

editorial



Oh shit, not those students again

It's those bloody *students*. Just when it looks like we've got everything under control, they come rearing their spotty buttocks and ruin all our plans.

But we've got them under control for now. It all started with this plan, see...

It all started when we were looking at efficiency models. Christ, what a mess this place used to be. Chaos. One college doing one thing over here, a faculty doing quite another thing over there, and this Central Square in the middle where you didn't dare tread in a suit.

Then we started to get things nailed down. We put one faculty in each college. We got all the students to move all their noise into their own building. And we gave them a big shopping mall so they could shut up and spend some money.

And the budget. No more nonsense. Big fat classes for everyone, no exceptions. Milk 'em for parking and rent. No free lunches. Try to sell them condos on campus while we're at it.

Don't worry about the recession. We've got all this land we can sell to developers for a mint.

I thought we had the long-term plan under control. Lots of applied sciences, a new medical school, build them fast and cheap because that's where the Province is spending their money. Get rid of all those wasteful Arts and Humanities. That's not the wave of the future.

But there was one nasty little matter that remained beyond our control. Slipped through our fingers and almost made a bloody mess of things.

Yes, you guessed it: the students. And you wouldn't believe what they were up to.

They were spending money. Their money. And they were spending it on themselves.

Jeez. They had a health insurance plan of their own, a nightclub, a newspaper and a radio station, membership in all these subversive student federations, and they were planning more.

It was unthinkable, and all because of this embarrassing little loophole in the Ontario laws. It turns out they could vote

to spend this money, and we'd have to stick it onto their tuition and send it to them, like it or not.

So much for law and order.

Imagine what people would say? "Nice school you've got there, but, uh, what's that extra \$200 on your tuition bill? Sure you've got things under control over there?"

Under control? Hardly. The students were running around like they owned the place. Imagine, voting to spend money, without even asking us, and then setting up a bunch of independent institutions where they could just skip classes and do what they please.

No wonder *Maclean's* rated us number 21. That's a little too politically correct for anyone's taste. Students shouldn't have budgets, any more than we should have exams.

But not to worry. I took care of that little problem, and not a moment too soon.

It works beautifully. Sure, they can hold referenda and vote to spend any old money. No problems.

But we added a new twist: they have to get 20 per cent of the students out to vote.

Don't you see? *We designed* this place so 20 percent of the students would never be here at one time. We made it as uncomfortable and unwelcoming as possible, spread the buildings around in confusing patterns and didn't give them anywhere to hang out.

So they can hold a referendum to get some money to spend, but they'll never get enough students to vote for it. And if they beg and claw and somehow get that many people out to vote, they'll have spent so much money and time to do it they'll wonder why they bothered.

So we took care of the student problem. Nice and neat. Now we can get them in order. Send them to Benneton and keep them from ganging up on us. Single file, no loitering. If you don't eat your meat you won't get any pudding.

Now that I've put a stop to that, I've got just one more problem to deal with. Why aren't we getting any alumni donations?

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with Heather Sangster, Former Excalibur Editor

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