students to repay their loans by pledging a fixed percentage of their incomes for up to 20 years after leaving school.

Subsequent documents call for a pint of blood and the students' first-born child.

The food services committee unanimously approves the concept of a multi-caterer food service on campus next year. Vice-president Bill Small likes the idea, but isn't sure that it is viable. "There aren't 25 people sitting at the edge of the York campus waiting for an opportunity to make money," he says.

February 13: Philip Wasserman, past president of the York liberal club, buys scrip from residence students and sells it at a mark-up. A group letter from the student clubs says, "It's a sad day when students rip off other students purposely and without qualm."

February 27: The Status of Women report is released, requesting, among other items, that \$229,000 be set aside as two years' back pay for full-time female faculty members, whose salaries average \$500 less than comparable salaries of males.

The 10-cent phone call bites the dust, replaced by a 20-cent Centurion phone call. Students compensate by talking twice as long.

Osgoode covers up its pinball machines after the police warn them the games are illegal. The machines are forced to play themselves in one of the lowest events of the season.

One Excalibur reporter at the African Studies Conference is accosted and accused of being an undercover RCMP agent. He coyly asks what the pay is for the job.

March 6: Excalibur's front-page picture is of a rhubarb pie found in the Central Square cafeteria, with bugs inside. The students who found it return it to the servery and are charged five cents extra for the treat.

Excalibur's find makes the Globe and Mail, though.

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In the first act of a complicated election scenario, the United Left Slate is told to take its campaign posters down for three days to make up for the fact that they started campaigning too early. Presidential candidate James Smith of the Subterranean Miners Rugby Union tells students, "Don't vote, and don't eat my campaign posters."

The York hockey Yeomen make it to the OUA finals, but lose the final game to the U of T Blues, 4-3.

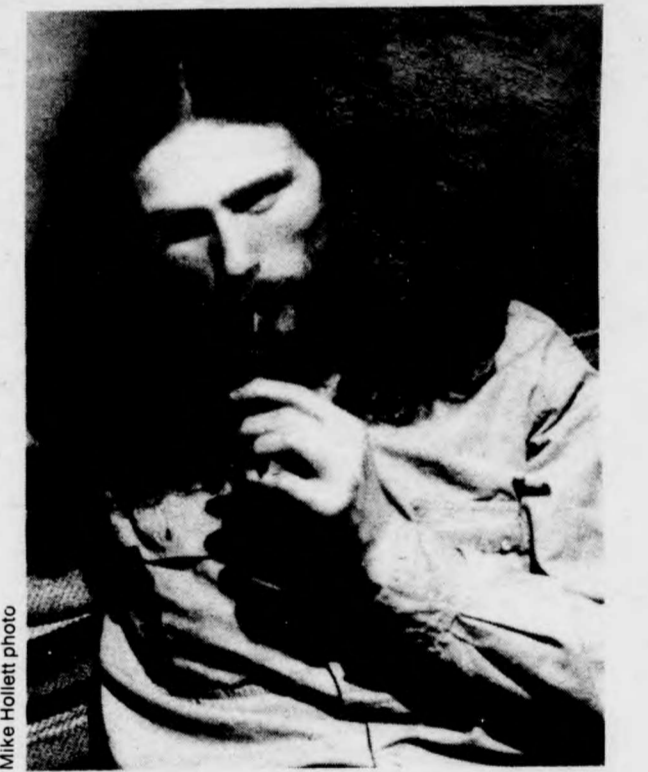
March 13: ULS candidate Dale Ritch is thrown out of the election for campaigning, and J. J. Koorstra runs as surrogate president for Ritch. Meanwhile, in a "dirty tricks" campaign, six students plaster the campus on the morning of the election with the slogan, "Vote Communist, vote ULS".

March 20: Elections again. Koorstra wins the election by 390 votes. CYSF decides to hold a new election.

March 27: Ritch wins the new election, with 631 votes to 436 for Paul Higeli. Radio York announces James Smith as the winner.

A confidential report reveals the university will be carved into little bricks and sold for low-cost housing by 1980. Students pack Burton Auditorium to cheer the news.

April 1: Ten thousand toads overrun the tiny hamlet of Shakespeare, eating 15 people and nibbling on the rest.



After a couple of false starts, Dale Ritch finally wins the presidency of CYSF.



A rare shot from the Toronto Scum files. The little kid is a narc.