

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Former BOG candidate appalled at CYSF over election notice

It was with great interest that I read the report of Paul Kellogg in regard to the reaction to the postponing of the Board of Governors election. Having run for the position myself the first time an election was held for the post two years ago (not last year as it was indicated in Excalibur that the first general election for the post was offered), I had been appalled at the recent proceedings. No notice of election had been sent out to the student associations of York University to notify them that the election was upcoming and seeking candidates; no effort to solicit assistance in the running of the election nor the selection of an election's officer had been sent to any constituency; and a reasonable length of time between the closing of nominations and the actual date of the election had not been allowed in which the candidates might educate the voters in their qualifications and intentions as candidates.

Polls for Atkinson College were to be allowed only on Tuesday evening from 6 pm to 9:30 pm thus disallowing three quarters of the Atkinson students from voting unless they made a special trip to the campus for that purpose. The Atkinson Students' Association itself was not notified of the election until late Thursday afternoon and although two Atkinson students had made known to the ACSA executive their own intentions of running for the seat on the Board of Governors when the next election was held, no member of the ACSA Executive, staff nor potential candidates had seen the notice of the election posted in Excalibur. (CYSF might be wise to note that there are certainly other student newspapers on campus and not everyone reads Excalibur.)

Not every student association at York is a member of CYSF and therefore I do not understand how CYSF feels that it can speak for all York students nor how it can decide unilaterally how and when an election of such importance will be held. This election should be, and is supposed to be, open to every qualified member of the student body regardless of their college affiliation. All students are entitled to that right and CYSF has no business in making decision that affect that right.

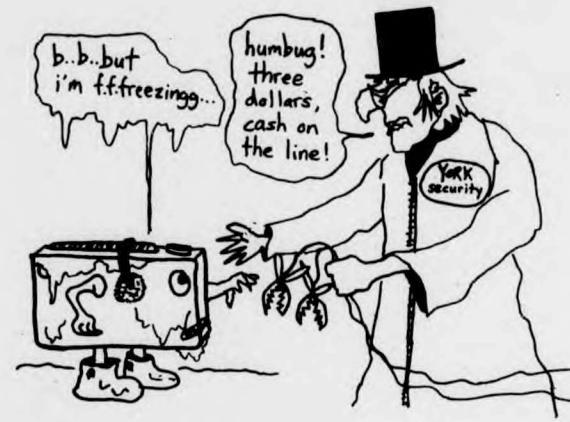
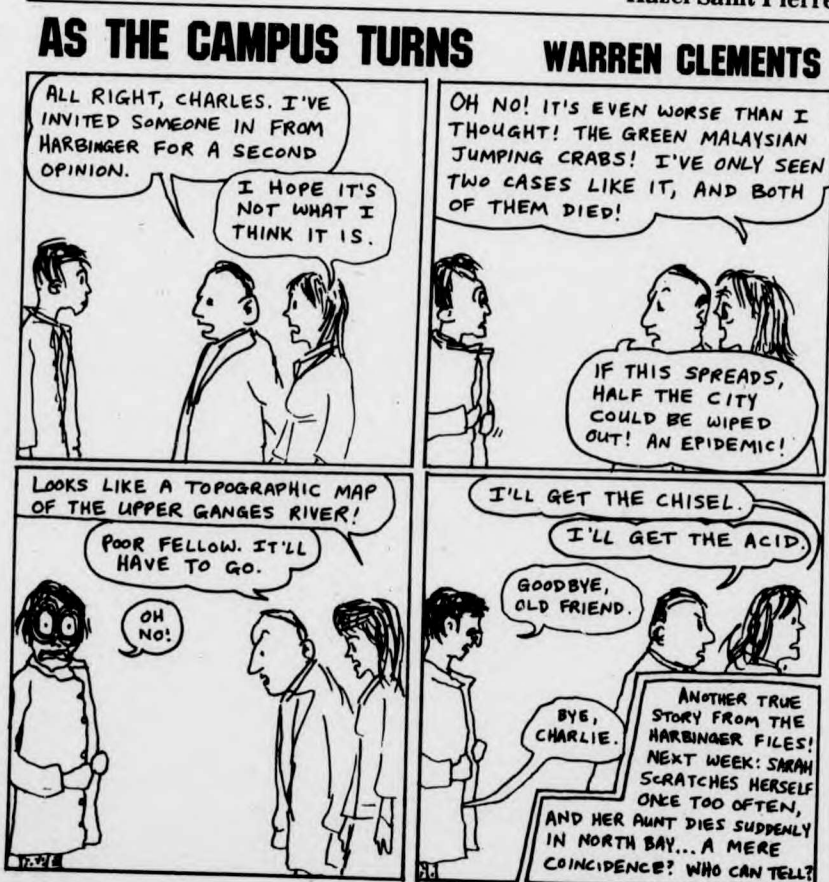
So far as Glendon not being notified of the election, I was told on Monday who the D.R.O. at Glendon was and I was able on the first phone call to reach Terence Takashima and arrange for the Atkinson students at Glendon to maintain the poll there on the Tuesday evening. Obviously no attempt had been made earlier than Thursday to notify that constituency of the election.

On Tuesday the president of ACSA was called and asked for her opinion of what had taken place with the latest development in the election. At that time she expressed her views to Mr. Kellogg. On National Student Day, November 9 and earlier, views of the executive of ACSA had been solicited by members of the Excalibur staff, notably Agnes Kruchio, who spoke to the ACSA Vice-President for nearly an hour. It is quite conspicuous in both editions that not only are these views not reported but that no mention is even made of ACSA for Atkinson. (Except for one small inclusion by George Manios along with the names of Bethune, Glendon, Osgoode and CYSF.)

If you wonder why no one is reading Excalibur at Atkinson try looking to your own reporting. Next to hearing your own name on another's lips the surest way to win friends and influence people (at least for a newspaper) is to let them see their name in print. If you want to (and I for one am not sure that you do) increase your readership within Atkinson I suggest that you start reporting things of interest to Atkinson students. While Atkinson students may have some interest in the proceedings of CYSF they are also interested in what is going on at their own college, as well as at the colleges where their classrooms are located. To continue to neglect the other colleges to the glorification (?) of CYSF will only further alienate the other colleges.

If CYSF does not seek the cooperation of the other colleges at York in conducting the election for the Board of Governors and in ensuring that the election is carried out in a reasonable and responsible manner and with experience I would certainly hope that the election would be challenged.

Hazel Saint Pierre.



## Poor battery service, charges York reader

I reacted with initial pleasure, but then with consternation and disappointment to the article in last week's Excalibur which informed that through the (sic) generosity of the powers that be in this university a "battery booster service" has been initiated. Was this move genuinely motivated by good faith or was it merely a ploy on the part of the university to appear concerned with the members of its community? I guess that two things bother me.

First, I wonder about the \$3 service charge. Is its purpose to offset the price of a set of booster cables (which retail at under \$10), or is it to pay for the time taken away from the exceedingly demanding routine of York Security personnel as they protect our campus from evil? Even so, isn't \$3 for at the most 10 minutes worth of time (an hourly rate of \$18 per hour) a little excessive? Why charge anything? A free battery boosting service would certainly improve the negative image most students have of York Security.

Second, if York Security "patrols" the campus 24 hours a day, why shouldn't the booster service be available all day long? It's even worse to be stuck on campus with a dead battery late at night or in the early morning hours. Do York Security personnel become suddenly overloaded with work after 10:30 pm? Why not offer the service at any time of day?

I don't think provision of such a service would severely tax the load on York Security or even cost the university any money.

It would, however, require the presence of a basic and underlying feeling of positive regard for the concerns of the people who make up this university community on the part of the university administration, something that I have grave doubts about. Any response, Mr. Dunn?

Allan R. Mandel  
Bethune College

P.S. It would also be a good idea if York Security could carry shovels in their vehicles to aid snowed-in cars.

## Over the counter conversation

Been to the undergraduate transcript office lately? Be well advised not to ask why they don't give change.

Last week I went down to the transcript office to place my order. One of the secretaries came to the counter. My bill came to \$3.25 and all I had was a \$5 bill. Naturally I asked for change. She replied 'We don't make change'. I then asked if she personally could give me change for my \$5. She again replied 'We don't make change'. At somewhat a loss to understand why an office that deals in money daily does not give change, I simply asked 'Why don't you make change?'

That's when she let me have it. She acted as if I had just said something indecent to her and replied quite indignantly. 'Because we don't, and I'm getting sick of people asking me why all the time'.

I must admit I was totally unprepared for her remark and didn't feel that my question warranted such a hostile response.

I therefore suggest that the transcript office either start giving change, since they have money passing over the counter anyway, or put up a large clearly visible sign stating that the office does not give change. In this way, other people needing transcripts won't get verbally short-changed like I did.

M. Chernick

## CYSF suffers from lapses in common sense

I was quite amused to read of the buck-passing by Messrs. Freedman and Edson with regards to the Board of Governors' election. It seems that these gentlemen need correcting with regards to certain facts.

Mr. Edson is quite wrong when he states that Excalibur is read at Glendon. In the first place I have never seen more than 2 or 3 bundles of any issue of Excalibur on campus and even then they are rarely noticed by the students, let alone read by them. In the second place Mr. Edson seems convinced that an ad in Excalibur constitutes official notification, an assumption which I feel reflects very poorly on his attitude towards part of the electorate.

Turning now to Mr. Feedman, it seems to me rather suspicious that he does not mention attempting to contact the GCSU until two days after nominations opened. Perhaps Mr. Freedman also did not call on Thursday since there is almost always at least one council member in GCSU offices between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Despite these amazing lapses in common sense, the fact remains that it was CYSF's responsibility to officially notify the GCSU in writing before nominations opened, even if Mr. Edson had to do it personally. Perhaps now CYSF realizes that elections must be run properly and will not forget to inform the entire electorate before the election gets under way.

Philip Rouse,  
Chairman, GCSU

## Our football team must go: Seer editor

I must confess that I was both pleased and baffled to discover from the sport pages of last week's edition that York is actually not a school of losing sports teams. In fact, as your numerous articles proved, few Ontario Universities can boast of a record as successful as our own. On one page alone your reporters told of York's victories at rugby, ice hockey, water polo, basketball, and men's diving, and for one of these teams (rugby) the win brought us the Ontario Championship.

Nevertheless, the image of York as a loser persists. The reason for this is that the only York team which traditionally loses is our football squad, and this happens to be a sport which receives considerable attention from the media, and is also the first sport played during the academic year. Consequently, a York student meeting someone from another Ontario University is not likely to be told "You have a very good hockey team" or even "You have an excellent rugby team" but rather "You sure have a terrible football team." This unfortunate situation is compounded when the coach of this football team, as was the case this year, constantly uses the daily news media to attack

York's students and faculty. All of this results in bad publicity for our University and a bad self-image for our students.

This is an unhealthy situation, and there is one simple and direct remedy for it. We must immediately and permanently disband the York Yeomen Football Team, and use the money saved by this action to support those teams which have proved themselves worthy of our encouragement. When we have done this, the first sports in which York participates each year will be rugby and ice hockey, both of which we excel at, and York will soon become known as a school of winners, a title which we truly deserve.

I sincerely hope that those individuals who are in the position to make such a decision will seriously consider this suggestion at once, for I fear that otherwise we shall be forced to endure another season of Mr. Aldridge's cheap shots at students in the paper, and, his attempts to show that the team's losing record in previous years was not Mr. Wirkowski's fault each time the team takes to the field.

Phil Carr,  
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The Winters Seer.