

Donato reinforces his image of irresponsibility

On January 18, *Excalibur* published a story in which president of the CYSF, Peter Donato, accused his vice-president of finance, Franco LoFranco, of beating him up in the CYSF office. Donato said LoFranco pushed him into a desk causing cuts and bruises and later caused welts on his neck. There were no witnesses and LoFranco denies any physical contact. LoFranco maintains they merely had a bad argument.

Why did Donato go to the press with his accusations and then not follow any of them up? Supposedly, he verbally asked LoFranco for his resignation, which LoFranco has obviously not been compelled to provide. And, no assault charges were laid.

By making accusations and not acting on them, Donato has further reinforced his image as an irresponsible president. His lack of action has led us to wonder if he was telling the truth in the first place.

Crandles' should stay put

Director of housing and food services Norman Crandles has agreed to spend a week in residence to get a taste of what residence students put up with. He says, however, that he will try to stay in as many different residences as he can.

While we applaud his decision to live in residence, it is ridiculous to constantly move from building to building. Residence life in the different colleges is not so vastly different that this is necessary. This will, if anything, prevent Crandles from getting any sense whatsoever of what actually *living* in residence is all about.

Perhaps he should put the names of all of the residences in a hat and pull out one and stay there.

Please, Mr. Crandles. Make your stay in residence a worthwhile learning experience and stay put.

Our Soviet guests are here

Excalibur would like to welcome our guests from Tbilisi University in Soviet Georgia, who safely arrived last Friday. We promise to make the next two weeks unforgettable.

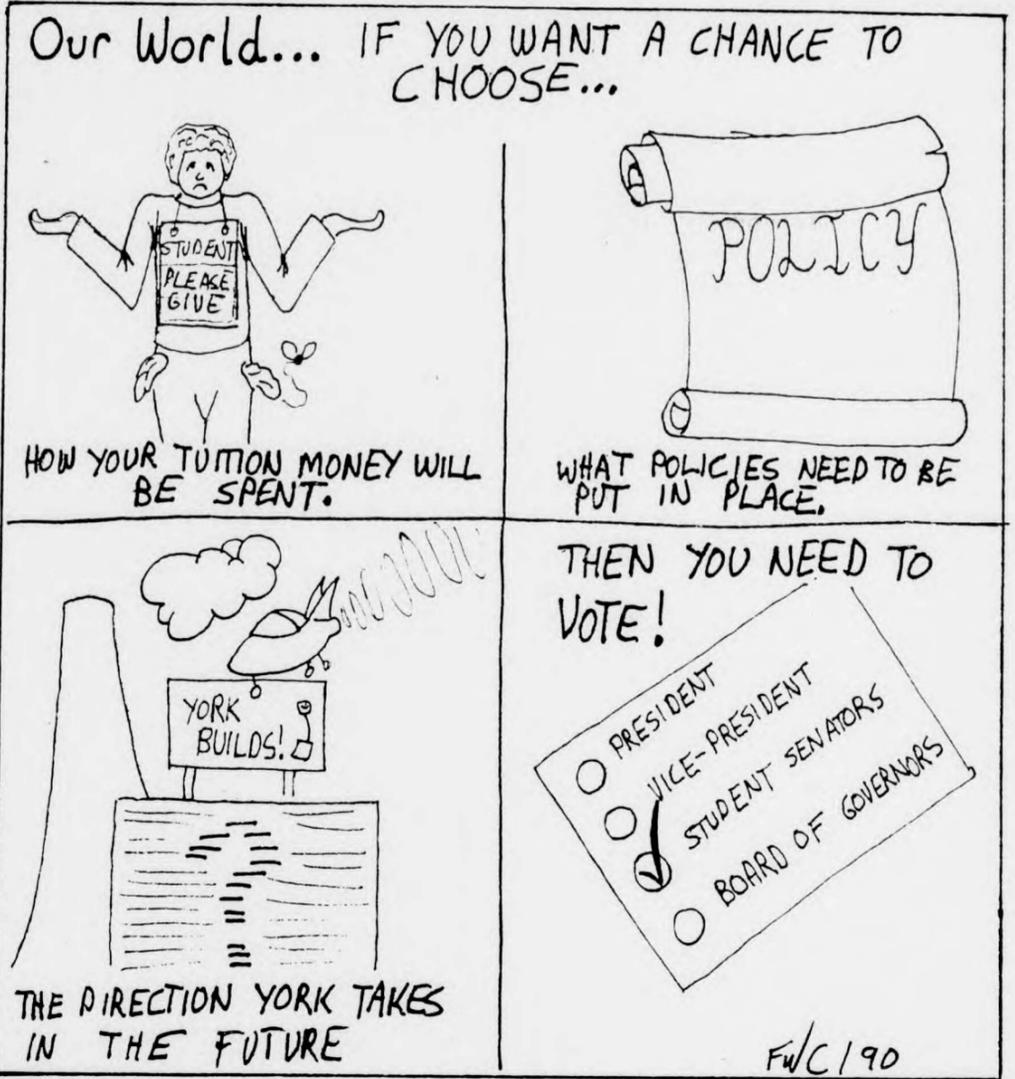
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Students should fight Wilson's new budget

An open letter to all students: a call to action against Federal Finance Minister Michael Wilson's attack on education.

Rents for residence rooms are poised to escalate, York's already astronomical tuition fees are slated for another 8 per cent increase, students in undergraduate English classes are being forced into larger and larger classes, we now hear that the desperately needed new academic building is not going to start construction as planned, York Lanes, (the not-so-desperately needed shopping mall) however will go ahead as planned. Things seem bad. They are.

Everywhere, York students are feeling the pinch of underfunding. More and more students are being forced into part-time work in order to pay for their education. The stress and tension this creates reveals itself not just in low marks, but often in absenteeism and illness. Repairs to residence rooms are left undone as waiting lists grow for basic maintenance. The film and science departments are desperately short of the equipment needed to teach students. Fine arts students are paying higher and higher material fees. TA's face continuing problems of growing

class sizes. Underfunding is hitting everyone and things are about to get a whole lot worse.

Michael Wilson's budget has just condemned York University and its students to a slow death by freezing. Combined with the impact of the GST, by freezing \$2 billion in transfer payments from the federal government to the provinces for higher education, Wilson has told students that it is they and not Bay St. or Rosedale who are going to shoulder the deficit payments. IT IS THEREFORE ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE REAL CUTS START TO BITE. The extent of future cuts to courses and hikes in tuition are, of course, impossible to predict, all we can say with certainty is that they will make the cuts of the past couple of years pale into insignificance.

We can see what is coming, and wait, follow the politics of the ostrich, stick our head in the ground and hope the cuts pass us (which they won't) or we can raise our heads and resist. If we can pull together to organize, to protest, to inform the public of what it is like to be a student cash-starved at York, to show the provincial government that we will not sit idly by as our education is slashed yet again. WE CAN STOP THE CUTS. If we do not try to stop them, no one else will!

In Quebec, 10,000 students took to the streets the day after the budget. At McGill, plans are circulating for occupations and strikes. Students all over the country are beginning to stand up. York must take its place. York students must add their voices to the protest.

We have an opportunity to do this, the Ontario Federation of Students had called for a demonstration and rally on Thursday March 15, ending up at the offices of the provincial education minister. Free buses leaving York at noon are being arranged. Every student should attend. This is

your future, start fighting for it. Building the demonstration will require tremendous effort. We need to get all the clubs, college councils, CUEW, CYSF and all other student organizations involved. Every residence, every lecture hall, every cafeteria, every department notice board should have posters up for this.

This is not 'just another demonstration,' this is different. It affects ALL York students and comes at a crucial time for the future of higher education in this country. Proposals are going around now for a "York Against The Cuts" coalition to be formed initially to help build the demonstration. The first meeting/rally will be held at 3 pm THIS THURSDAY with speakers from OFS and CUEW already arranged. This will also be a planning meeting where clubs and individuals can pick up posters, stickers etc. for the forthcoming demonstration.

Please attend. Your voice can make a difference. At the time this letter was sent in we did not know what lecture hall this event will take place in. For details watch for posters or call the Ontario Federation of Students at 925-3825.

York University and the quality of your education are on the block. How hard the axe falls may ultimately depend on you.

Phil Jackson
member of the International Socialists and the CUEW)

What would York do for \$10 mil?

Dear Editors:

President Arthurs has argued that

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