#### letters

### Rumpelstiltskin

It is encouraging to see that Excalibur has in the last two issues taken cognizance of the financial position of the University. Perhaps however it should be recognized that while the severity of the proposed budget cuts is more severe than might have been anticipated the general situation is not a new one.

On my desk is a copy of the Toronto Star, the headline on the front page reads "Crisis on the campus: the money's drying up", the date of the newspaper is June 21st 1975, so it is not unreasonable to suggest that members of the University have been ignoring the warning signs if they have not been aware of the worsening financial

position for over two and a half years. In addition enrolment at York dropped substantially this year so that it is disturbing that Deans Knittl and Eisen should find it necessary to state that the community has not yet "woken up to the severity of the cutbacks".

It may also be salutary to point out that in 1972-73 when York experienced its first short-fall in expected enrolment a substantial number of full-time support staff lost their jobs, and it may be expected that the same situation will prevail in 1978. It was therefore a little discouraging to note that Tony Woolfson, [Excalibur, February 2nd,) in discussing the "real human dimension of cutbacks", while he expressed concern for part-time employees and contractually limited

faculty seemed unconcerned or perhaps unaware . of the effect of budget cutbacks on the support staff of the University.

Leslie Saunders in the same edition of Excalibur very rightly deplored "interfaculty infighting", it would be equally deplorable if the present financial problems of the University pitted those members of the University engaged in its primary academic function against those involved in the more mundane, but essential support of this function. The two points I have tried to make are firstly that it is high time that all members of the community were aware of the severity of the proposed cutbacks. and secondly that the various groups carrying out different roles at York should appreciate the effect that

such cutbacks are likely to have on all components of the University.

It has been stated by the Ontario Council of University Affairs that 1978 is only the first of three years when provincial financing will be "below the level we have come to expect". If this is true it will require the good will and best efforts of all groups, working in unison, without regard for parochial interests, if the independence and well-being of the



University is to be assured.

C.G. Dunn – Director of Safety and Security Services



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**David Chodikoff** 

CYSF is becoming increasingly aware that its present office location is not adequately serving the needs of the York student body. Recent surveys show that the majority of York student don't even know what CYSF is, let alone where it is, (Room 105, Central Square). Our main office problem is visible exposure to students.

Accordingly CYSF proposed to the Excalibur Board of Publications, at their last board meeting on Thursday, February 2, 1978 that it would be of benefit to the student body if CYSF could switch current office locations with Excalibur. The current Excalibur offices would provide CYSF with greatly improved exposure to the student body through utilizing their large glass frontage, which Excalibur doesn't even use. A publications office doesn't really need the outward visibility that is essential to an efficient student federation office. Excalibur's exposure comes automatically through their weekly publication.

CYSF is preparing a brief to be presented to the administration and Excalibur's Board of Publications. If you have any comments or suggestions we would appreciate hearing of them. Drop in to the CYSF office in person or use the suggestion box outside the CYSF office.

Robin Carter
CYSF Rep (Winters)
Excalibur Board of Publications

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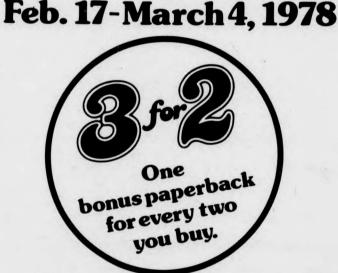
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