



Roadkill Stew

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by Letitia Tendentious and Sid "Midnight" Tyson

Blood and guts filled the highways this morning as the six official *Excalibur* mascot election candidates were killed in an auto accident. "It was horrible," OPP officer Scott Vermicelli exclaimed. "Road kill stew everywhere!"

The candidates were returning late last night or early this morning from the campaign party in the chipmunk's blood red convertible sports camper (license plate: NUTS 2 U), when it ran into a tree. Nobody is certain why the vehicle left the road, but



Hey Martha, what's for supper?

a cow which looked suspiciously like last year's mascot was reported to have been seen in the vicinity.

The car was totalled, killing the chipmunk and the hamster instantly. The bear wandered off into the woods, where it was illegally shot out of season. The fish, pelican and perezosa flopped, hopped and slothed onto the highway, respectively, where they were immediately struck down by oncoming traffic.

One passerby, Erotico Ignatieff, a mushroom gatherer out late (peak gathering hours are between two and four in the morning) thought he saw a cow on the road, checking her watch, scanning the horizon and batting her big brown eyes nervously. Minutes later, Ignatieff heard a crash.

The OPP are investigating the allegation. Plaster tire prints have also been taken off the bodies, and

the OPP expects to have the make of the offending vehicle or vehicles within 24 hours.

"Why did they let the chipmunk drive?" the cow moaned. "Everybody knows it couldn't hold its liquor!"

The OPP is considering laying charges against the owner of the tavern where the party was held. "The legal drinking age for squirrels, hamsters, chipmunks and other rodents of that size is four," Vermicelli explained. "This chipmunk was three, three and a half years old, tops."

"If he had been carded, this whole tragedy might have been avoided."

Reaction within the *Excalibur* staff was mixed. Some, like staff artist Frank Comeon, were pleased that the official candidates had been eliminated: "This campaign was biased against invertebrates," he said. "You don't need a spine to show backbone. Unite to fight for slug rights!"

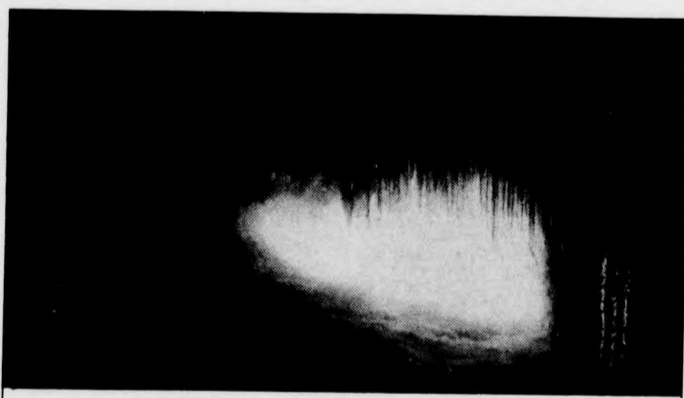
But, most staffers were crushed. Production manager Steve Perry(zosa) summed it up best when he said, "I need a summer vacation."

With all the official candidates permanently out of the race, nobody knew who would become the new *Excalibur* mascot. "There's always the slug," Chief Rodent Officer Ira Nayman sniffed. "But, I don't think York is ready for such an earthy character. I guess it will be up to the new editorial staff..."

Incoming *Excalibur* editor Peter Stathiscope said, "I'm new here. I don't know what's going on. Who are you, anyway?"



Excalibur iced



Icy conditions plagued Excalibur's newspaper stand.

by Sid "Midnight" Tyson

The *Excalibur* newspaper box located beside the newspaper's 111 Central Square office door has been vandalized again.

At about 10:30 pm Sunday, an *Excalibur* staff member discovered a 36 by 31 by 10 centimetre block of ice cubes on top of the newspapers in the box.

Another staff member estimated that the ice had been there for approximately 15 minutes, since only the top few newspapers were wet.

A security spokesperson said there were no reports of

similar mischievous incidents Sunday night.

A third *Excalibur* staff member checked Central Square and Ross Building hallways in vain for a trail of water or clues leading to the origin of the ice block.

There were no damage costs, just a moist floor and a few newspapers drenched beyond repair.

On November 12, 1989, the same *Excalibur* box was set on fire at about 6 am. Someone also used ashes from the blaze to draw a happy face — that issue's cover graphic — on the wall across from the office. Repair costs were \$500.

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