



# NOT WANTED:



Rip this out and tape it to a wall. We don't want Fienberg for prez.

## Small victories, large battles

It wasn't just a small victory against the administration last week when three hundred students sat down in front of York's top executives and forced them to change the way they run the university's security operations.

It also showed those three hundred students — and the countless other students inspired by them — just how much impact we can have if we plan carefully, stick together and pick the right targets.

For too long we've been forming small crowds and protesting against a litany of threats from above — government underfunding, racism, the Tory (or even NDP) agenda, tuition, GST, war. These protests are educational and they let people know we're angry, but they don't do anything tangible for us.

Last week we protested *for* something, and for something right in our midst. And it worked: we got it.

Next week, on April 1, you'll have a chance to get on a bus to Queen's Park and protest against the whole range of provincial and federal policies that make student lives hell. We recommend you attend this important ritual.

But there are also more immediate threats right here on campus — threats we have a chance to do something about.

If you want to see real change happen right in front of your face, consider the following:

- Last week we won some real security. We demanded that campus security operations be ultimately accountable to student-dominated committees, and that these committees have some real powers.

But we mustn't be lulled into a false sense of security by these gains. In order for our demands to have any impact students need to be involved in the more serious and more grudging task of implementing them. We have to be responsible the changes we've set in motion and be vigilant about their implementation. It is vital that we fill the available positions, and fill them with a diverse group of responsible, critical students.

We can't assume that because the administration granted us these committees that they are dedicated to the goals the committees were intended to fill. That is up to us.

*If you want to get involved in the steering committee, come to 315 Student Centre at 5:00 today (March 25), or ask for information at the York Federation of Students office.*

Nobody has more influence over every aspect of your life in this institution than the university president. Harry Arthurs has made this all too obvious: his program of fee hikes, corporate investment, principle-abandoning and budget-slashing — combined with his tepid approach to students — have cast a glum chill over

the Downsview climate.

Arthurs is stepping down next month, and his successor will set the tone for the York of the '90s. If we're going to focus our energies anywhere, we should focus them here.

First, we need to decide what kind of president we need. Here are the options:

- Stephen Fienberg, an American who was known as a "conservative troublemaker" at his last school, Carnegie Mellon University — a school which gets more money from military research contracts than it does from tuition, even at \$15,000 a head.

As vice president of academic affairs at York, he has earned the moniker "the Margaret Thatcher of York" for his merciless and draconian approach to budget-cutting. For Fienberg, the bottom line starts with a dollars sign — and that's why York's administrative elite brought him in and groomed him for the presidency.

- Henry Nelles, a York history professor who specializes in turn-of-the-century business history. A rigorous academic and an efficiently inconspicuous administrator, Nelles appears to have almost no interest in the concerns of students. He will fit in comfortably with the old boys on the ninth floor of the Ross Building.

- Susan Mann, a University of Ottawa history professor with a specialty in Quebec history and Canadian women's history. She is the only candidate who actually asked to meet with students. When Mann was asked by the search committee if she wanted a tour of the university she politely declined, explaining that rather than seeing the university through the eyes of the elite she preferred a student's perspective. Mann subways to campus and dropped into classes, labs and lectures to meet with students.

As a former vice-rector at Ottawa U., her administrative skills are solid. But the odds are against her, since the York Senate's presidential selection must be approved by the university's Board of Governors. The Board, comprised mainly of corporate executives and lawyers, will almost certainly fall for Fienberg.

That is, unless we fight. If we let the members of York's senate and Board of Governors know what kind of president we want — and what kind we won't tolerate — the same way we let them know how we wanted security run, we can get it.

But time is short — we have until April 6, when senate ballots are cast for the new president.

If you want to help fight for a better kind of York president, watch for information posted on the boards in front of the York Federation of Students offices.

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Editorial Board Meeting at 2:00 pm

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