

These are true rumours

Stop the world - let me off

So this is the newspaper the central students council tried to quash. Although there is the usual odour of flatulence around the campus, we can't admit noticing much difference in the paper, or the council, for that matter. Only Time will tell, although we doubt that magazine is published in Newspeak, the language of our friendly administration. This newspaper isn't exactly Life itself, anyway.

We were mightily impressed to learn York is to get a new sugar-daddy (chancellor, to those of you who are new) on September 29. Perhaps the new one will make something effective out of this largely ceremonial role. Heaven knows, the last one had all the requisites of being rich and powerful, but turned out to be a bit of a miser. Speaking of leading the way, you really have to hand it to the Jewish Students' Fed, with that illuminated flashing-light marquee they parked in front of the Ross Building, promoting their coffeehouse and flicks. We should have more of that chintzy pizzazz around here—maybe a neon sign atop the Founders or Winters residence, advertising rooms for rent—lots of them.

And a warning: don't bother buying textbooks for the second half of the year — the faculty is going out on strike in late November because they aren't satisfied with their pay (averages \$17,000 per year) and the administration won't shell out more. Thus by second term your profs will be so far behind that you'll never need most of those books.

Big deal news: the Green Bush Inn, your friendly campus pub people, have come to an agreement with the provincial government over the \$5,630 they owe in unpaid back taxes: in exchange for hosting a three-day bash of the Young Conservatives Club on campus this

past August at nominal cost to the youngsters, and agreeing to make a donation to the Bill Davis re-election fund later this election year, the province has agreed to allow the Inn to write off their back taxes over ten years with no penalties. We wonder if Gerhard Moog has been granted the contract to build an on-campus pub building starting this January.

And how come the student federation (CYSF) is going to spend over \$20,000 on salaries for the executives and secretary, and \$2,500 for telephone calls (where are they working out of?—Timmins?) but only \$2,500 for the 52 clubs and associations on campus. Also note they are apparently moving their offices — where to? — Timmins? — for a whopping \$2,500. How much of that is for fancy furniture for the president of the federation?

We noticed they've removed the raft and diving-boards from the York Puddle (the lake behind the library), and put up huge signs about polluted waters. That's too bad, since the York Yachting Club has already purchased an Albatross sailing ship and was to launch it sometime this month.

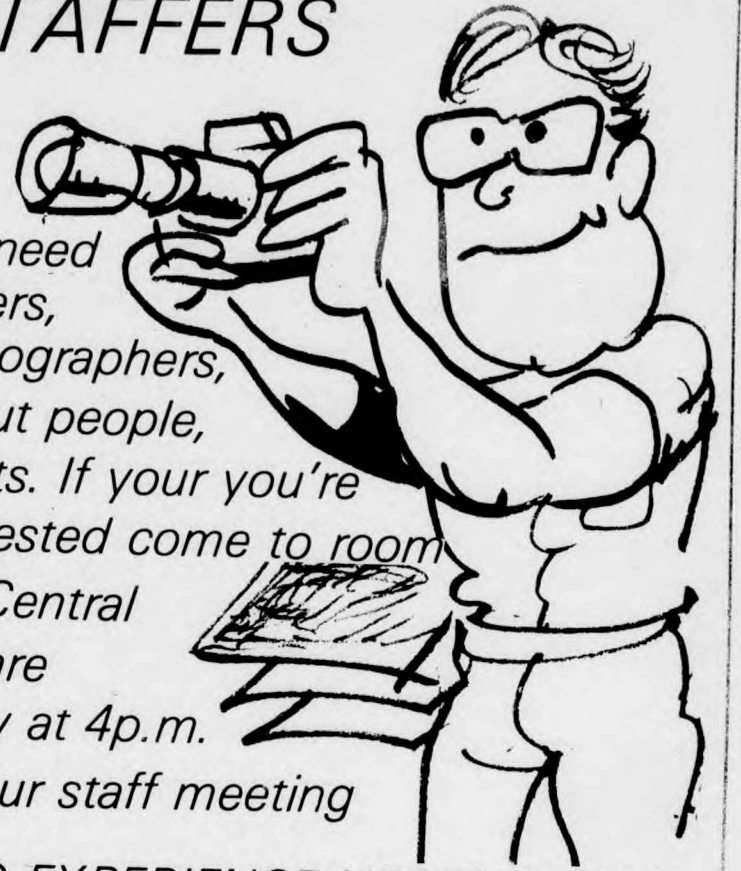
And finally, the Vice-President has put out a memo to all deans warning them about unsubstantiated rumors, and urging them to be candid and open with their students, in attempt to ease the growth of rumors such as these. The memo says most rumours are untrue, and only true ones should be repeated.

The above may give you food for thought. Enjoy it, there is little else on campus which is Edible. Even Lynn Brooks has caught ptomaine poisoning within the first three weeks of term, and Lynn has a very strong stomach. But make the most of it here at York — it is a great alternative (to hard work.)

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NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



—Anthony Gizzie

Myths and fallacies in our modern university

By ANTHONY GIZZIE

There are vast parallels to be made between a newborn babe and a freshman university student. Both carry with them an aura of ignorance and naivete which distinguish them from their fellow man. Yet, the infant has a distinct advantage over his university counterpart for he has no preconceived expectations in facing his inevitable destiny. Alas, the university freshman has many, and as they fail to materialize a deep state of depression sets in, and in the majority of cases severe acne breaks out.

I feel it is only proper that I share my in-depth experiences and acute wisdom with these helpless creatures by dispelling some of the more popular fallacies that concern our academic community. This will not only clear the air but help save a few complexions.

Following are ten of the most popular misconceptions concerning university:

1. "University is a place where drunken, dope-crazed students partake in residence orgies at least once a week." This is the most popular misconception. The origin of this fallacy came from the Office of Admissions of a university (best left unnamed) which was experiencing low enrolment and felt that by letting a few juicy quips out to the public, attendance would be boosted. It was ... with undercover vice squad and narcotics agents.

2. "Professors are not accessible to the students." Not so. I have known many students who found their profs not only willing but eager to discuss current topics with them. Unfortunately, all these students looked like Bette

Midler in heat. The male segment of the student population and those females who do not possess the academic proportions of Miss Midler must be content with an appointment and a long wait.

3. "Any student in third or fourth year deserves some sort of respect for having made it that far." Freshmen, you will soon discover that the only reason many of these students are here at York is that two years of university training is a poor job qualification which would mean instant unemployment. This compounded with the fact that many of these students owe close to two grand to the Ontario Student Awards Program keeps them in school indefinitely.

4. "University food is hazardous to your health." Not quite. The food situation is improving. An independent survey conducted at a random Canadian university (many of them are) showed the number of accidental food poisonings in 1972-73 is down 12 per cent from the previous academic year. Due to legal complications I will not mention what the actual number of poisonings were — only that it hit four figures.

5. "Student governments are filled with power and ego trippers who serve little purpose other than dispensing with the student's hard-earned money and creating debt." I will not go into great detail on student government at this time.

6. "Most women go to university in order to find and marry a potential gold mine." This is entirely false. In truth, most women come to university to get married in order to cash in on the phenomenal student grant Ontario forks out to married couples.

7. "University students are superior to the average working man." Ha! The working man spends his life regretting the fact he didn't go to university to further himself, and resents the university student for it. The university graduate, quick to learn the futility of a B.A. in the working world, regrets the fact he didn't work for four years, thus having money in the bank, a new car and a job. In return, he resents the working man for furthering himself.

8. "A university degree is a ticket to a wonderful and rewarding future." Once again due to legal complications and the fact that York's enrolment is low enough, I'll just say you will find this one out on your own in due time.

9. "A person owes the university and the government a favour of thanks for the opportunity of attending university and receiving an excellent education." Not so. All you owe the university is a lot of bucks, headaches you received from the bureaucracy and the price of a ticket to a point of no return.

Seriously though, the day a university student enters the ivory gates of York for the first time, it is as if a transparent film surrounds his entire existence. It is a feeling that you can almost see. It is fear, anxiety, anticipation, satisfaction, and inner energy all at once. Some can cope with it, others cannot. Those who find this feeling not to be in harmony with their existence will probably leave for a year or two, maybe forever.

To the rest of us I present myth number ten, a myth which borders so close to reality that it is truth itself:

10. "University, as all things in life, is what you make it."

—The CYSF column

Council expands services offered this year

The Council of the York Student Federation will be offering two new services this year: a travel pool file and a



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temporary-job placement service, both of which will be operated from the Federation's office, N111 Ross.

The travel pool file will work as follows: Prospective drivers and passengers will complete an appropriate form, indicating the major intersection near their home. As the file grows, students and staff looking for rides to the campus, and drivers willing to drive, may refer to it to contact each other. Further information and application forms, are available at the Information York bureau opposite the Post Office, and the CYSF Office.

Also available soon will be temporary-job placement service, by which students will register at the Federation's office, completing a card, which will be kept on file. Employers looking for temporary help (e.g., stuffing envelopes or moving furniture for a day or two), will be able to phone in and will be given any of the names on file to call. When the service is ready, it will be announced in this column.

I have been asked to announce that there are over twenty student positions still vacant on the Council of the Faculty of Arts. Any student registered in the Faculty of Arts (in any year of study) is eligible for membership, and should contact the secretary of the Council, S936 Ross, for

further information. The Council consists of all full-and part-time teaching staff in the Faculty, plus about 60 students. Most of the work of the Council takes place in its committees, all of which contain both staff and student members. The committees have responsibility in the following areas: curriculum development, academic planning, petitions and appeals, scholarships and research grants, faculty-student relations, promotion and tenure, and length of term.

The Department of History Council also has a number of vacant student positions, and students majoring in History (in the Faculty of Arts) are eligible to nominate themselves for one of the fourteen seats still open. Students have parity with teaching staff on all Council committees, which have responsibility for curriculum, promotion and tenure, grading policy, course evaluation, and petitions and advising. Further information and nomination forms are available from the Department office, 215 Vanier College.

The Council of the York Student Federation also has a number of vacancies (due to summer resignations), and a by-election will be held on Thursday, 4 October, to fill vacancies in Founders, Vanier and Stong Colleges. The Federation is also

inviting applications from York students for the positions of Speaker of the Council and Chief Returning Officer (both of which are paid officials), and applications forms are available in N111 Ross.

The Council will hold regular meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the Senate chambers, S915 Ross. All meetings are open, and anyone is welcome to attend. A meeting will be held next Monday, at which time the annual Budget will be considered, and vacancies in the Executive Committee will be filled.

In future columns, I plan to discuss different issues that I encounter in my work, as president of the federation and a member of various University committees, as a member of the Senate and some of its committees, and as a member of the Arts Faculty Council. I do not intend this column to be a regular rebuttal of Excalibur editorials, and I trust that Excalibur will focus on more important issues this year than the student federation. I hope this column will spark a number of letters, both to me and to the editor, and I encourage all members of the Federation to write me at any time about any University problem. I will do my best to investigate it, or at least refer it to someone who can.