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

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Stong proposal needed

Watching York's senate in action is like attending the mad hatter's tea party.

Quite illogically, they have decided to make teaching a primary criterion for tenure but then refused to place a student on the committee. There's nothing quite like inspection from the top down.

And now there's the Stong College proposal. You'd think that in York's huge labyrinth, there'd be a little space for experiment. One might speculate that York has loaded all of its experimental eggs into Glendon. York is supposed to have a liberal image and we've got to keep that image up.

The Stong proposal should have been acted on a long time ago. Instead it's been dragged out by nimble illiberal academics hell-bent on maintaining the facade of great learning through the lecture system.

And now all that is wanted is a task force to "look into the matter." They

don't like the "flimsy evaluation" that York students would have to go through. And just what is the student put through now, if not an estimation on who churns out the shiniest essay and memorizes best for a test?

Students are presently sent through meaningless evaluation procedures, which produce equally meaningless BAs. We already know the value of the BA; a meaningless scrap of paper which represents the evaluation that preceded it.

Philosophy professor Percival Jack is right when he says grades are not biscuits offered to the dog for completing a certain number of tricks. But how about ending the tricks?

And how about a massive restructuring which Stong's small effort might begin. The task force should be activated and report before April. However, York's great bureaucracy still has the summer to kill it.

York is no sanctuary

"We're no sanctuary."

That's what safety and security director George Dunn said on Tuesday. Unfortunately, a great many people are confused as just what their rights are when they're on campus.

Clayton and Ruby have published a comprehensive book called Law, Law, Law which guides the student along well. But a great many things are done, not by any rules but by convention.

In June, student services director John Becker sent a memorandum to the student councils regarding "discipline and controls on campus." Because of the month he sent the memo, he got no response but it sheds a bit of light as to what one is likely to expect and what you can do:

- anybody can call in the police on any sort of private matter, but don't have to, even if the campus cops know about the incident;
- campus cops will bring in police and charge anyone they find destroying York property or stealing from the parking lots;
- anyone caught stealing from Versafood or the bookstore will be sent to their college master;
- in flagrant violations of the Liquor Control Act of Ontario, the campus cops will bring in the police;
- if you can't produce a York identity card when asked, then campus cops will presume you're an outsider and probably evict you;

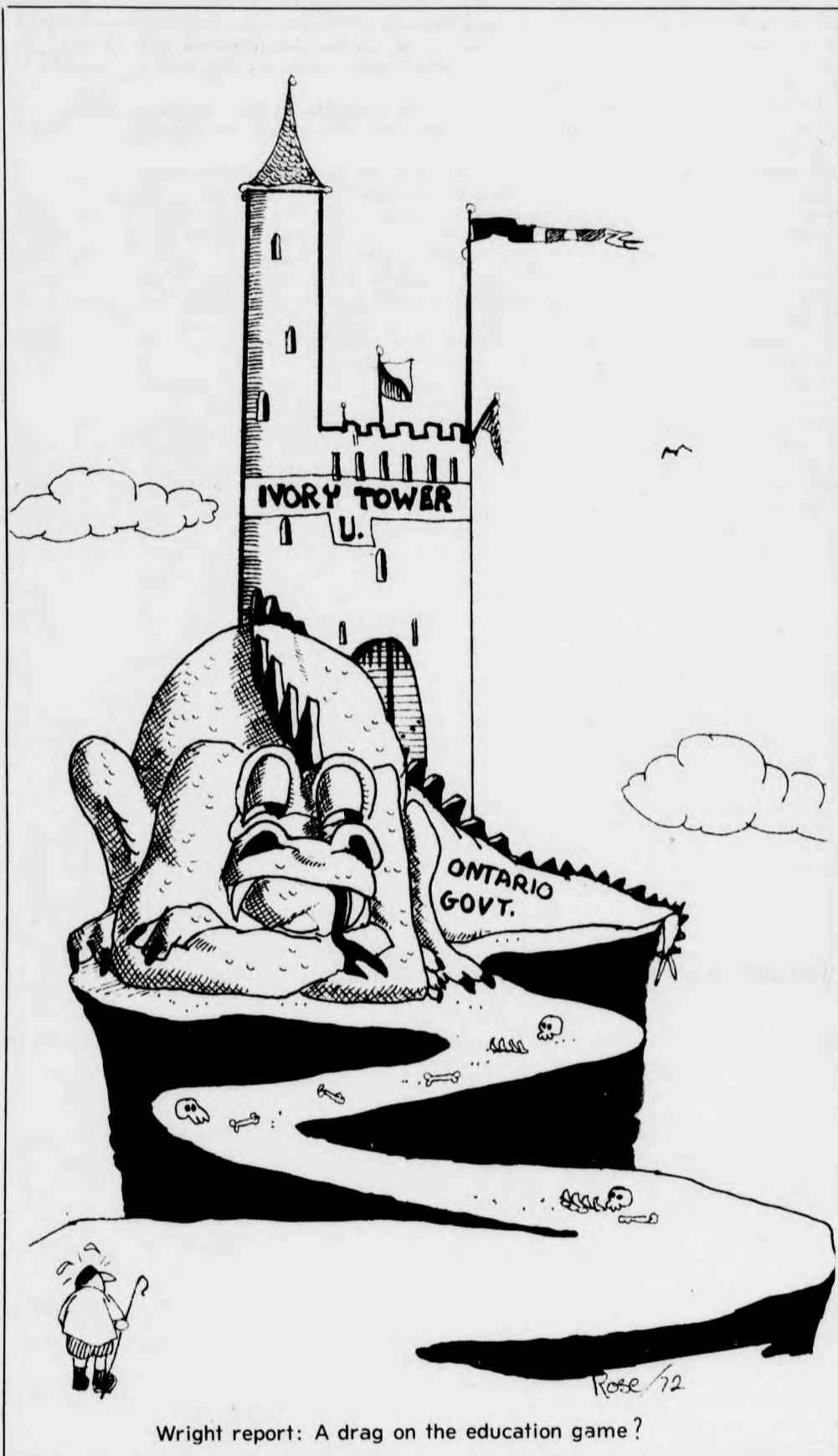
Dunn disagrees with only one major point. He feels that if you're caught stealing from Versafood or the bookstore, then the campus should treat you as an ordinary suspect and call in the police.

Those are the smaller aspects of the law as they affect us. Then there is this weekend's case. Chances are most of us have used grass, hash or other drugs at one time or another. If caught, anyone of us could be arrested.

The laws are archaic. Grass is grown by a great number of people. Its use is probably as widespread as that of alcohol whose effect on the brain is probably about the same. And as consumers, we tacitly support the supplier as he breaks the law.

For the most part, university suppliers are the more reliable in the field. Connected with grass dealing is social prestige. For that reason, the prices charged tend to be reasonable. Most people have enough contacts so that the quality can be checked. Bad quality means a bad reputation bad prestige. So to some extent, the consumer at York has some protection, although not nearly enough. The illegality of drugs makes an effective smokescreen for exploitive suppliers.

Unfortunately, there are police informers on campus. The weekend's raid was exact in execution. The police did not have a writ of assistance which allows practically free entry anywhere.



Wright report: A drag on the education game?

They had a search warrant for one particular room. The informer did a good job of spying. We all share the blame for the supplier's dilemma. To shun our responsibilities is hypocritical. All we can do is keep a few things in mind:

- the police can come onto campus anytime;
- the campus cops will aid them in finding a room;

• the college master, senior tutor or safety and security director are forewarned only by convention, no law says they must be informed.

In this case, the safety and security director were informed. The college master in the case refuses to say whether or not he was told. And of course, the informer knew. Be careful. The next time you smoke up, it may be your last.

Letters to the Editor

Becker Administration should pay TTC

I should like to clear the facts with respect to the cost of the Amchitka buses. Student services director John Becker has suggested that I approach all the student councils for \$20 each, to cover the expenses. As the Amchitka affair was a university wide project, I approached Council of the York Student Federation to endorse the actions, since they are the official representation of the student body.

Thus to approach the individual councils, seems to me to undermine the credibility of

CYSF. Further, Becker has pointed out that the cost of the buses was \$120, when in fact, it was \$200 for five buses, which as of now has still not been paid. Since the buses were reserved on a last minute basis with the full cooperation of the TTC, I feel that the administration should be thoroughly ashamed of their negligence in this matter. I would suggest that the payment be made immediately to the TTC, and then we can consider some suitable arrangement between Becker and myself.

Jack Klieb,
 York University Committee
 to End the War in Asia

Day care report was incomplete

Your publication of the Day Care Report in the Jan. 13, 1972 edition of Excalibur was appreciated. We regret the incompleteness of the report as printed (with no reference to editings by Excalibur) and consequently feel your readers may not be fully informed. Furthermore, Excalibur apparently made little or no effort to learn the terms of reference and time constraints under which the task force worked. This last item would

have placed the report in its proper perspective.

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We regret that space did not permit us to print the report in its entirety. Three sections were deleted which we felt were adequately covered in the rest of the unedited report. — ed.

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