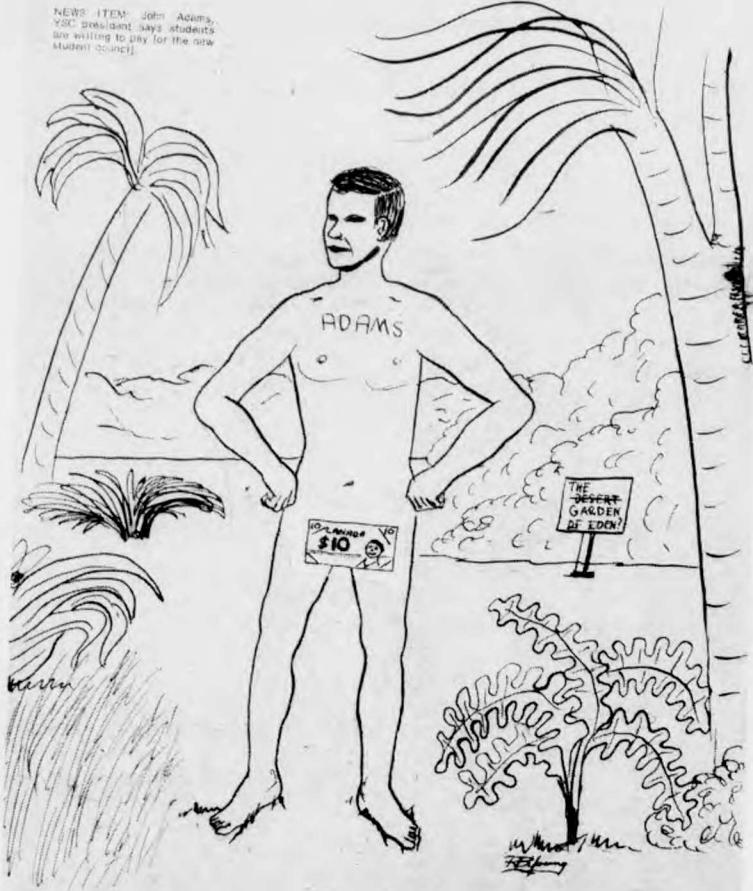


# January: the college scene, or ...how went the war?

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When I said we're going to start from the beginning and do this thing right . . .

## It was your decision

Students at York have voted for a fee increase. John Adams, the new YSC president, said in election speeches that for the YSC to function a fee increase will be necessary. The figure of ten dollars has been suggested.

The significance of this is two-fold: the administration and the college councils have to approve this fee increase.

The college councils, by the power given to them in the YSC constitution must approve or reject the YSC budget.

Assuming the college councils recognize the will of the students and pass the fee increase, the crucial test will be the reaction of the administration.

A residence fee increase is already in the making and the university is, we've heard, concerned about the bad public relations that will result from a double fee increase--residence and tuition.

Regardless of the administration's concern for its public image, it must recognize that the students have voluntarily opted for a fee increase.

Fred ruin-the-paper Nix, after a strenuous term of office as editor of Excalibur, leaves our ranks this week to begin his new job - full time student. Next week Mike Snook will assume the position of interim editor-in-chief. He will hold this position until Ross Howard takes over as the editor of Excalibur for the 1968-1969 school year. Nix was heard to say, as staff members escorted him sobbing from the office, 'I guess the power went to my head. I love you, I love you.'

arthur just barked on ross' hand and it couldn't happen to a nicer except ferd who's going to the fijijs with dirty anita while rod stays home and people die and lil & syl circulate; greg wrote stories, adams won, blair lost, anne, val, doreen did too . . . interim mike took 5, coop took pix, warga sexed out with mice, brush your teeth with clark-o-phyl it's bad for u . . . beans and frankie deny the existence of god, mckay, fat daddy, october, sam and laurie siegel. . . sid katz says sex is ded but he ain't been in this office . . . does anyone want to come to my place sat'l nite i've invited a few journalists like jj dufort who probably won't make it but o hell who ever heard of a rag with 3 chief editors; rich bob claire what can i say you're all wonderful yes . . . nightie.

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While college newspaper editors spent January, lancing obscenities through clouds of pot smoke, the war between students and the world escalated quietly.

Noisy protests erupted in only five cities, down somewhat from November's anti-Dow protest fever, but legislative battles for student senators were won in five more.

York students were told they would be allowed five seats on the senate, but the 'excitement' of preparing for the long-awaited university-wide government pushed the senate news and the protest fever into the background.

A University of Western Ontario student dramatically ascended to the board of governors, and the University of Alberta rejected a student governor. 'We don't believe in student power,' said U of A president Al Anderson.

Three University of B.C. student senators asked their constituents if they could quit because they weren't getting anywhere, and the University of Calgary's academic president did quit because he couldn't talk to his board.

And across the country students cooled it in drunk tanks as winter carnival fever highballed through central Ontario, Manitoba and the Lakehead.

The only place York students cooled it was trekking across these Siberian wastelands to the lecture halls and parking lots. There was no need to recover from our disastrous carnival.

The most visible battlefronts last month were in Quebec City and Waterloo. At Waterloo Lutheran, the university fired two professors, George Haggard and Gray Taylor. Both were good teachers, but both were loudly critical of the university and its administration.

Four hundred students retaliated with a class boycott and a day-long teach-in January 17, but the student council backed down and refused to support the action. The Canadian Association of University Teachers is investigating, nobody's been rehired, and the issue is in for a several month stall.

### Quebecois starve - we get millions

But a week later, 1,000 Quebecois students travelled to Quebec city to demonstrate outside the legislature.

Grievance? Government channels had held 33,000 of 68,000 student loan applications in red tape masses, causing starvation on the campuses. The minister promised to speed it up, but Union Generale des Etudiants de Quebec leaders called it stalemate.

Ontario students rolled in the green stuff as POSAP paid out 14 million dollars in grants and loans. Sixteen hundred starving, suburban and sober York students were in at the kill.

The biggest fight of all is shaping in Saskatchewan, where premier Ross Thatcher has raised tuition fees, removed high school teachers' salary bargaining rights and assumed direct financial control of the university. Students, teachers, professors and staff are mad. As hell. It will remain just a battle of words until February 5, when the legislature reconvenes to enact Thatcher's threats. Student organizers are waiting, and organizing.

The other visible eruptions were relatively minor: engineers at the University of Toronto snowballed anti-Dow protesters, and University of Windsor students rallied for a free student press. There, the 100 who marched through the snow protested the administration-forced resignation of Lance co-editors John Lalor and Marian Johnstone. It took more rallies, a strong student council statement of support and a Canadian University Press investigation, but editor Johnstone was reinstated and the paper's autonomy guaranteed. Lalor is till out. What started it all? A few shits, and Jerry Farber's The Student as Nigger.

Lalor's not the only editor out for obscenity--Argosy Weekly editor Allan Rimoin was fired by the university president January 31 after a hassle cause indirectly by the same article.

Meanwhile, 17 college papers in Canada have printed the Student as Nigger piece, partly as a solidarity gesture with Rimoin, Lalor and Mount Royal Reflector editor Allan Wilson. Wilson was also threatened with expulsion by the board of trustees, which later relented under student pressure.

### seventeen more student senators

The tempests grow deeper when you read the article itself--each flurry reinforces its message. The people in universities--students and teachers--don't control universities. Negroes in America are second-class citizens, and so are students in universities.

Excalibur printed the article last December before all the fuss in Windsor and a few Yorkites blinked their eyes a little, but there was no great outcry. Glendon college reacted positively by following up the article with a Glendon forum entitled 'Students are Niggers--Professors are chickenshits.'

Academatically, five campuses got a total of 17 senators. Seven are at the University of Manitoba, the largest catch to date. Dalhousie and the University of Victoria got three each, Brock got two, and St. Francis Xavier got two. But St. F.X.'s aren't real--they don't vote. One of them, council president John Gorman, profusely praised the university's liberal administration anyway.

Students also advanced on the senate committee front. Dalhousie, Memorial of Newfoundland and Waterloo all got students onto key planning committees. The total so far is 15 universities with senators or promises of senators and negotiations are now on a the University of Toronto and McGill in Montreal.

The University of B.C. got its four senators last spring. They've been there long enough to conclude the senate will never open its secret chamber, so three went to a student meeting and asked their constituents for permission to quit.

Students said no, planned a mass sit-in at the next senate meeting, and negotiations with the senate for openness opened again. The explosion was slated for St. Valentine's day, but the threat has both sides talking again and it's been cancelled. The students so far remain senators. Last year's major battleground, the country-wide CUS front, enjoyed relative peace--one in (Prince of Wales College) and none out, although York's status in CUS remains undetermined. No fees have been paid (there was no university-wide government), but CUS president Hugh Armstrong said in a telegram to York that he still considers York students in the fold.

### Students: no right to representation

Simon Fraser students overwhelmingly voted solidarity with the National Liberation Front; which, in turn, is currently pounding hell out of America in Vietnam. A reversal at Montreal's Sir George Williams, where council president Jeff Chipman resigned over war recruiting--he's for it, council isn't--and was re-instated by a student general meeting.

And everywhere the pall of pot smoke. The University of Manitoba discovered some profs smoke it. Winnipeg's good burghers blew their collective cool. Catholic Loyola of Montreal outlawed drugs of all kinds, shortly after police found 100 hippies stoned in a Montreal church. York had one 28-year-old student arrested for possession.

Finally, January bodes ill for the early blooming student activists in Ontario. A committee of university presidents meeting at Waterloo January 20 declared, 'There is no such thing as a student right to representation in the university government.' Academic democracy leads to sham democracy, they said.

They're not the only ones catching on. Toronto Star business columnist Jack Mac Arthur, who talks directly to those who own Canada, warned January 30, that if student power ever gets out of control and takes over the university, students might use it for their own ends and not the country's ends. State power moves in, crushing, he said. Believe it.