

This is only my second column since my election to the Board of Governors, and the first since I attended a meeting in my capacity as a Student Governor. One of the first things that I learned about the Board, is that it is not the home of as many earth shattering decisions as one would initially believe. For the most part the Board meetings start with a session in which a member of the York community, usually a Dean of a Faculty, but occasionally someone like the Director of the Library, will present the present status and the upcoming needs of their associates in whatever area it might be. After this presentation, the Board turns to the regular business of the month, which is for the most part the acceptance of committee reports and the like. The occasions in which a matter of real concern arise are few and far between. But, now and then these issues do indeed crop up, usually with such speed that it has gone by almost immediately if you don't keep a close watch. Now though, one of these issues that appeared and disappeared all in the



## Student governor's report

matter of one meeting, has decided to rear its ugly head, to what I feel must be the embarrassment of at least a few of the members of the Board. At the January meeting of the Board of Governors, the question was brought to our attention, as to what York's position was in regards to the procedure to select a Dean. It seemed that Atkinson College was labouring under the delusion that they had the right to select their new Dean by this June. It was the feeling of the members of the executive that this was not a matter to be taken lightly, but that it

threatened the power of the President, and could erode the power of the Board itself. As one would expect on such an issue, a debate ensued. The question boils down to whether the President should have the power to choose the Dean, or should that decision be made through an election in the Faculty concerned. During the debate an interesting schism developed between myself and Paul Hayden, the other student on the Board, and between the two faculty members of the Board. The point was made by one of the faculty members

that he felt that faculty were incompetent to choose their own Deans in an election, due to the high degree of internal politics. To say that I was shocked to hear a faculty member arguing such a thing is an understatement. At this point I spoke; let me outline what I had to say. At any time I feel that a University should attempt to be as open as possible. I see power sharing in the University, and its democratization and being an important step in our growth. More importantly, in a time of restraint, and therefore contention, by encouraging more power sharing, we eliminate areas in which differences would occur. After I had my say, Paul Hayden then took the floor, and to my astonishment stated that he too felt that the power should remain with the President, not to allow Atkinson the choice in election. Professor McCormack then spoke in

support of Atkinson, in agreement with myself. At this point one can't help but wonder how we can hope to improve our position when our own representatives argue against us. Regardless, Atkinson told the Board that they really didn't care what the Board thought, and they would continue to elect their Deans. The result is that a special meeting of the Board has been called for tomorrow, for the sole purpose of discussing the dilemma. What I would ask of the York community, is that since the issue is to be raised again, and we have a chance to make a better showing, if you feel that the issue is of importance, and question the representation that is being offered by your members on the Board, please make the fact known! Leave any messages for Paul or myself in the CYSF office before noon on Friday.

Shawn Brayman

## letters

### Anti-Cutbackers call for new priorities

In the perspective of the Anti-Cutbacks Coalition, the question of priorities is at the center of York's present budgetary crisis. What we have witnessed in the past few years is a displacement of the relevant needs of education by the needs of a budget imposed by a faceless bureaucrat in the Treasury Office. This displacement has had, and will continue to have a catastrophic effect on the quality of education and research here at York.

In order to avoid this result, the Coalition projects the following minimal demands. These demands will be presented to the President, the Board of Governors and the Provincial Government.

1. We demand an open, public budgetary process.

2. This process must be guided by educational criteria.

3. We demand a freeze on firings and more generally, a maintenance of existing levels of facilities. Further, if necessary, the maintenance of staff and facilities be financed by budgetary deficits.

4. We call upon the Conservative Government to:

a) End the discrepancy between the educational inflation rate and the ceilings in spending.

b) Take advantage of the easing of demographic pressures to extend higher education to those who have been excluded. The Coalition recognizes that only a political mobilization of all sectors of the York campus can hope to reverse the false priorities of the budget and replace them with the real needs of the York Community. In this regard, it has enlisted the participation and support of major groups and organizations as well as individuals on the Campus. Presently these included YUFA, YUSA, GAA, College Councils ... The Coalition has designated the Week of March 5 as Anti-Cutback Week and plans activities such as publicity tables, debates and rallies during this week. An invitation to debate has been issued to President MacDonald on Wednesday March 7. The Coalition also intends to take its program to the Board of Governors' meeting on March 12 in order to inform the Board that we are not prepared to abandon quality education at York.

Anti-Cutbacks Coalition

### A call for more on Year of the Child

I am distressed by the inadequate coverage Excalibur did of the recent International Year of the Child Programme of Events held at York University. Your office was repeatedly informed of the upcoming event and yet no one came to the conference or the cultural activities.

The speakers were eminent people in their fields and some renowned on an international level. Beverly Glenn-Copeland, a well respected artist two L.P.'s to her credit and numerous T.V. appearances was totally ignored by your "Entertainment" section; as was also the Canadian Children's Theatre Company, a professional theatre group.

I hope in future, that Excalibur responds diligently to the news and happenings in the York community, and does not by-pass such important

issues as the International Year of the Child.

Nancy E. Kelley,  
International Year of the  
Child Committee,  
York University.

### Tunnel Art: Don't paint it over

Your Feb. 8th article on "Aerosol King Artists" was pretty good, even though you had half the wall quotations misphrased (is 'misphrased' a word? Never mind. Leave it anyway, OK?).

To me, the depressing thing was hearing about the continued bumbling around we see so often here at York. I mean, why does John Taylor keep hiring painters to obliterate the "street art"? Probably the same reason those goons keep wasting money by replacing the grass over the shortcut paths! Isn't it obvious that lots of people enjoy walking on real ground?

I can't believe that what's found in writing on the tunnel walls could be considered "obscene" by anyone. Ninety-five percent of what's down there is either song lyrics, social comments or philosophical conjectures. There's a small minority of nasties, but I'm sure we've all heard the words before, so what's the fuss?

That Brecht guy was okay when he said, "There's times when you have to choose between being human and having good taste".

In spite of all opposing elements at this institution, I'm determined to be human. But hey, if worse comes to worst... listen, Taylor. Your boys wanna paint. So do we. Let's map out some turf zoning some night, huh?

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### The growing sins of Barreto-Rivera

Re Ms. Ingrid Dagis' letter (Excalibur, February 8).

The list of my sins, I see, grows daily. For the record - and to spare your readers needless tedium - I shall continue to refrain from discussion of Ms. Dagis' outside the established arbitration process. I believe this process both of us sufficient space in which to settle differences, real or imagined. And I intend to honor it.

R. Barreto-Rivera  
Director, Bookstore

### Now is the time for "God's Kingdom"

Jim Wallis, a person of action and Biblical thought, will be speaking about *The Politics of Jesus* on Thursday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Stedman Lecture Hall 'A'. He will talk of his own involvement in the New Left, a student protest movement for a democratic society, and how it fell apart. Jim has chosen the Christian alternative and sees that the church ought to be an alternative society, showing now the characteristics of God's Kingdom to come. He has been involved in anti-nuclear power demonstrations, resisted housing policies in Washington which displace the poor and is presently the editor of 'Sojourners', a Christian magazine which speaks out against

social injustices. Students and faculty of York are invited to hear this dialogue with Jim following his presentation. For more information, see the York Christian Fellowship booktable in Central Square.

Maura Gascho  
York Christian Fellowship.

### Protect students from Super-X

I was not feeling well a couple of weeks ago. I bought a small tube of Vitamin C from Super-X Drugs at Central Square for \$1.39. I bought the same thing last weekend from Safeguard Drugs in University City for only 99¢. I think it is unfair for Super-X Drugs to charge a 40 per cent higher price than the neighbouring drug store.

To protect York University students, especially sick students, could we consider regulating this campus "monopoly"?

Vince Gouw  
Graduate Programme, Economics

### Winter students "ignored" by Vanier

It is Monday, the 19th day of February 1979 and the ghostly sounds of laughter and fun echo in the halls. Yes it is reading week for some 24,750 plus students of York. By now all are well into the enjoyment that this week brings. But wait, there is another sound in the halls, the sound of anguished voices, it seems to be coming from the area of Vanier College. It is the voices of 250 plus winter/summer students all freshly indoctrinated in the Vanier thought, trying to open the door of their own private watering hole. Yet the doors to the Open End Coffee Shop do not yield. The note on the door must hold some validity, "Closed for reading week".

Now I realize the well being of these 250 plus students was probably an after thought, as the planning for this week of enjoyment took place in the upper echelons of Vanier College. But you would think that, or as we have been led to believe that Vanier College looks after its own. There are probably plenty of excuses why the Open End was closed, but the point that bothers me, and that should bother every winter/summer student, is that they knew; the powers that be of Vanier knew the Open End would be closed. Yet we were never told so we could make other arrangements. Yet this same predicament probably occurs every year to the winter/summer student.

The fact that our well being was ignored, makes it even more imperative that we the winter/summer students form a workable student council, with 100 per cent participation to plan for what could be a very long second semester. For if we are treated in the same accord as we have been treated during this reading week, we will probably be with out certain services that the regular September to April students take for granted. And I did not receive a discount on my tuition fees.

Hugh A. Cutler  
Winter/Summer Student—Vanier

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