

## ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE YORK COMMUNITY REGARDING VANDALISM ON CAMPUS

During the past year the University has seen a disturbing increase in liquor related vandalism, false fire alarms and building damage. Last spring immediately prior to the final examinations there was much concern about behaviour in and around the pubs. A new crisis emerged on the weekend of November 6th when the City of North York Fire Department was called to the campus twice in response to false fire alarms during pub service hours and on both occasions met uncooperative students who impeded them in their duties. The Chief of the Fire Department has indicated that he feels obliged to report these events to the Liquor License Board of the Province of Ontario.

The University's response to this criminal activity and decay in sensible behaviour and good manners must be swift and strong. A series of remedial steps have been put in place starting with the closing of one pub on Friday night, November 13 and emergency instructional meetings with all pub managers and supervisors scheduled for the week of November 16.

What must be understood by all managers and patrons of campus pubs is that all operations may be required to close if the standard of operations and behaviour in all outlets is not raised immediately and materially. There is no intention on behalf of any member of the administration to diminish the seriousness of the Chief's charges by closing down one operation as a symbolic act. This will not be viewed as 'sufficient' by the Chief nor by any responsible College or administration officer. The only thing that will be viewed as sufficient is an immediate and widespread improvement in all operations in conformance with the regulations and procedures laid down by the University License Holder and an immediate stop to drunkenness and the placing of false fire alarms by patrons of the pubs.

All those involved in pub operations at York must appreciate that the liquor license held by this institution is now viewed as an 'important' part of the university mission. The excessive management time that is being committed to them and the hurtful effects felt by many departments of the University suggests that we, as a community, are approaching a point where the utility of having the license at all could be usefully reviewed. All responses to these current problems should take this into consideration. Pubs are not so desperately important to this University community that we could not live without them.

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# EDITORIAL

## Stephenson's time should be up, but students take the fall

The government cutbacks everyone feared are now a reality. In a meeting with OFS representatives the Minister of Colleges and Universities, Bette Stephenson, explained the price that Ontario students will be expected to pay.

Stephenson has tied tuition fees to Ontario grants—if the government gives universities 10% more funding, you as students pay 10% more in tuition fees. But the Minister was not satisfied with this. Again this year, universities will be allowed to charge a further 10% discretionary surcharge on tuitions. This could mean a probable tuition increase of \$300, boosting tuition fees to \$1300.

This is not acceptable. Stephenson is not willing to go to her government for funds on behalf of a floundering university system. Instead she takes what she is given and simultaneously shoves it down students' throats while she picks their pockets.

Dr. Stephenson has managed to interpret the Report on the Future Role of Ontario's Universities as meaning that Ontario universities are okay now, but that further cuts will cause a fall in educational

standards. When this interpretation was voiced at the meeting everyone in the room laughed at her for such a bald-faced lie.

What the report really says is that Ontario universities have been in serious decline for the last five years and are now on the brink of total collapse.

It is obvious that Bette Stephenson is unfit to be the Minister of Colleges and Universities and that the only reason she has been given this position is due to her dexterity in absorbing any amount of reason and twisting it to support the government's philosophy of let the user pay.

This is a philosophy that deems that the rich deserve higher education more than the poor and that the government's responsibility is to maintain the status quo.

University education can no longer be looked upon as a privilege that is bestowed upon the wealthy in our society, but should be viewed as a basic social service which should be available to all those who qualify.

If the government can see fit to spend \$650 million on an oil company with money it does not have, it should easily be able to find the money it takes to build a

proper educational system.

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Today is the last day York students are eligible to vote in the BOG and CYSF Internal Affairs elections. All York students have the right to vote in the Board of Governors election, irregardless of college affiliations. This is your chance to get a voice on the principle decision-making body of this university.

Last year only about 5% of the eligible York student voters managed to find their way to the ballot boxes. And that was an election which not only determined BOG representatives, but also the voting in of an entirely new CYSF executive. It's vital that these statistics change—we must demonstrate that we as a student body care about our academic future.

The strongest voice is the one that echoes in the ballot box. It is the mandate with which we send our representatives to the Board. A representative who is able to draw 5,000 votes will get more respect and cast more influence on the Board than a representative who took office on the basis of 200 votes. Give our representative something to fight with. Cast a ballot and be heard.

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## What became of Mickey Mouse?

In next week's Excalibur cartoonist Tom King gives us an exclusive Mickey Mouse update.

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