

and why these events are happening. Discussion groups on issues of discrimination, in any form, do not serve their true purpose if the only people attending them are the people who were sensitive to the issue already.

While safety is naturally considered an issue for the VP-Internal, the resources of this campus are not equally accessible when my women friends leave the library before it gets dark because they are afraid to walk this campus at night, and if the escort service isn't run to our satisfaction, then we should buy a van and show them how it should be done.

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The MOST important place for students to focus their energies in making York a more equal and equitable campus is *within themselves!* If everyone stopped being afraid of people because they look or act differently, if people would cherish one another for their differences, rather than fear them, then we would have equality as never before.

It is natural to be afraid of the unknown, we all are. What people need to do most is to not put down or hurt what they are afraid of, but rather recognize their feelings of anger for what they truly are: Fear. The source of that fear is ignorance, not understanding someone else's differences. People need to recognize that fear, and not give in to it, but to struggle to understand the source of it, and through this struggle they will come to understand what they fear, and only through recognizing your fear, you can defeat it.

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Through more events such as the very successful multicultural week, where people get to come into contact with beliefs, culture and ceremonies that they do not practice. Through learning about other cultures, we gain an understanding of them, and in our understanding we no longer fear the culture that is not ours.

As well, there are many questions about people's beliefs and practices that other students may want to know about, but that would at best be rude, and at worst could lead to a painful misunderstanding. I would like to establish a Multi Cultural Resource Centre, with information on all cultures and races that make up the population of York University, Canada, and more, and have this information available to anyone and everyone, with contact numbers for more follow-up and perhaps summarizing the information in booklet form, or including it in the YFS handbook, *Up York*.



HEATHER DRYDEN

What are your top five policy goals, in order of priority?

My top five policy goals in order of priority are:

(1) An inclusive and representative curriculum. The eurocentric bias evident in our curriculum is unacceptable. More and more students are finding their curriculum inadequate. We as students deserve and demand the access to information that is not based solely on dead white men.

(2) A representative faculty. There is not enough diversity among our faculty. The faculty should be more representative so it can reflect the students that attend York.

(3) Services. Our services are an integral part of York community. Therefore, full funding must be maintained so that they can remain an active and important part of our community.

(4) I'd like to initiate a Debate and Panel series. This would include films, debates and guest speakers on controversial topics. I'd like to try to have these at different times of the day, during the year, so that all students have an opportunity to attend. [exceeds word limit]

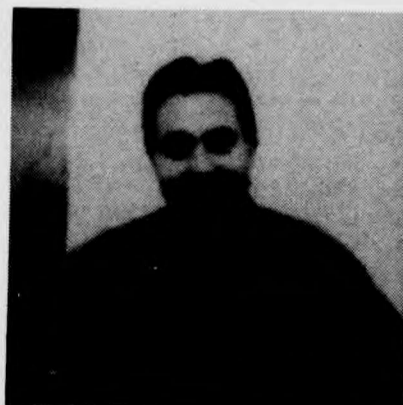
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One of the key areas for students to focus their energies in making York a more equal and equitable campus, is in examining the York University Disciplinary Tribunal. The YUDT is supposed to be the final arbitration in the complaint procedure. In the past the Administration has used this Tribunal the way they saw fit. One aspect to look at is the pool in which Administration chooses who will sit on the Tribunal. In the past, there has been a severe lack of representation. Women have had to face an all male panel when they brought complaints of sexual harassment. Cases where racism has been evident have been heard by an all white male panel. This is unacceptable. The people placed in the pool for the Tribunal should have knowledge and be sensitive to social issues. I will work towards demanding that Administration implement such a procedure for a representative pool so that this Tribunal can better serve York Students.

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York University has a unique community. It will be interesting and challenging to try and serve all students adequately. The Debate and Panel series as mentioned above, is one way I will be able to serve York's unique community through the Social Affairs portfolio. I'd like to work with the different services and college councils in the planning of different events. This also would reach a variety of students on campus. Orientation week, which is a function of this portfolio, will be organized and developed with the College councils and other clubs and groups on campus.

VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL



TONY TUMMILLO

What are your top five policy goals, in order of priority?

(1) Parking: Not only should fees be lowered, but the very important resident student, who has a car, should at least have a designated, reserved parking space with their name on it! This is priority number one because it's an everyday concern!

(2) Lighting: York needs more lights! With more light, students will feel a bit more secure (less paranoid). The present VP-Internal Nikki Gershbin, has set up a sinking fund in order to save up \$1 million to improve lighting on this campus. By the time this happens, we will have graduated, and will look back at our years at York as frightening! YORK NEEDS MORE LIGHT, NOW!!! It's time to get corporate sponsorship. It's time for the corporations to give back to York what York has given them, i.e. MBA grads, lawyers, etc.

(3) Escort Service: Let's get it running again! Since there will be a tuition increase of \$125 next year, why not allocate at least \$2.00 from this money toward this essential service.

How can you make the internal bureaucracy of York more accessible to ordinary students?

First, most students do not know what is happening on campus. Especially during this election period, I've talked to students about candidates' speeches. They did not know what I was talking about. Actually, they don't care. This apathy has got to stop. You, the students are paying so much to come here at York, and it is of your best interest to know as much as possible about student government. I'm not blaming the students, but, the YFS. If they weren't so secretive about what and where things are happening, then "it's time for change!" Students need to know what's happening with their money, and only through communication, advanced notices (at least 2 months before an event such as the present election) and humbleness, students will respect their representatives. I will fight for information services for the students even if I have to use a megaphone! They don't call me "Tone, Tone, the Megaphone" for nothing!

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The university is suffering from lack of funds by the present NDP government. They backed away from their promise of a tuition freeze (no surprise from "spineless" Bob Rae). Getting to the point... The university must seek ways to raise money internally, but it is a difficult task. We must talk to York alumni, especially those at the top of the corporate ladder.

The *only* priority is the student! Give the student what's in their best interest, and that is, to be taught. Keep the school (fall/winter, winter/summer) sessions open and get rid of the administrative fat! They're not worried about their jobs, but the professors are. We need professors, and we do not need some elite class who fill their pockets with the 1% increase in transfer funds by the provincial government while we are in the midst of cutting services and school terms. This is a school and not a shareholders' conference where dividends will be given to a certain amount of people, while no one else benefits.



JEFF ZOELLER

What are your top five policy goals, in order of priority?

(1) Student safety is not considered a priority by York's administration. Campus lighting is inadequate and needs to be improved immediately. Our safety, at any price can not be compromised.

(2) Residence students have to unfairly bear a large chunk of the University's financial problems with up to 15% increases each year in residence rates. This must be stopped.

(3) Why are there 1400 more students driving to York than allotted spaces. We must demand any new spaces created become unreserved to deal with this problem which will only worsen if not fought.

(4) Many compulsory ancillary and lab fees that we are paying are totally illegal. We must demand University accountability and full disclosure of all fees.

(5) Fight for changes in our undemocratic and arbitrary petition process at York. Streamline and standardize it between faculties so that students are fairly represented.

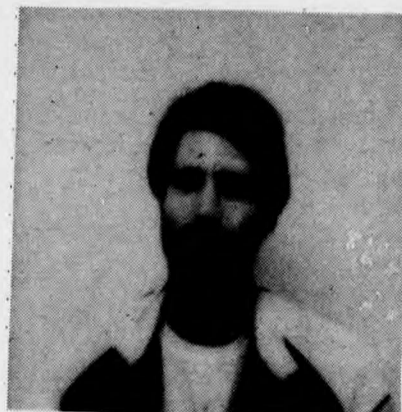
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We as students are being screwed around by York bureaucracy and it must stop. We must first make parking more accessible to students with the demands of lower parking rates and more allotted spaces. The petition process must also be standardized and streamlined. The committees need to have proper student representation so that student interests are being considered. Even with changes in the petition process, the University is very large and undoubtedly, bureaucracy will still occur. If elected I will work hard as an advocate for students. I will assist students in their appeals and petitions with all means that are available to me as VP-Internal. I will fight to ensure that these students are being represented fairly and that their education is not being made inaccessible due to York's bureaucracy.

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Student priorities are being neglected due to the critical underfunding crisis. We must make sure that student services are preserved and are not going to be the first ones up against the wall. Safety and security must be made a top priority for our safety is already being compromised. Lighting must be brought up to standard so students can come onto campus at night and feel safe. We must watch and make sure that classroom size and the number of faculty will not decrease next year in response to these drastic funding announcements. The University should seriously re-examine the way it is structured and eliminate positions which are redundant and are in reality taking

the largest chunk of our money. We must make sure that University education remains accessible to all students and that our money is being spent wisely.



GRANT WAGMAN

What are your top five policy goals, in order of priority?

Since I only have 150 words, I will list three. (1) The call-in escort service must be brought back; the present shuttle service is unacceptable. This is also a concern of such organizations such as CUEW [Canadian Union of Education Workers] and YUFA [York University Faculty Association]. By working with such groups during contract negotiations, for example, this kind of demand can be realized.

(2) Students living in residence must not continually receive "the short end of the stick." Increases of 7.5% are inappropriate, particularly when services are reduced (hall phones, linen, etc.). Add to this the poor quality of food and the lack of variety.

(3) The process of petitions and appeals must include procedural fairness and principles of fundamental justice. It is not appropriate for a University V.P. to have the power to issue orders such as requiring a student to undergo "psychiatric or other counselling services," particularly when those orders may continue in effect for up to 60 days before a hearing must be convened.

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Cut it. Eliminate those jobs which are redundant. Hire sufficient staff, part time or full time, in any office where there is substantial student "flow." Hour-long lineups at financial aid, for example, should not happen.

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Cuts must obviously be made, but not areas which unduly burden students. In Fine Arts, for example, \$100 000 will be cut from each department's budget. Theatre students will have to pay an extra \$300. F.A.S.P. will be laying off all part-time staff. Visual Arts studio time will be cut from 6 hours to 4 hours. I mention Fine Arts students in particular because they are usually hit the hardest. Students and programs in other faculties will also be unreasonably affected. With OSAP moving towards a loans-only method, students will be more hard-pressed, and may find it impossible to continue. I would prefer to see money go toward these matters of necessity than building a reflecting pool in front of Vari Hall.

Vice President External