

# Excalibur

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

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## Student council budget tight

Here we go with the traditional editorial on the Council of the York Student Federation's budget.

The first thing to point out is that finance vice-president Gary Empey didn't have much to work with. The operating grant from the administration has not increased since CYSF's immediate predecessor, the York Student Council, was founded in 1968. The grant was reduced by \$9,000, after Calumet's recent withdrawal from the federation and a drop in enrollment in CYSF member colleges. We are glad to say that CYSF dipped into its reserves and maintained their planned grants to student services after Calumet's secession reduced their slice of the pie.

At this point, there are two areas of the budget we'd like to comment on: the Women's Affairs committee and the Women's Center; and Radio York (CKRY).

• The Women's Center was cut by \$150 to \$350 this year, while \$500 went to the council's new Women's Affairs Committee. The committee will be setting up a month-long film festival with Ryerson and U of T, and is mandated to determine the needs of women's activities on campus.

We hope that the committee will be looking into the Women's Center's needs in the near future and that members of both groups will hasten to get together and explore the possibility of pooling resources.

• The radio station was granted \$5,800, of which \$4,800 will go to pay off the station's debt, which station manager Steve Rimmer says is about \$6,500. Unreceived money isn't going to improve programming, nor will it help the station to reach a bigger audience. But, it seems to us that the council

could not offer the station more money without an indication that:

• CKRY's staff can come up with a way of reaching an audience ("Loudspeaker York" just isn't good enough anymore).

• The station will try to establish a solid-community affairs programming service. This might involve allotting airtime to the colleges, student clubs and groups like the Women's Center and Harbinger. It could also complement Excalibur in keeping people posted on campus events.

But until the station can get an AM or FM broadcasting license, and get hold of an actual, listening audience, it will have a hard time recruiting staff to do programs that no one will hear. Manager Rimmer knows this better than anyone. He has approached the administration about transmitting CKRY's signal on university's power lines — "carrier current." This would mean that any radio plugged into a wall socket could pick up the station loud and clear. Since the signal would radiate from the wiring, a transistor radio could pick up CKRY if it was near a power line.

It's all pretty hypothetical at the moment, but it would be very useful if, early in the new year, CKRY could come up with a proposal for using York's carrier current (which would require an AM license from the CRTC) and couple it with some ideas on providing a community service. Though the onus is on the station's staff to take the initiative, this university badly needs another campus-wide media outlet. If CKRY can come up with some proposals, they deserve serious consideration from CYSF and the administration.

## York security breaks into staffer's car to remove parking decal

By Hugh Westrup  
A York staff member discovered last week the extent to which the parking office will go in acting against a parking violation. Marlene George, a coordinator for the York Enquiry Service, returned from work last Wednesday to discover that her DD lot had been turned in but the reply no. Enquiries by a friend and found parking parking.



"Looks like we might need the flamethrower for this baby."

## Too much money caused dollar devaluation

By L. Andrew Cardozo

A decrease in the value of the Canadian Dollar is due to a low demand for our currency on the international market, and an overabundance of its supply, Professor John Beare told a gathering in McLaughlin's Senior Common Room last Monday.

Beare, an Associate Professor of Economics at York was speaking to an audience of some 25 at a session of the McLaughlin College Public Policy Programme.

According to Beare, Ottawa's high spending policies of the early '70's necessitated more funds for the Government coffers. As this

demand was not satisfied by taxation and government bonds, it became necessary for the Bank of Canada to increase the money supply by printing more dollars. Since there was not a complementary international increase of demand for the Canadian dollar, the value began to decrease.

The recent drop in the U.S. dollar, said Beare, was because other nations had begun moving away from the U.S. dollar standard. They have begun keeping their holdings in several currencies instead, such as the Swiss Franc, the Deutsche Mark and the Japanese Yen. Switzerland, West

Germany and Japan are held in high regard for their lower rates of inflation and unemployment and their generally steadier economies.

The shift away from the U.S. dollar is causing its supply to increase on the money markets, while its demand falls.

Beare placed emphasis on the



attitude of the money market. A lack of confidence in any currency, he said, causes speculators to move away from it, causing it to fall further, while the reverse order is also true.

"Finance Minister Jean Chretien's Budget of November 16, 1978 was positive in reassuring the confidence of the international market," said Beare. "The Market would be pleased that he did not go for a more political, greater deficit approach which was being generally predicted."

The recent steps by President Carter, according to Beare will have little effect on the U.S. dollar." Thirty billion dollars "would only buy up one fifteenth the dollars held abroad."

With regards to the general economy, he told the audience, "bringing inflation down now would take care of unemployment." The theory of the reverse order he said was "non-

sense."

In what was otherwise a rather general approach to a very large topic, he focused mostly on the money supply. "A tight ring on the rate of growth of the money supply", is the best remedy. A 6 to 10 per cent increase would be responsible. With these sort of policies he cautiously predicted the value of the dollar going as high as 88 or 90 cents, by the end of 1978.

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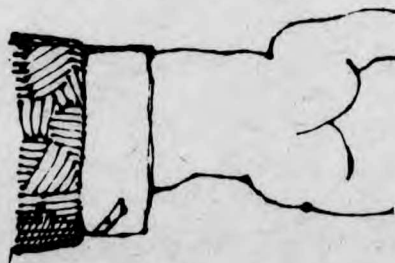
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## Visiting psychologist hits the funnybone

By Brian Gillett

The man who once threatened not to resign from Washington State University, Professor Frederick L. Marcuse, now of the University of Manitoba, addressed a packed Atkinson College Fellow's Lounge last Thursday evening on the topic, "The Psychology of Humour".

Professor Marcuse easily kept his audience well-entertained as he interspersed his topic with witty, and often off-colour, "one-liners". In his presentation, he emphasized that in these times of violence and war, humour is needed more than ever. He sees humour as an improved means of communication, whether through the ethnic joke or the more lectures. Although initially disturbed by this fact, he eventually began to feel that humour must play a distinct role in the memory process.

He also feels that humour is a topic which psychologists needs to examine in greater depth, especially to determine its impact on memory. He recounted how one-time students of his would meet him on the street years later, usually recalling only the more humorous aspects of his lectures. Although initially disturbed by this fact, he eventually began to feel that humour must play a distinct role in the memory process.

In an interview with Excalibur after his presentation, he elaborated on certain phases in his career. He first taught at Cornell University in the United States or "behind the 'dollar' curtain" as Marcuse likes to refer to it. After Cornell, he taught at Washington State University where his vociferous criticism of the university administration's harassment of anti-Vietnam war groups earned him a "troublemaker" image. At one point, he threatened not to resign if this harassment didn't end. The administration had been attempting in vain to get him to resign, by paying him the lowest possible salary for a full professorship and adding other pressures. After more than 20 years at Washington State, he left to take up a post at the University of Manitoba where he still teaches.

Describing himself as one of the last generalists in psychology (one who studies a variety of fields in a discipline), he has strong criticisms for the "prestigious" psychological journals, claiming they are so specialized that they fail to reach a wide enough audience. He has written more than a hundred articles on various topics including the use of hypnosis in Dentistry, and psychopathology in animals.