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## We've changed

You're curious about that headline, aren't you?

Well, Excalibur has changed.

We're redesigning the layout — a new nameplate and more and bigger photos. We're starting new columnists and adding free form comics. We'll also be writing much tighter and brighter news copy and be cutting back on the use of reprints.

Starting today, we'll be coming out twice a week.

A better, more York-oriented newspaper is in the works to cover this campus in an informative but entertaining way. And we hope you like it.

Cultural editor John Oughton's Mushroom Culture will still be here twice each month and will be part of the changeover to a snappier product.

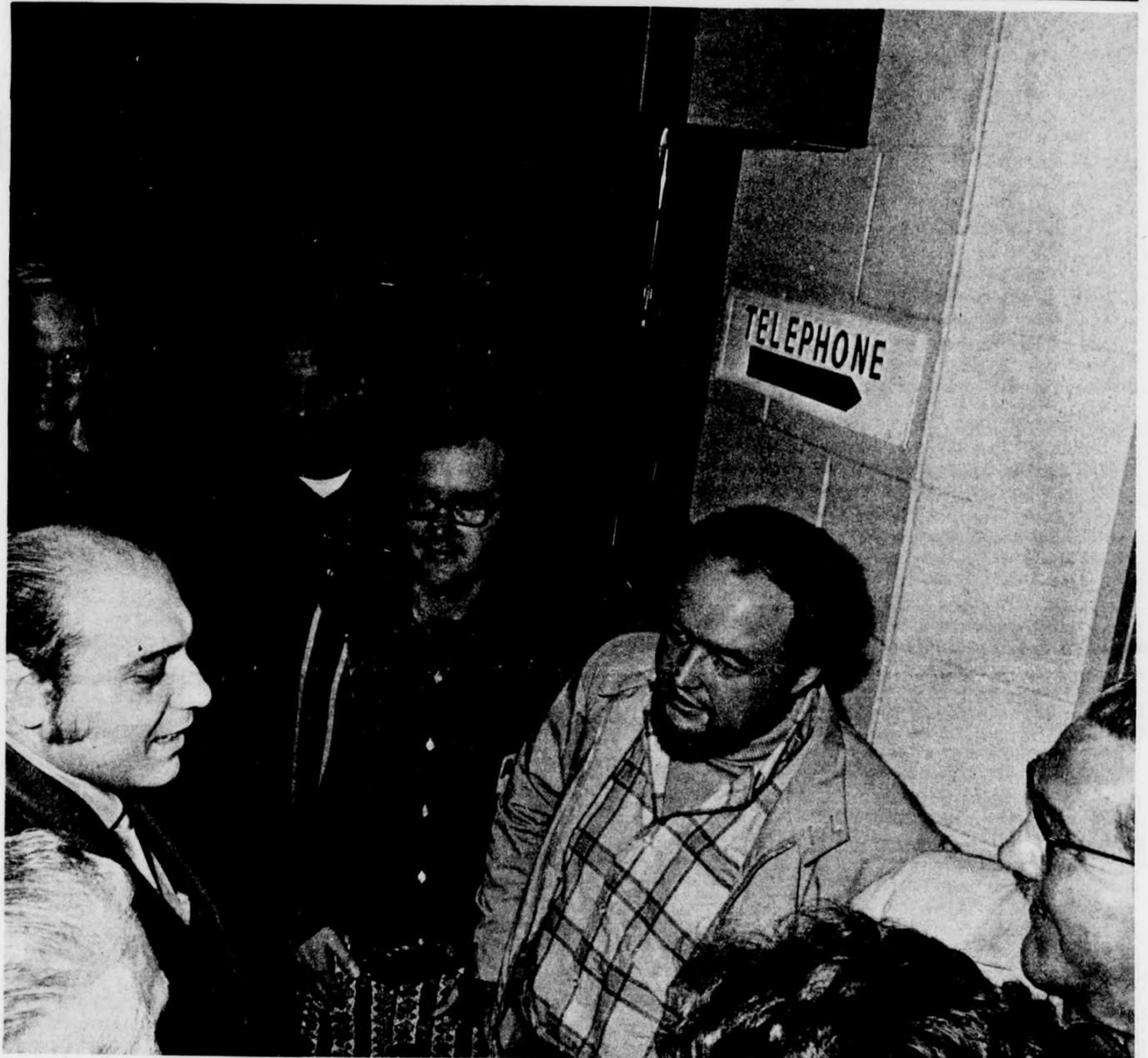
But we bet you're wondering why.

After staff meetings on Thursday, Friday and Sunday the staff realized Excalibur wasn't reaching you well enough. We just weren't doing a good enough job for York. News that sits around our offices gets pretty stale after four or five days. So we decided to try coming out twice a week — on Monday and Thursday.

The sooner we get the news to you, the better we'll be doing our job.

And we do want to do a better job. We admit that in the past we've made mistakes and been a little slow on the job — but we'll be doing our best to correct that.

How much more we change is largely up to you. Write us a letter. Phone us. Tell us what you're thinking and what type of paper you want. Let's get it together.



SATISFIED WORKERS DISCUSS NEW CONTRACT

Photo by TIM CLARK

St. Wilfred's Hall on Finch Avenue was jammed Sunday night as York workers met to ratify a new contract. The members of Canadian

Union of Public Employees, local 1356, voted unanimously for the new pact granting large wage increases. Story on Page 3.

## Hijack Harry offers rip-off tips for Xmas

A seasoned booksnatcher, Hijack Harry, has recommended a new method for ripping-off those Christmas books for your dear ones (or for your dear yourself). Hijack suggests using a duck-hunting jacket with the fold-down bum cover that folds up into a large unobtrusive pocket. Or an army jacket.

"With all those pockets you can't miss by dropping," Hijack blurted.

The jackets can be ripped-off at a well-known Yonge Street army surplus store. Just put one on, mark your name on it with a felt pen so you don't lose it and walk out of the store.

## U.K. airline crash casualties heavy no groundhog losses

LONDON (GhN)—There were no groundhogs killed today in the worst accident in British aviation history. A spokesman for the groundhogs said "I feel confident that groundhogs will continue not to be killed in any future tragedies of this nature."

## CYSF referendum Nov. 30

# About that new constitution

Proposed CYSF constitution changes to be offered in the Tuesday Nov. 30 referendum would make the college and central councils independent of one another.

If the referendum is passed the new constitution will give the Council of the York Student Federation control over its budget. This is the most important feature because at present the central council must have its budget passed by two-thirds of the college councils.

Proposed changes in representation in the federation include direct election of two students from the student body and one instead of three representatives from each of the college councils.

The CYSF would become less of a co-ordinating body for the college councils and more like a federal government for all students. Community-wide services like Excalibur, Radio York and university clubs look to the federation for their funds and sanction.

The new constitution would leave all

residual powers to the college councils and would emphasize their control over intra-college affairs. The proposed constitution stresses CYSF's need to operate more independently for university-oriented activities.

In the old constitution, CYSF was "to protect and further interests of the college system." The new constitution clearly states that CYSF is an autonomous body representing the students and not plugged into the

college councils.

Other proposed changes would make it necessary for the executive to be a full-time student in the year of his or her election only. Currently, the executive must be a full-time student as well as carry out the executive duties.

CYSF president Mike Fletcher says he would like to see at least a 25 percent voter turn-out to make the proposed changes law.

## What constitution?

An Excalibur survey of 40 students indicate that 87 percent of York students don't know that a referendum on the proposed new CYSF constitution will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Although 13 percent knew there was going to be a referendum, only 10 percent knew what it was about. All 10 percent,

however, said they will back the changes.

In the survey, taken on Friday, 77 percent said they wanted to keep campus-wide organizations such as Excalibur and Radio York. Twenty percent said they were undecided and three percent said they opposed.

On Thursday, Excalibur will publish the proposed new CYSF constitution.