

# Excalibur

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

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## Now's your chance President Macdonald

How cheering it was to see 800 people turn up at the February 9 *No Cutbacks* rally.

The turnout, which had Curtis Lecture Hall I bursting at the seams, was a clear indication that the York community has awakened to the dangers of the massive cutbacks facing the university. The cuts are so huge that the essential function and integrity of this institution are clearly in jeopardy.

This year we were cut back \$1.5 million. Next year, York must somehow absorb a \$4 million slashing. And that's a figure which may turn out to be conservative. If enrolment drops further than the administration's 2.5% estimate; if forecast telephone and utility cost-hikes take place; and if York's unions refuse wage settlements that don't even keep pace with inflation, the total shortfall could soar to \$6.7 million.

Harvey Pinder, student rep on the Board of Governors, estimates that York could be facing cuts of \$4 million per annum up to 1908-81.

The casualties? The outlook is forbidding:

- — As many as 300 (!) out of 400 part-time faculty members could be out looking for work next year.
- — York libraries, slashed by \$80,000 this year, face a possible \$239,000 reduction next year, with no end in sight. Last fall the administration tried to cut 18 hours off the libraries' weekend service, but chickened out under fire. How long will it be before our major academic resource is threatened again?
- — Atkinson College, already scheduled to axe some 30 courses, may be forced to drop 18 more.

Unfortunately the list is a lot longer. We could talk about the chance of 35 out of 180 college tutorials being canned, or the threat to York's academic crown jewel, the interdisciplinary studies program, but ... even this would not convey the entire picture. Readers who missed our February 2 and 9

issues are invited to pick up the back copies and appraise the situation for themselves.

But fortunately it's not too late to do something about all this. It looks as though the anti-cutbacks movement may be just getting off the ground. On March 16 a huge anti-cutbacks rally is slated to take place at Queen's Park.

We urge you to attend and let the Davis government know that you don't like what it's doing to your university. And the Tory regime is certainly not cutting back universities because it has no choice. For from 1962 to 1975, the provincial governments of this country reduced the relative contribution to their revenues taken from corporate income taxes by 41.5 per cent.

Considering a welfare break like this for the corporations, it is clear that the government's priorities in saving money do not have to be universities and social services.

So let's let our voice be heard. And hopefully York President (and one-time top Ontario civil servant under the Tories) H. Ian Macdonald can lend his voice to the chorus of protests.

At the February 9 meeting Mr. Macdonald was wearing a no-cutbacks button and making some very sympathetic noises, trying to come across as being a foe of the government's educational policies.

We can't help but be skeptical. After all this is the man who, several months back, wrote a letter to the York University Faculty Association denying that there was a budget crisis and talking about the need to "adjust to new circumstances".

But now Mr. Macdonald, you have a chance to prove where your loyalties lie. Will you march on Queens Park? Will you close the university for a day of protest?

How about it Mr. President, will you put your power where your button is?



### Atkinson

Saturday March 8 is the next red-letter day at Atkinson, with the Student Association general assembly meeting (10 am, 282 Atkinson) and the Monte Carlo Night (8 pm, Comeback Inn). Three student senators will be chosen at the meeting; there's free admission to the casino, licensed by LLBO, with wheels of chance, crap and black jack.

As part of Open House Week, Nick Walton will perform Latin and Spanish guitar music tonight at 10 in the Comeback Inn.

Earlier tonight, professor Robert Stebbins from U of Calgary will speak in the Fellows Lounge on Non-Professional Sociology, as part of the Maurice Manel Memorial Series. It's at 7:30, to be followed by a reception. At noon there will be another talk on Sociology in the Atkinson lounge.

### Bethune

Bethune's Winter Carnival started last night with a special Tap 'n' Keg, featuring the group Teaze. The carnival runs until Saturday night and includes shuffleboard and pinball tournaments and a snow sculpture contest.

As well, John Whitehead will perform on Friday at 8 in JACS. Saturday night the carnival will close with a party and late movies in the JCR.

And don't forget Tap 'n' Keg Wednesday nights, and jazz Fridays from 12 to 2 in the JCR.

### Business

Not much is coming up for the biz types, as next week is reading week. Scott Laird was recently elected as the new head of the Graduate Business Council; undergrad elections won't be held until April.

The second annual pinball tournament, sponsored by Davis Skilgames and UBC, is in progress. There'll be a dance March 9 in the student lounge.

### Calumet

Next Wednesday at Calumet presents the

## Our Town



avant-garde band Array, in the Common Room (where else?) ... John Mays' novel *The Spiral Stair* is out, published by Coach House Press ... Saturday at 8, *Test Patterns, Invention in Aural Space*, a multimedia improv show, will be at the Lansdowne Artists' Co-op, at 8 pm ... by the way, space is available at LAC; call 532-5018...

### Founders

Elections for next year's council are to be held tomorrow from 10 to 4; polls are in the JCR and Central Square. VOTE! Later on (8 pm) there's a dance in the dining hall; sponsored by York Daycare. It's a good cause!

There's another dance Saturday night, this time sponsored by the JSF. Sunday, there's the International Student Dinner, in the SCR at 6...

Also in the SCR, at 8 on Monday, Jim Bearden and Linda Jean Butler will present a dramatic presentation based on their book, *Mary Shadd Cary*.

And next Thursday, Ken and Henriette Asch present a program of German songs, 019 Founders ... graduation photos are being taken up to Saturday in the Reading and Listening room; call Brian Toll at 923-

9322 for details ... tickets for the show of *Mother Courage* are still available ...

### McLaughlin

*Collages* by York prof. Barry Argyle is on display in the SCR ...

Chamber music with Lorna Glover and friends can be heard in room 016, Wednesday at 8.

### Osgoode

The Mock Trial is sold out for both tomorrow and Saturday nights, but tickets for tonight (\$2.50, mixing area at 11 am) were still available at press time. It's in Moot court; doors open at 7:30; followed by a pub-dance each night ... Legal and Lit elections are March 29, not the 20th, as announced in *Ohiter*.

For you non-Oz types, some trivia: the law school has the only fraternity on campus (Phi Delta Phi) - others are prohibited by senate ... Oz is also the home of York's other weekly paper, *Obiter Dicta*, how the four co-editors manage to put it out while going to school full-time and receiving no pay is beyond us ... Osgoode also has the best deal in pinball on campus.

### Stong

In the *Living through the decades* series, Barb Ivan will speak and show slides on *The*

60's: *New Archetypes*. Paolini's *Torema* will be shown; Monday, 4pm, Stong Theatre ... *Woodstock* will be screened a week today, 7:30 pm in the Master's Dining Room.

*Looking Out*, a show by 10 women artists, is at the Zacks gallery until March 6, tying in with International Women's Day.

There's live jazz courtesy of jazz program students every Wednesday night in the Orange Snail ... tonight, as the last of the "comedy Classics" series, *Bringing up Baby* with Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn, and *Nothing Sacred* with Carole Lombard, will be screened. Free admission, JCR, 7:30.

The York Jazz ensemble will play from 8 to 12 in Sylvester's on Tuesday ...

### Vanier

Next Wednesday the Straight Talk series features an autobiographical film on Cerebral Palsy by Norm Kunc, *Of all people*: Norman to be followed by a discussion. It's at noon, but where, we don't know ... next Thursday's there's a licensed jazz concert in the dining hall from noon to 2. At 10 am, prof. Robert Funk from the U of Montana will speak on "The Prodigal Samaritan: Form and Structure in the Parables of Jesus", in Stedman E. Discussion to follow in the SCR at 4.

College council elections for 78-79 will be held March 16. Up for grabs are eight seats at large, and two seats specifically for day students.

### Winters

The college council meets tonight at 6 in room 264 ... speaking of room 264, Winters "Decade books", commemorating the college's 10th anniversary, are available there for \$6.

*Storm*, by David Doyle and Andrew Harris, finishes its stay at the Winters Gallery Saturday *Fourth Ear Works* opens Monday ... College Council elections are a week today, nomination period ends tomorrow...

If something is afoot in your college or faculty, let us know by calling -3201 or by sending it along to 111 Central Square. Deadline is Tuesday at 5.

## Staff meets at 2 pm