

# Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity  
—Lord Acton

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## What if they had an election and nobody came?

Passing the buck has long been a favourite past-time. People are always quick to dodge blame and pass responsibility down the line for actions they believe unfavourable. But there comes a time when someone, somewhere in the chain of command must be held responsible for the actions (or non-actions) of themselves or those responsible to them. There comes a time when a leader must take charge, take responsibility and sometimes, even take the blame.

The CYSF will not be holding an election this Tuesday to elect a new student representative to the Board of Governors. The election has not been postponed due to some secret political power play, some mystery vote by the student council.

The Board of Governors election will not be held this week because the CYSF blew it, they screwed up.

CYSF fouled-up election publicity so badly, that eligible constituencies were not informed of their right to participate. As a result, the election had to be dropped, maybe to be tried again later.

The blame for this horrendous botch-up falls squarely and directly on the shoulders of CYSF President Barry Edson. Edson is the only 'full-time', paid member of the student council. He is the one who is supposed to be on the job five days a week to see the council runs properly, to see the 'little' things get done. And he didn't do it.

Now Edson is squirming and tossing blame for the foul-up in any direction he can. It's the old CRO's fault, Glendon's, and so on.

The fault is Edson's. This may seem harsh but a 'leader' has to lead, he or she has to make sure things get done. And when things don't get done, finally they have to take the blame. In the end it was Edson's responsibility to see that everyone who should have known about the elections knew, to see everyone had the opportunity to participate in a fair and important election.

At one point a few weeks ago, the council considered having no elections. One reason they cited for this, was their aim to serve money. Now, due to incompetence, the council has to spend money — your money — to hold an additional election for the board of governors.

We hope they will hold a new election, we hope that is their plan. There can be no talk of saving money now to accommodate this foul-up. The council must now bend over backwards to see the board candidates get their chance to run, that students get their chance to vote.

With this latest blunder, Edson's credibility as a leader, as the president of CYSF, is shaken like never before. Edson will have to work very hard to make students forget the week he forget to tell them about an election. They just might chose to forget about him.



Did you ever get the feeling you forgot something?

## 1000-watt licence could cap rebuilding year at CKRY

At the end of last year, Radio York (CKRY) was in a shambles. Among other things, the station suffered from a lack of credibility

among the York community, as well as a \$10,000 debt owed to the York administration. After switching station managers, a major cleanup was started.

New station manager Richard Gould immediately began negotiating with CYSF and John Becker to try to resolve the debt, which led to a new CKRY constitution. Gould then worked towards expanding the variety of the station's library, and the creativity of the announcers. His success at this though not complete, has been surprising, considering the legacy that was left for him.

Now, Gould has decided that he can complete the transformation, and provide York with a broadcast-worthy outlet. He has introduced plans for mounting an antenna on top of McLaughlin Residence, and beaming CKRY (as a community station) to all of North York. Most of the general plans have already been thought out, and Gould hopes to approach the CRTC this summer.

However, there are some glaring holes in the proposal, and one of the major ones is financial support. Gould is not

yet sure who will guarantee the station's operating expenses for the first few years, and such a project must have solid financial backing before the CRTC will even consider the application. Add to this, the fact that Gould's proposal includes the promise of no paid advertising.

Besides the economics of the situation, there are still some further internal changes to be made. The hierarchical structure of the station seems to have a low priority in the plans, as does the problem of where the staff will come from (even in its present reduced form, CKRY is badly in need of fresh help).

At one point this year, it is conceivable that CKRY will approach the students, either through the colleges and CYSF, or directly through a referendum at the March CYSF elections. Having followed the progress of the station so far, we feel that CKRY does have the potential to bring itself up to the standards that the CRTC and the York community will set for it, financially and otherwise. If it can do that, what was unthinkable at the station only months ago and become reality.

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in room 111 Central Square.

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