

Students on Board - we care

Chairman of the Board Pete Scott has told Excalibur that we should lay off on our anti-chapel editorials.

It seems we're scaring off potential donors. He said our editorial rejection of the chapel is like slapping gift bearers in the face.

We are not trying to slap potential donors in the face. To the contrary we welcome them, and appreciate their interests in our university.

Board members and outside donors have been generous in their contributions to York — they are partially responsible for making York what it is.

But what we do object to is the fact that these donations are affecting us, and our university, and yet we have no say in whether we want these effects. Donations are handled at the Board level — there are no students on the Board.

There is no guarantee another donor will not come along and offer us something we feel is equally less essential.

Yet there is still no representation from students to tell the Board what such specially tagged gifts will not do for us.

Students want to have a voice on the future of their university.

We are the ones who are establishing the traditions at York.

Is it not possible for one of these traditions to be cooperation with the Board, in open meetings with student membership?

The lack of communication is doing little more than laying the basis for a future Columbia — students are being left out, and will react as a mass as they did at Columbia, when the right conflict and conditions arise unless we lay the right framework of working together in a community now.

The Board does not seem to understand our stand on chapel. Perhaps they do not understand our position on other issues as well, which concern the individual students of this university, such as the quality of education.

"What kind of education do you want," chairman Scott recently asked in an address to some students? The point is, we really aren't asked, or consulted, by the board.

We would like to answer chairman Scott; we would like to answer him every time the board meets. But students have no representation on the board. We don't know what the board is doing, or why,

and they don't know what kind of education we want.

There seems to be a good basis for the inclusion of students on the board, if just to tell chairman Scott what kind of education we want.

Faculty Funnies

York faculty members refused to attend YSC's last elite retreat.

They told the parking lot sign pullers that as a result of their action, they felt they had nothing to communicate about.

Its bad enough that YSC has to pull out parking signs to promote social equality, but when the faculty takes them that seriously, even to the point of our "teachers" no longer having anything to say, we wonder.

Earlier in the year it was the silly season for student politicians. Now the profs have caught the same bug.

Oh well, at least they all got to go to Festival, since there was no retreat.

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Wrong parking people

On November the 8th, I released a statement about the Committee on Parking and the protest of the York Student Council against what they describe as segregated parking facilities. In it I said that the York Student Council helped to set up the Committee on Parking. That is an incorrect statement. The body that helped to set up the committee preceded the York Student Council and was known as the Student Representative Council.
DM Healy (Vice-President)
Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Excalifan from U.S.

As a student from the states and attending an Illinois School, reading Excalibur was really a good experience. I hope that the minds of the editors are really as radical as they appear. I also hope they have solutions for the problems they present to York's students.

All I want to say is I really dig your school paper compared to my school paper. We'd never get away with the "perverted way" of putting a bare breast on the front page (which is really a beautiful thing). We can't even get away with using the word "screw"! Which only shows you how far you've gotten with your administration compared to ours.

Anyway, you've got a good thing going for your students — keep it up. I'd really like you to send it to me every week or let me subscribe to it. I'd rather read your paper than the muck printed by my fellow students.

Mary Jean Malloy
Southern Illinois University
C'dale, Illinois

a chapel — why not?

I was most concerned to read the editorial in the October 10 issue of the Excalibur headed "To Learn or to Pray".

There is no doubt that students should comment on the progress of their university, and it is undoubtedly helpful if their goals can be communicated to the various groups responsible for the university's development. Certainly, the university will make better progress if the constructive opinions of students are considered; however, words such as those contained in your editorial can cause great harm to the university, and in this particular case I consider it a

thoughtless and unwarranted attack on a person who wished to make a substantial contribution; one which would result in what he and many York students consider a necessary and highly desirable objective.

As I understand it, many religious groups have wanted separate facilities on the campus, but several student groups have successfully argued for one non-denominational religious centre. If the donor agrees with this view and has expressed his deep convictions by providing funds for this centre, no member of the university has the right to suggest that his money should be directed in any other manner. I am certain you would argue for the right of a man to wear a beard, or beads; why does a man not have the same freedom to give his money as he wishes?

In North America many universities have been able to make huge

advances in their growth in directions which would not otherwise have been possible as a result of the convictions of private donors, who have directed the manner in which their money was to be spent. In many cases these gifts have been made following a great deal of study and mature thought.

The damage done by your editorial is: firstly, it attacks a person who, through his gift, has tried to improve the life of the students at York University; and secondly, will deter other prospective donors from contributing to this university, and encourage them to donate money in other directions.

I am certain that your editorial does not express the opinion of a significant number of students and I hope that all students at York University will recognize the gift for what it is — a gift by a person who

wishes to make what, in his judgement, is a significant contribution to the complete education of the students of York University.

John D. Leitch

Park in dining halls?

I couldn't help noticing that during last Friday's dramatic Mass Meeting to discuss the Parking Situation on campus (and other intensely emotional matters) the service in the Founders Vanier servery was speeded up considerably.

Attendance at the meeting seemed to relieve the pressure and the usual line-up was not nearly so long.

I was wondering if we haven't stumbled upon a possible solution to all our griefs. Why can't we hold parking protest meetings every noon-hour? Perhaps we could even convince

Versafoods to serve the lunch meal in the parking lots and all park our cars in the dining halls?

It has also been noted that Winters College has decided to offer its High Table service (i.e. meals served by waitresses) on the main level of the dining hall rather than on the raised dais. This is apparently intended to spark "a new feeling of community" in the college.

If the level at which we eat is so essential to our compatibility I'm reasonably sure the Bell Telephone, as a goodwill gesture, would issue the university with a few thousand old telephone books which we could place on all the dining room chairs and allow everybody to feel as 'high' as everybody else.

Perhaps those ordering the cheaper meals or only having a hot dog would only get to sit on the thinner suburban edition of the telephone book.

I think we can work these problems out to everybody's satisfaction if we only put our heads (and perhaps our posteriors) together.
Yours sincerely
Snead Hearn.

Labs in colleges

Students may not be aware of the existence of the satellite dial access installations in Founders, Vanier and Winters Colleges, and we would therefore like to draw your attention to these facilities.

These installations are located in Founders room 016, Vanier 029A, and Winters 111, and are open from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight. Not only can these facilities save students time in walking to labs, but they can be used at any hour, even when those in Farquarson and Petrie are closed. Furthermore, students can make up labs they couldn't attend in the daytime.

It is hoped that advantage will be taken of these satellite dial access stations. Although the installations are experimental at this time they could be extended if use warrants this. Vandals have already stolen two sets of earphones, one by ripping the whole installation off the wall (these head sets are not usable with FM or Hi-Fi amplifiers).

It would be regrettable if the destructiveness of a few individuals resulted in these sections being closed down, thereby depriving large numbers of students of the possibility of benefiting from these facilities.

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