

Excalibur

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

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Central Square stores do not service York students, should do better when property taxes are lifted

Property taxes have always been a burden for the small business man. And at York we have eight of them who provide us with eight little stores that makes up the main drag of York university-Central Square shopping mall.

When the businesses were born in 1971 they were invested in the York University Act and not liable for property taxation.

They have, however, been paying business taxes under protest due to negative public opinion since then. Two weeks ago, a weekly court judge ruled that they no longer have to 'because they serve the university community'.

Since when does a store that charges 35 cents for a bar of soap (wince) or \$40 for a woman's pant suit say that its serving the York community. Faculty and staff members perhaps, but certainly not

students.

We'd like to remind these eight businesses that they are vital outlets to students because the campus is isolated and there is little option for the commuter and the resident student to shop anywhere else with convenience.

Not all businesses are so privileged as to have a guaranteed market like they have in Central Square.

Now that they are no longer required to pay taxes, let's hope they can do something about those outrageous prices.

The Central Square stores stand to save as much as \$900 per store a year. That money could be put back into the daily operation of the store, the maintenance, staff, maybe lower prices?

Who knows just yet, but we'll be watching.

A.V.

NSD is for YOU, come and discuss it

National Student Day (NSD), November ninth is a time for students to discuss the future of post-secondary education in this country. It is a time for those unsure about student issues and concerns to expose themselves to important information, so they have a chance to see through government double-talk. For those already aware of the issues, NSD provides the chance to better arm themselves with solid facts to confront the government, society, their families and even other students.

Across the board tuition hikes are almost guaranteed next fall, foreign students have already been hit with them. Student unemployment is up while wage controls are keeping salaries down. Student aid is being cutback. Things are going to get tougher. NSD gives us a chance to consider just how tough the future will be and

what we can do about.

It's not a day of protest. Many students aren't ready for that or sure we need one.

Many are confused and not sure what is going on. NSD will give them a chance to find out, before they are slapped in the face with the hard realities.

The chairman of the Ontario Federation of Students says NSD should be serious but also "a party". It should be. Not only should we come to grips with the future on November ninth, we should also celebrate what we are.

The York NSD committee will be meeting next Tuesday, October 26 at noon in the CYSF offices to plan our NSD activities. Maybe you should be there to find out what's going on.

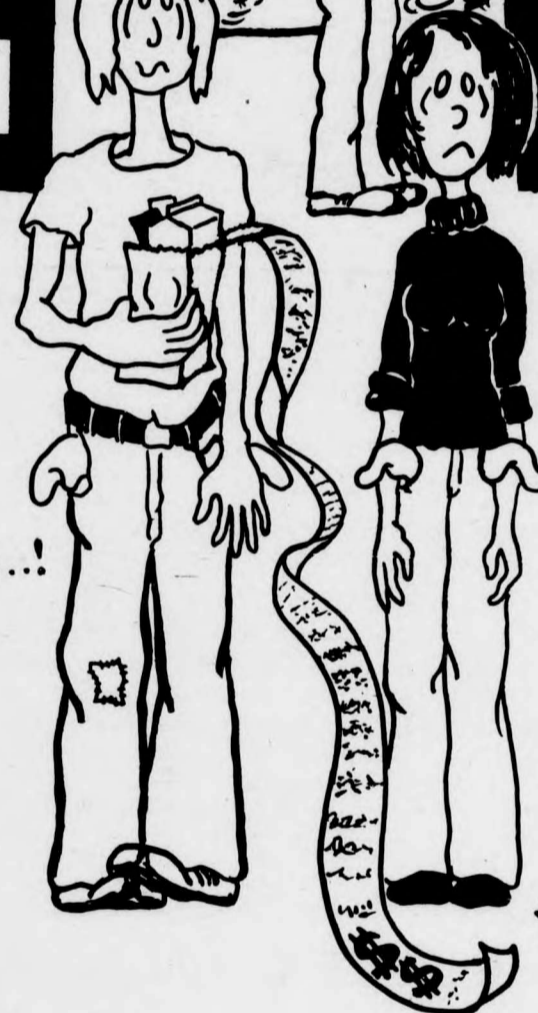
So don't ignore NSD, don't let it pass by without a look. November ninth is our day, see what it's all about. M.H.



Heads, we buy a can of beans at Oasis,



Tails, we go downtown for a steak... cost is the same...!



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They call this a service?

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TODAY

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