

'Battle of the budget' continues . . .

End of money problems not in sight

By JIM DAW

Unlike the Liberal sweetheart budget which tried to please everyone, the budget suggested by York's co-ordinating committee is not going to make anyone happy.

In fact York's only ray of hope is contained in the message the committee will bring to the senate today — go get more students.

Having suggested to acting president John Yolton where cuts are needed to limit next year's deficit to \$1 million, the committee reports, "price increases . . . and projected levels of expenditure, point to deficit in 1974-75 of in excess of \$1 million, unless steps can be taken to generate additional income above the (joint committee on alternatives) projection."

Under prevailing assumptions, deficits can not accumulate indefinitely. Yolton has not indicated he will undertake a hunger strike on the steps of Queen's Park to protest unfair Tory education policy; the faculty have not organized a hate mail campaign; and even the Ontario Federation of Students has called off its fee strike.

Implicit but carefully unstated is the suggestion that many faculty will have to be fired next year if more students/money are not found. Faculty firings were forbidden for this year following a senate ruling in the fall.

The committee and vice-president Bill Farr seem convinced that very little more, if any, fat can be trimmed from administrative expenditures after the cut suggested this year.

Every faculty and department will feel the squeeze next year — some may be permanently damaged by the austerity program.

The committee will report to senate today that in advising the president on the 1973-74 budget, it "examined budget requests submitted by each of the faculties and major administrative divisions and attempted to assess these in the light of York's total resources, its legal and moral commitments, enrolment patterns, and various of the observations and conclusions of the joint committee on alternatives. Using these factors as a modifying influence on what is basically a historically derived pattern of budget allocations, the committee

has recommended to the president a budget . . ."

Basically the committee diddled with figures to balance the columns after they assured themselves no one was being hurt more than anyone else.

In their report they call for the striking of a special senate committee on the bookstore and suggest that faculties be asked to "explore possible enrolment-generating initiatives" before the March meeting of senate.

The committee has been tossing around such ideas as a part-time M.A. program and free tuition for A students entering undergrad programs.

The effects of this year's cuts have been demoralizing.

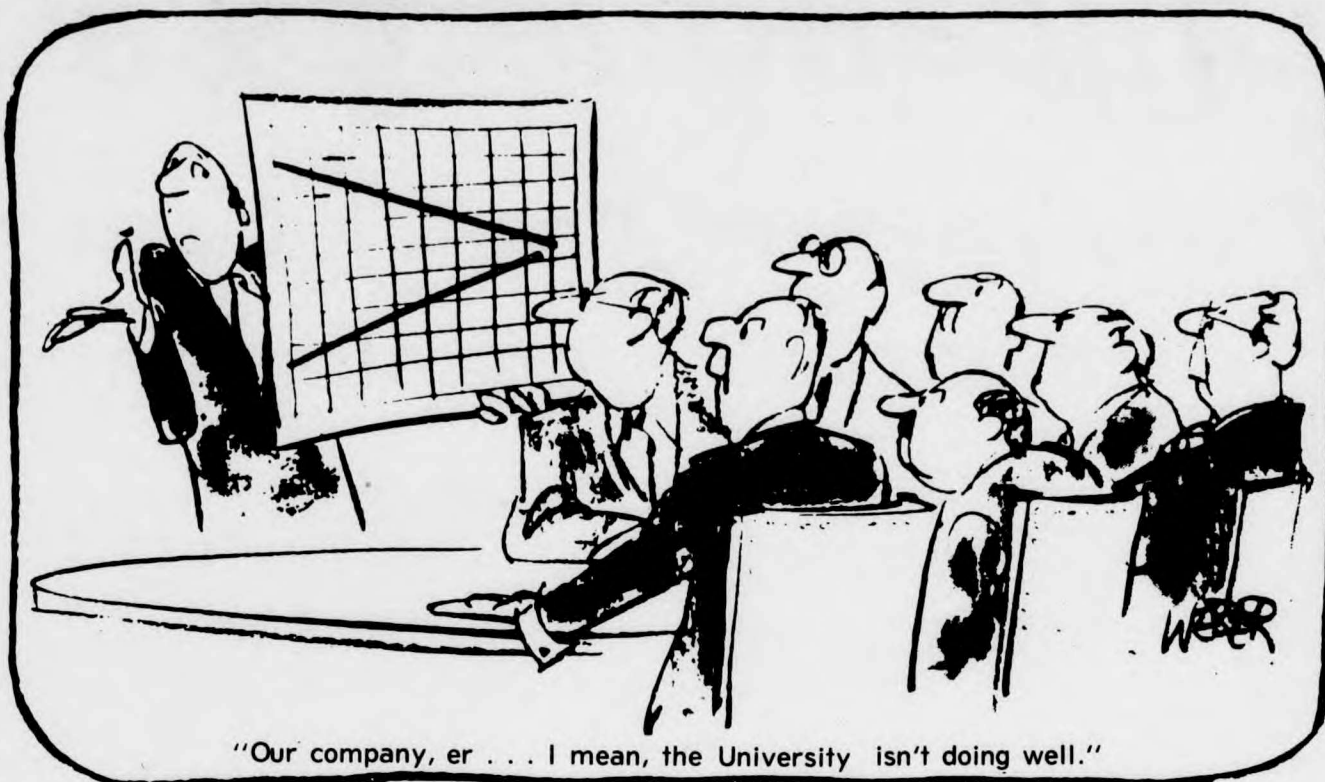
The university has decided to stand firm on its original offer to the cleaners, yardsmen and tradespeople — six per cent increase to cover both wages and benefits.

The union is asking, and is prepared to strike, for parity with workers in the same job classifications working for the North York board of education. The university's stance is bound to bring on a strike that Yolton has admitted may cripple the campus.

The staff association cannot look forward to any more than the standstill increase offered the CUPE workers.

The faculty association has stated it will not tolerate a wage freeze this year. It's not clear yet how effective their bargaining position will be. The co-ordinating committee chose to limit the deficit to \$333,000 rather than the assumed acceptable limit of \$1 million. A three per cent cost of living increase for all faculty would increase the deficit to slightly over \$1 million but the committee avoided stating this in the report to the senate so it would not look as though the faculty offer had already been decided. They have left it to Yolton and the board of governors to work it out with the faculty.

Glendon and the faculty of arts were probably the hardest hit among the faculties but loud screams came from the growing, "prestigious" faculties — fine arts, Osgoode and administrative studies — when the deans reviewed the budget proposals.



A reduction of staff in the library has resulted in slower service, more delays in getting new books on the shelves, and lower morale.

John Armour of the physical plant was warned that reduced cleaning and maintenance service may result in a more rapid deterioration of facilities.

North York discovered recently their meter readers had over-looked one of the campuses three water meters for the past three years. Numerous attempts to scrimp and save were flushed away by a \$32,000 water bill.

Recalculations since the final report of the JCOA showed an improved income statement and raised hope that the deficit would be reduced by \$245,000 to \$560,000. But the finance division is now predicting that since certain departments were unable to make the necessary cuts suggested by the JCOA, the deficit may be \$845,000.

Most of the over-spending occurred in ancillary services. Major contributions to the deficit came from food services (because of higher food costs) residences, the performing arts series and the bookstore.

HOW THE FIGURES WERE DIDDLED

	1972-73		1973-74	
	Actual BIUs	Budget after cuts (\$,000)	BIUs	Budget (\$,000)
Atkinson	3,450	3,962	3,974	4,230
Arts	10,146	10,551	9,671	10,400
Science	1,985	2,730	2,032	2,860
Osgoode	1,358	1,685	1,361	1,750
Glendon	1,399	1,973	1,286	1,880
Grad. Studies	—	658	—	690
Envir. Studies	571	702	644	860
Fine Arts	1,430	2,021	1,589	2,300
Admin. Studies	1,130	1,781	1,181	1,700
Education	—	211	—	351
Lakeshore	601	960	458	800
Total	22,070	27,234	22,196	27,821
Academic Support				
Library		3,670		
Other		1,841		
Total		5,511		15,836*
Physical Plant Etc.		4,633		
Administration		2,302		
General Institutional**		2,888		
Contingency***		—		250
Total		42,568		43,907

Estimated revenue \$43,574)

Deficit = 333****

* Down from \$20,845,000 last year, a final decision has not been made on how this will be divided.

** includes the department of information, research, alumni affairs, York enquiry service, art gallery etc.

*** Will be used to cover only a shortfall in enrolment.

**** Deficit at \$333,000 but above figures do not include faculty salary increases.

Letters to the Editor

Ski Spree rips off another

I would like to add my voice also to Sue Johnston's letter warning against Ski Spree travel charter.

Thanks to their inefficiency, and false advertising my vacation turned out to be more of an endurance test than a holiday.

How would you like to stay in a monastery with rusty water and no heat instead of a beautiful motel which was promised or walk one half mile carrying skis to get to breakfast.

I also complained to Star Probe and Better Business Bureau but with no results. If nothing can be done about this, at least people should be aware of the truth so they don't get ripped off. To quote the main organizer of this trip "We've already cashed your cheque, too bad". "This is what you get when you go on a cheap charter".

NAME WITHHELD

Statement err now corrected

I would like to correct a statement which I made during the CYSF presidential candidates' forum held in Central Square on Tuesday, February 13.

In the course of answering a question on the procedures for choosing the new university president, I referred to my membership on the selection committee for a new dean of arts. I mentioned that a member of the United Left Slate was also on the committee, but that he never attended any meetings. Although I did not refer to him by name, the other student member was Ron Andrews. I neglected to point out that Andrews' summer employment prevented him from attending most of the committee's meetings. This was irresponsible on my part, and I hope Andrews will accept my apology.

I also understand that he was not a member of the ULS at the time he served on the selection committee.

MICHAEL MOURITSEN,
President-elect,
York Student Federation

Ambitions never realized

At this time, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the members of Stong College on the new addition to their little family, Dale Ritch, self-styled Messiah and mouthpiece for the United Left Slate. One thing must be said about Ritch, he is persistent. Ritch decided that he wanted to become a representative on CYSF. When he realized how his own college was going to vote in the referendum to rejoin CYSF, Ritch astutely deduced that his political ambitions

could never be realized unless he became a member of the one remaining college that might join the council. He approached Calumet college, even before Calumet was officially reinstated as a member. When some wary members of Calumet questioned Ritch's motives in joining the college, his response was an admission of his intentions to simply use the college as a means of self-advancement. He said he cared little about the college or the people affiliated with it. Those knowing anything about Calumet will realize that this would be totally against the community philosophy of the college. Luckily for the people of Calumet, Ritch did not gain membership and therefore, he did not have the opportunity to 'not represent' them on the council. What I am questioning, primarily, is Ritch's integrity, not his political ideology. However, I have little or no faith in would-be radicals whose revolutions always seem to lie somewhere in the future. Ritch's ideas are not original. I have heard them all before. My only hope is that the York Community will take heed and not hail the false prophet.

S. ROSE
Calumet III

Women's sports poorly covered

It is fairly common knowledge that women's varsity athletics at York receive somewhat slighted, if not barely recognizable treatment.

In Excalibur's issue (February 8) the sports editor was kind enough to supply a photo accompanying the article on women's varsity volleyball. The photograph was terrible, to say the least. In fact, volleyball would have been better off had the film not been developed. Not only do the players go unidentified (and the quality of the photo negated identification) but the shot published is not an accurate representation of the game. Surely, photos were taken that were more worthy of publication than that of an unidentified Queen's player crashing into an unidentified York player on York's side of the court, if not, Excalibur's photo department leaves something to be desired.

Granted, these incidents occur and are part of the game but when a team is entitled to only one photo per year surely one could be published that does the team justice. If this is asking too much the team would appreciate it if no photos were published in future.

DOREEN MAGERMAN
Member of the
Women's Varsity Volleyball team

ed. note: We apologize for the photo. It was the best we had. Excalibur is the product of a volunteer staff (except for editorial personnel). That means the paper is as good as the collective effort. You say women's athletics are fighting an uphill battle for recognition. We agree. And that's why women's sports have had more coverage this year than in the past. If that's not good enough (and we're the first to agree there's a long way to go), then it's your responsibility to come and take an active part in putting the paper together.

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