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the urging of such groups as the Graduate Students' Association, a thorough review of the by-laws and practices of the radio station.

They don't work quickly, but the Board has deferred Mr. Zaretsky's reappointment.

The students of York are members of the CHRY's corporation and are entitled to ask questions about CHRY and expect unambiguous, honest and prompt answers.

As one of the students on the Board, my questions were met with defamatory letters. Finally, Mr. Zaretsky will find time to put that law degree to use.

M. Michael Schiff
Vice-President, GSA
and CHRY volunteer

CHRY story "confusing"

Whoah! I had to get out my Marshall McLuhan to understand Jerome Ryckborst's confusing (and confused) "perspective" article praising CHRY's recent management decisions (February 23, *Excalibur*). Toward the end of it even some names are switched around, although most readers must have given up before that. Ryckborst seems to believe (as do many administration officials) that any problem will disappear if you dump enough inflated prose on top of it.

But in this case he is wrong. The "John Doyle affair" is not going to go away, and all this dancing around is only making it last longer. Between the lines Ryckborst seems to admit that the station's management acted like idiots, "but this is community radio, so shut up!"

As a volunteer at CHRY last summer I felt confident I was working with the best news director on campus radio in Toronto. Today the station's newscasts (produced by "20" or "33" volunteers) are often badly written and worse read. Zaretsky claims to be "directly responsible" to the station's volunteers and says he worries about how they feel. I hope none of them stay long enough to get on his nerves.

Michael Adler

Letter from Nicaragua?

Dear Editor,
It has been brought to my attention that in last week's *Excalibur*'s, "CHRY: the facts, the innuendo," it was reported that Comrade Juan Doyle had been forced to go to Nicaragua. This is not true. We have invited Comrade Juan Doyle to visit us on many occasions, but we understand that Comrade Juan Doyle is very busy fighting for workers' rights at York University.

I hope that this sets the record straight.

Viva!
Daniel Ortega
President
Nicaragua

Women are "prisoners"

Dear York Community:

I leave my house in the morning on my way to school. A construction worker whistles at me as I walk by a site. I want to go over to him. I want to explain to him that leering at women is degrading to both women and to himself. I want to sit down and discuss how many problems in our society stem from an image of women which, for thousands of years, has created a fictional identity leaving women subordinates in society and prisoners within themselves. I want to speak to him about the frightening statistics linking pornography to rape. I want to show

him how Ted Bundy is not an exception, merely an extreme. I want to tell him about the other day I spent in a woman's shelter amidst people who, after being beaten and abused within their own home, don't have a society to which they can go to find comfort. I want to show him pictures of 13-year-old anorexics and bulemics who cannot live inside their own bodies. There is so much I want to tell him about the myth of woman propagated through our media and thrust out onto myself and my sisters. I want to throw a snowball at his head. And I want to cry.

But, I must get to school. At school, things will be better. At school, people are concerned about societal issues. At school, people are studying because they want to better our society.

At school, there is a coffee shop in one of the colleges. The room bustles with discussion and activity. Three men in the corner loom over a Sunshine Girl. They have already studied the semi-clad woman on the front page. (After all — no news is good news, right?) The walls figure posters for beer advertisements, but I don't understand why a woman is wearing a beer label for a bathing suit. I don't understand why women in another beer ad are parading around in their bikinis. Is there some iconographic connection between swimming and drinking that I am not aware of? Perhaps these are just examples of average beer drinkers. No. There's something in bathing suits that I am must not aware of, because in another corner someone reads a special *Sports Illustrated* edition. It could be that there is a sport which is played in bathing suits only by women, and that after playing this sport they go out for a beer. But I have seen these bathing suits and I don't think they would stay up if the women were moving about. Moreover, the women don't seem to be involved in beer drinking. I don't understand. I am at an institute for "higher learning," a place where we are supposed to be undertaking an epistemic quest for truth, yet we are suffocating in myth. I look outside; there isn't enough snow to make a snowball big enough to throw at all the people who are reading *The Sun*, the people who put these posters up, or the ones who sit around discussing metaphysics, oblivious to their environment.

I have to go to class now. Because I don't understand.

Anita Wargel

Level of Water a hit

To the Editor,
Re: centrespread (March 2, 1989).
I like it.

Neil Ballantyne

CYSF is "important"

Dear Editor,

It is my first month at York University. I started in the Winter/Summer programme on February 6, 1989. Unfortunately, in this first month at York I have found that the interest in the University by students is far too lackadaisical. They do not care what happens to the University, and definitely do not want to get involved.

On March 15 the CYSF is having its annual election, and if it is anything like last year's election, only about 5 per cent of the students at York are going to vote. What the students do not seem to realize is that the CYSF is the main organization in the University that is there to help the students. The problem seems to be that students do not realize how important it is to have the right representation on the CYSF, for without the proper representation students will not be fairly treated, and the funds which the council has will not be distributed in a fair and just way.

Sincerely,
Richard Marcovitch



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