

# Security and York to fight on wages

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York security guards and York officials are meeting with Department of Labour conciliator H.R. Illings on Wednesday to try to settle a contract dispute that has been simmering since July.

President of the Canadian Guards Association at York, Bill Firman, said this is the first time in five years that the Canadian union has needed conciliatory services in dealing with a university.

The dispute centers around wages. Although Firman refused to say what York has offered, he said it comes nowhere near the University of Toronto's salaries of \$7,700 for security guards and \$8,100 for senior guards. York now pays \$6,500 and \$6,900 with premium rates for night shifts and holiday work.

Vice-president of the local, Paul Brewer said York had hired seven traffic patrolmen at \$5,900 since the last contract was signed and they now perform some security guard duties. There are 22 on the force.

He felt the university was screaming for better qualified people but didn't want to pay for them. He said senior guards got \$3.32 an hour compared to the cleaners' \$3.50.

In case of a strike, both men felt confident York would not employ any private security forces such as Annings or Pinkerton's, known for their involvement in strikes.

Personnel director Don Mitchell said York hadn't even thought that far ahead but he did think it was indicative that the two sides felt they needed a conciliator. He said York hadn't offered U of T's salaries because U of T hires former policemen as special constables with the power of arrest. It is York's policy not to hire former policemen.

The negotiations were delayed when the guards changed their union last July. Meetings were given up so that York could concentrate on the CUPE talks.

York's rates are among the lowest of any university in Ontario, union leaders said. Waterloo, Carleton, Windsor and U of T are above York's scales.

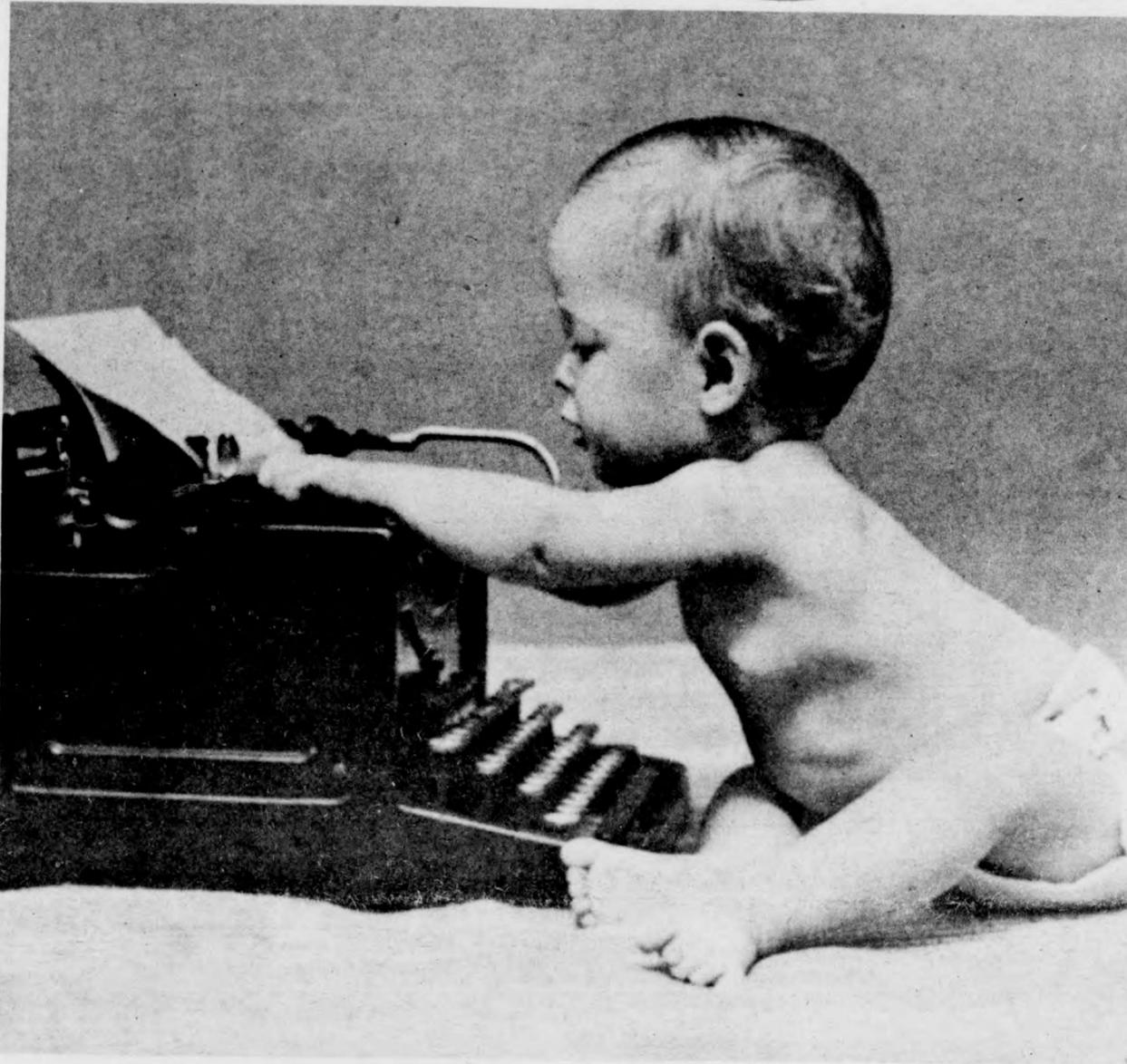
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## Tired of the system

### Essays 'on sale' soon

Professors might not like the idea and students might cherish the thought, but selling of term papers is about to start on a grand scale in Toronto.

Ron Connort is a promoter of Termpapers Service. He's had experience in all sorts of educational sales from encyclopedias to scholarship plans and he says that the organization of his latest venture is not really much different.

Connort is charging \$3.95 per page for an original essay. If there's something on file that you want, it costs only \$2 per page although you can get a freshly-typed version at \$2.95.

But Connort says he hopes students will be able to afford original essays at what he feels is a modest price. Twenty pages is about \$80.

The writer gets \$1.85 a page for his work and Connort sees no problem in getting them with the present unemployment. He says he checks the qualifications of all his writers and they have to provide photostats of all their degrees.

Connort is under no illusions that this is a controversial issue but he feels that "there's nothing really new in essence." He points out to Cole's notes as a forerunner to the same business. But to help him, he's got two consultants, one with an MA and another with a Phd — in consulting.

It's a "pure coincidence" says Connort, that the American outfit of Termpapers Unlimited is about to begin in Canada too. And he agrees that supplying term papers is one service the university needs.

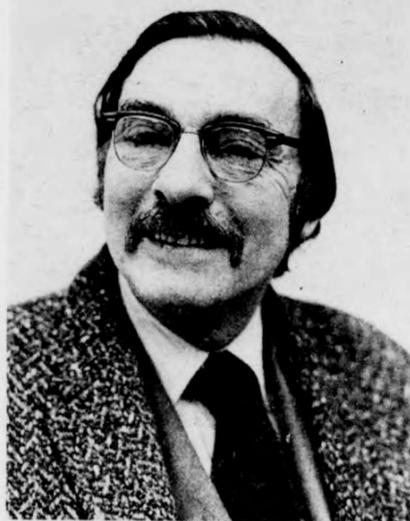
With just a few handbills posted on the walls of the Ross Bldg., Connort says he's received

several inquiries from prospective writers and orders for various papers. Next week, he plans to advertise in Excalibur.

Reaction from faculty has been cool so far. Several felt that bought term papers would only help students to hurt themselves.

Yet one was quick to point out that the service would only help those who did not use unpublished theses to help them in their work. Whether they used either as an aid or as blatant plagiarism, was another question.

American universities already well-used to the scheme, have not come up with any major overhauls to the teaching system to counter mass-use of bought essays.



Ron Connort

## and it all began....

Ron Connort isn't the first to produce term papers for profit.

Termpapers Unlimited, Inc. is a Boston-based corporation begun by Ward Stuart Warren.

As Warren says, "We get an idea and say 'why not?'. We're a new breed." Although people might not agree with the entire scheme, he has been referred to as a smaller scale J. Paul Getty, who comes off as a business tycoon rather than a socially conscious activist.

His rates are higher than the Canadian operation. They cost \$4.95 a page for an original essay rather than \$3.95. But photostats from the company's existing library are cheaper at \$2 a page, compared to \$2.95.

But like any burgeoning American corporation, Termpapers Unlimited is expanding into Canada and offering services through subsidiaries. By December, the company had recruited 200 writers — all college graduates — who would make \$2 per page on the average. It's all going to be headed by a Canadian called Zalki Press with headquarters right here in Toronto. And he's been personally groomed by Warren.

Warren says he wants to help cut down a graduate student's time — one who's after his doctorate — from 3,000 hours down to 300 or less. "We're hoping to put together a brand new type of educational system that will create the next industrial revolution for the entire world — a totally automated educational process."

## New staffer

We couldn't resist throwing a front page picture of our latest arrival. The editors are pleased to announce the addition of Stefan Sosnowski to the staff of Excalibur commencing in September, 1980. Doctors say he'll be able to type 80 words a minute of the most delicate political intrigue no matter what the working conditions. Drop around the Excalibur offices any time and see our product of long range planning. Why not join the family?

## No money — Excalibur goes back to weekly

"We just can't afford to publish twice a week."

That's what Excalibur's business manager Rolly Stroeter told the paper's executive last December.

He said that the twice-weekly editions didn't generate the advertising that he had expected and that Excalibur would have to stay at once a week for the rest of the year.

Editor Andy Michalski said that the case between Council of the York Student Federation and the college councils demanded extended coverage be given to inform readers exactly what was going on.

He said that he hoped that CYSF and the colleges would agree to a more stable financial policy so that Excalibur could begin better long term planning of its operations.

Last year was the first time that Excalibur had ever gone to a twice-a-week format, although it had produced Extra editions when news warranted immediate coverage.