

Letters To The Editor

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Kasher and supporters lack political savvy

I must thank Tony Carty for his feature concerning Robert Kasher and his presidential aspirations. It confirmed all my feelings about the so-called United Left Coalition presently reigning supreme in CYSF.

In commenting on his crushing defeat as a candidate for the Board of Governors last term, Mr. Kasher reveals a somewhat unusual understanding of democratic elective processes. I quote: "To begin with, he believes that December was a bad month to hold an election, and at any rate, many more students took part in December's election than will participate in the upcoming one."

What is Mr. Kasher's hope — that as long as the turnout remains tiny, and the voters largely committed leftists, the ULC will win? Such a result always remains possible. If the great majority of the student body remains apathetic, these radical factions can win by default.

I recall one president being elected in the early '70s with the sup-

port of only 6 per cent of the student body, when only 10 per cent of the students bothered to vote.

Yet, in December, there was a much larger turnout than normal in campus elections and the ULC slate was rejected. Now Mr. Kasher, a large degree of electoral interest is good, even vital for the democratic process. When a sleepy mass as apathetic as our student body shakes off its lethargy, even long enough to cast a ballot, they are trying to tell the politicians something.

Perhaps they are telling them that they are sick of the repeatedly juvenile antics of the ULC. They may be, as I am, fed up with the politics of empty rhetoric, the strategy of constant and often childish confrontation, and the grandiose fantasies of radical leftism.

Mr. Kasher's supporters do not appear from their comments on his behalf to be any more perceptive or logical than he is. Susan Grant, CYSF vice-president of communications and student ser-

vices, contends that "that was a badly run campaign — nevertheless, he'd make a good president because he's a very committed person."

If a person can't run a decent campaign, one might entertain the suspicion that he couldn't run a large complex student government either. Moreover Ms. Grant, you seem to equate commitment with competence. George Wallace and Jack Horner are both deeply committed men and yet, neither you nor I, believe for a moment that they should be the leaders of their respective countries. Or is it only committed 'radical leftists', who automatically make good leaders?

Abie Weisfeld argues that one reason for Kasher and the ULC's December defeat was the fact that "many more conservative students from Osgoode Hall and Administrative Studies voted in December." I suspect that the ULC keeps its 'conservative' files in the same drawer as the leprosy file.

As I voted against Mr. Kasher

and his running mate (and urged my friends to do the same), I noted an unusually high turnout at the Osgoode poll. While I'm sure that the ULC shudders to think of these two 'fascist' bastions next door, we do have the vote and choosing to use it wisely, sensibly and anti-ULC is our privilege.

To give Mr. Kasher his due, I note from his picture that he has at least one vital requisite for a successful politician, a wide smile and terrific teeth.

Unfortunately, however, he seems to have little else.

Murray G. Meldrum

Kasher claims article wrong

I would just like to point out that in the article concerning me published in the last issue of Excalibur there were two inaccuracies. Both regarded my interpretation of the December election results.

One, I did not blame these

results on the election's being held in December. I don't think timing is of much real importance in these things. Second, I didn't feel that the number of students participating had anything to do with it at all.

I have a feeling that my explanations in regards to the special circumstances involved in that election were taken to be an explanation for my own feelings as to why the ULC candidates lost. I feel bad that this occurred because in general the article was quite kind to me.

However, when inaccuracies occur they must be pointed out.

Robert J. Kasher

Excalibur's tape of the interview with Mr. Kasher does not bear out his objections.

Excalibur yellow

Your editorial entitled "The Thomas Curtis Affair", February 5, 1976 indicates once again that yellow journalism is not dead but survives at York University.

Your attacks on security and its head, George Dunn, throughout the year and particularly in this editorial show a lack of perception and a propensity to jump to conclusions.

After spending three years on the main campus and now living at Glendon, I am aware, and I believe most intelligent students are aware of the great handicap that Mr. Dunn and his staff are working under. The main campus is large, his staff is small and the number of unwanted visitors continues to rise.

The students have not helped the situation as they want to be "cool".

If students assisted security by calling 3333 every time they saw either suspicious characters or a suspicious activity going on, York might become a safer and more enjoyable place to live.

Your accusations that George Dunn was evasive, nervous and edgy; that he claimed he didn't know how Metro Police found out about Thomas's record; and that there might have been a conspiracy; indicate great imagination and lousy reporting.

Did it ever occur to you that Thomas was caught by a very simple process. He appeared to be removing university property and York university apprehended him and then called in the Metropolitan Toronto Police as they would do in any situation where a theft appeared to have taken place. The Metropolitan Toronto Police ran a check on Mr. Thomas and found out that they should be interested in him. Just normal police work, no conspiracy!

Your accusations about George Dunn were inaccurate. As the head of security, Mr. Dunn moves around the campus frequently and often he is not easy to get a hold of. He is by profession a policeman and therefore cautious in his answers, which explains his reluctance to speculate how Metro Police found out about Thomas's background.

Your reporter's observation that Mr. Dunn appeared nervous because he was playing with his pipe indicates that your reporter was never spoken to Mr. Dunn in the past as anybody who has sat in Mr. Dunn's office knows that he always fiddles with his pipe when he is talking!

Come on Excalibur! Stop looking for conspiracies where there aren't any and start doing some decent factual reporting.

John Hoyles
Glendon College

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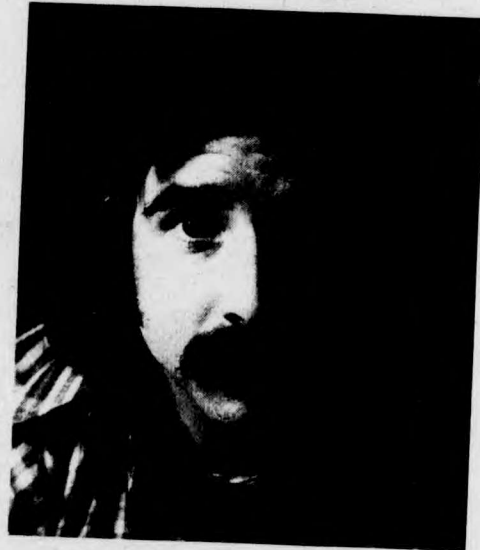
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