

letters

Views on the Radio York issue

Editor:
Re: "\$2 referendum," a letter by Antonio Pacheco, in *Excalibur*, 23 February.

Pacheco's letter, in which he discussed the coming referendum concerning Radio York, has succeeded in confusing two distinctly different issues.

One issue relates to Mr. Pacheco's preference in the coming vote while the other issue is democracy and Mr. Pacheco's perception of it. They are related to the extent that democracy allows Mr. Pacheco, and York students, the opportunity to again voice their opinion concerning Radio York.

Pacheco made reference to the fact that only last year a similar referendum had been defeated. First, last year's referendum was defeated by only a small margin. Second, since that time Radio York has gone from an organization with weak leadership concerned more with salaries than the future, to an organization with stability, intelligent leadership, and a long term plan. This turn around has been accomplished by a group of dedicated volunteers, with negligible financial support, who deserve a second chance.

Pacheco is correct in stating Radio York is "being heard infrequently," but necessarily because "no one wants to listen" but more accurately because few have the opportunity. Given time they will have just such a chance.

Let's be thankful for democracy and the opportunity to once again

voice our opinion.
I will vote YES.

—Valance R. Ellies

Another view

Editor:

What's this I hear about a referendum to deal with a \$2 levy on our tuition fees to cover Radio York's expansion costs? What, are you crazy? I thought we had this mess all worked out last year. This is totally unfair. It seems like you're pushing the issue, until the people who want the increase win. They're just poor losers. If this is how this university works, forget it.

Why isn't Radio York heard enough around campus? Did it ever cross your mind that their music stinks? Obviously, there are others who feel the same way I do. Why should we be forced to pay into something that we don't even like? If Radio York wants to expand, they should do so without involving the whole student body. Since they feel so proud of their station, they should encourage their faithful listeners to help them out.

If Radio York wants funding, maybe they should try playing real music instead of garbage. Who knows, you might get heard more often, but until then, forget the \$2 levy.

—Enza Donato

'Dick-all' writer a ranter and raver

Editor:

I'd like to respond to last week's letter regarding the \$2.00 referen-

dum for Radio York. First of all I'd like to make it clear that I'm not affiliated with Radio York in any way. Secondly, it disturbs me to think that someone like Antonio Pacheco, who as a university student, is not above writing a letter that is nothing more than ranting and raving and using terms like "democracy" indiscriminately.

Holding another referendum will not "make a mockery of our democratic system" but on the contrary it would reaffirm freedom of speech which is fundamental to democracy. Some people may have changed their minds from last year. There are also many new students this year who didn't vote in last year's referendum and many who did who have graduated. Therefore another referendum is certainly not redundant but essential.

As to why Radio York is "being heard infrequently" is not because "no one wants to listen to it," but rather there are few places no campus it can be heard. Radio York plans to rectify this by purchasing equipment that will enable students in residence to receive the station on their radios. I find it appalling that a university of this size and calibre doesn't have a radio station with a much greater broadcast capability than currently exists. Even Brock has a more substantial radio station! A radio station, like a newspaper, is an integral part of a community.

If Radio York knows "dick all" about music, which I doubt, and plays "shit," also which I doubt, it is still no reason to withdraw financial support. First of all I would not want to dictate to the station the type of music they should be playing—



Assessing Existere

Editor:

Bad Numb

Poetry can no mean sheep that sing vertigo "existere" is pretentious as money spends aloud "a tree named desire" so enriched was a cat landed moon side that we glad Vanier College Council Wayne Gretzky of capital expenditure mew mew high

—peter i Fyfe

everyone has different tastes and preferences, and secondly a university is a place where the adventure-some must explore—"Tentanda Via." Finally, for someone who is so concerned about "furthering his education," I wonder what Antonio is learning if he is only capable of using expressions like "dick all" and "shit" to state his opinion on Radio York's music.

Radio York must have the funding necessary to expand and be heard all over campus. Come on York, a \$2.00 levy is certainly not an unreasonable amount to ensure this!

—Robin Walsh



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