

# Excalibur

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

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## Board's decision connected with its business links

York's Board of Governors made a hard decision at their monthly meeting this Monday. They came to a consensus that sacrifices would have to be made in order to ensure the financial solvency of York University.

But don't expect to see Board members stoically pulling in their belts when they gather in February for their monthly get together. Our board members decided to pull in other people's belts, and leave theirs alone.

The board including our own elected student representative Jay Bell unanimously agreed to implement the 150% tuition fee increase for foreign students studying at York.

The board made this decision, in spite of the fact that organization after organization across Ontario have come out in opposition to the fee increase.

That doesn't just include student groups like the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), National Union of Students (NUS), and the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) which are unanimous in their condemnation of the fee increase as a regressive, discriminatory measure. As well three Ontario boards of governors have refused to implement the Tories' tuition fee hike.

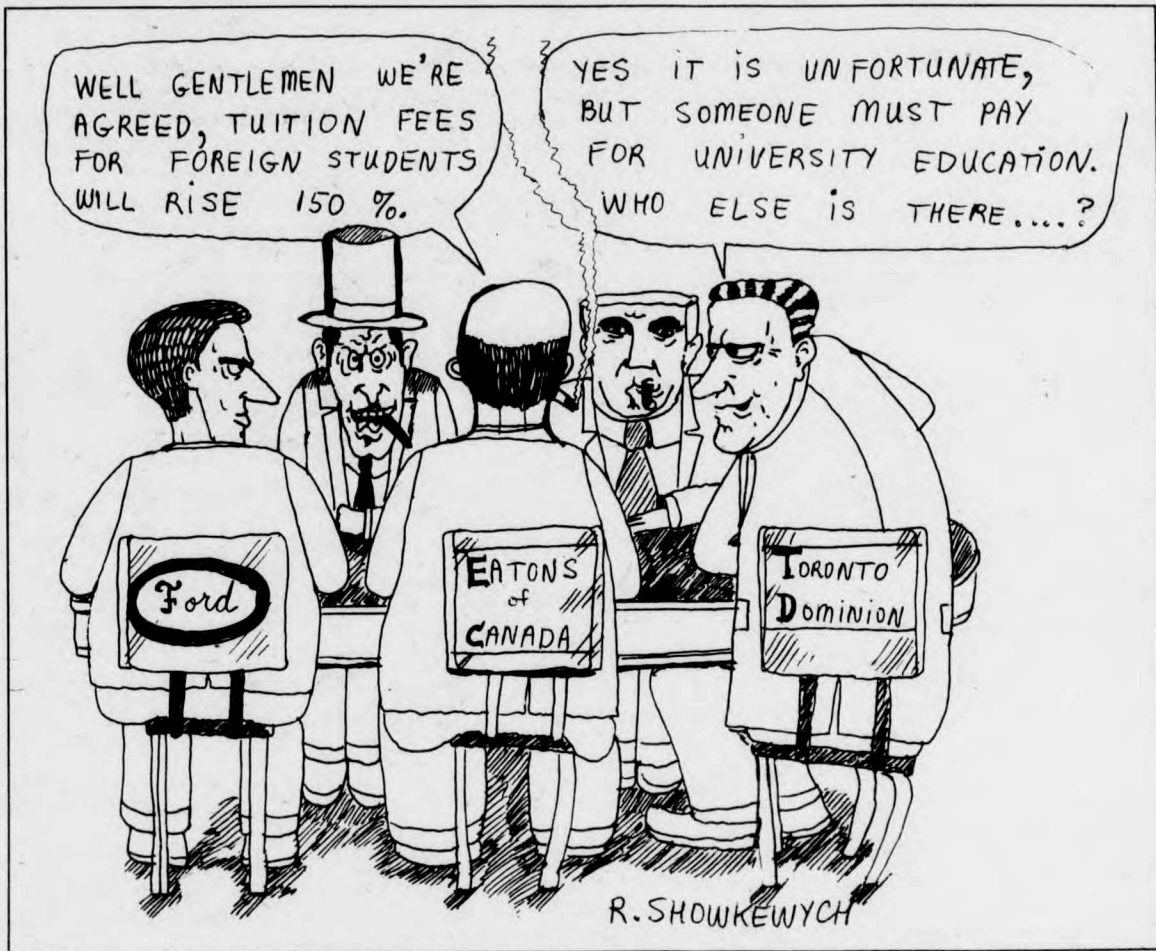
The board would have us believe the myth that students are not bearing their share of the costs of education, that tuition fee increases are long overdue, and that the place to

start is with the "aliens" in our midst.

As is pointed out in the article on tuition fees in this issue, researched and written by OFS there are indeed people not bearing their fair share of the costs of university education. But it's not "foreign" students.

Between 1967 and 1974, the corporate share of public revenues fell from 11.3% to 10.7%, despite a 250% increase in corporate profits. Personal income has, on the other hand, increased as a source of revenue from 16.2% of all revenue sources to 18.3%.

As the article makes clear it is the corporate sector of society that has been falling behind in its contribution to the public coffers from which university monies are drawn.



But is this any wonder? A brief look at the membership list of the board will explain why it consistently rules in the interests of corporations. The board is loaded with the elite of our corporate citizenry.

Members of the board include Roy F. Bennett, president and Chief Executive Officer of Ford Motor Company of Canada Ltd.; Gordon Carton of Silverwood Dairies Ltd., William Dimma, President & Chief Operating officer Toronto Star Limited; Frederik S. Eaton, President,

Eaton's of Canada Ltd; Allen T. Lambert, Chairman & Chief Executive officer Toronto-Dominion Bank; and the list goes on and on.

Naturally these gentlemen find it quite natural, when there is a shortage of monies for our institutions, that the last place they look is the bank accounts of their friends corporations.

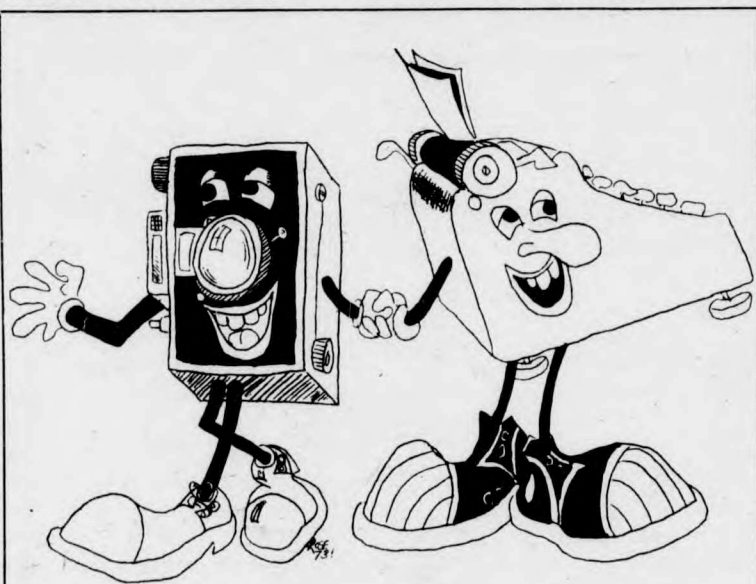
So, you might ask, why don't we just turf out the board members and select a board representative of the interests and needs of the university

with input from the community York serves?

That's easier said than done. The Board of Governors is a completely undemocratic body, immune to the ups and downs of public opinion. They choose their own replacements.

So we find ourselves with the ludicrous situation where every fairly representative body on this campus, including the Senate comes out in opposition to the tuition fee increase, and the board implements it anyway. The one completely undemocratic body at York is the one with all the power.

In the continuing campaign to keep university's from being the preserve of the wealthy, it is clear we cannot look to the board for an ally.



Staff meeting today,  
1 pm room 111,  
Central Square  
to discuss:  
OFS referendum  
Board of Publications  
Party  
New staff welcome

## Snips 'n snipes

Time for a backhanded compliment to CYSF for its new and improved social programme. All of a sudden, after more than a term of quiet, York is alive with films, dances and musical events sponsored by Edson and his council.

Surely it has nothing to do with the upcoming elections and referendum on membership in the Ontario Federation of Students and National Union of Students. That would smack too much of Pierre Trudeau and his promise to Toronto in the election of 1974 of a new, revamped paradise on our waterfront.

A word to the letter-writer on page 6 who took issue with our coverage last issue of the rumoured closing of Glendon College. Let it be clear that we too don't wish to see Glendon turned into a parking lot.

We hear that McLaughlin College council is offering its students a new service. Anything you want, typed for the meagre price of 85c.

Trouble is, that's more expensive than 80 per cent of the

offers found on the private market. Seems the least the council could do would be to give a little discount.

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