

Jobs still available for students despite cuts

Dear Editor:

In *Excalibur* on February 8, Ardith Finnegan reported a probable cutback of \$50 million for the federal government's Challenge '90 Summer Employment Programme. Agreed — this is bad news for students. However there is still a bright future for summer job seekers. More employers than ever before participated in York's recent Summer Job Fair.

The University's Job Posting Service (N108 Ross) has hundreds of available summer vacancies. More jobs are being faxed to York daily. Students can respond to employment opportunities with the new Employer Hotline phone. Some salary levels are modest, but if students can impress an employer with an excellent resume and a willing attitude, they may be able to negotiate a higher wage.

Despite government cutbacks, employers are literally begging for responsible, hard-working student labour.

Joanne Burns
Placement Program Assistant
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Psych grad students call *Excalibur* 'irresponsible'

Dear Editors:

We would like to respond to your editorial of January 25, 1990, in which you state "A friend of this newspaper asked her undergraduate thesis supervisor for tips on getting into a graduate psychology programme. He told her 75 per cent of female grad students sleep with a professor or advisor."

As women graduate students, we would like to clarify that we, like our male counterparts, were

admitted to the Graduate Programme in Psychology on the basis of our grades, research ability and potential and other academic criteria. We do not wish to deny the experiences of graduate students who have been sexually harassed by professors. However, we consider *Excalibur* to have been irresponsible in printing such a "statistic," and we hope that women thinking of applying to graduate school will not have been deterred by your editorial.

Sincerely,
Fifty-three psychology graduate students and the Psychology Graduate Students' Association

Excalibur's coverage of track and field lacking

Dear Editor:

Please allow me to enlighten you with a few recent headlines from the *Excalibur* sports section: 'Hoops Yeomen drop to 1 and 7', 'Volleyballers swept away', 'York badminton out of playoffs', 'OT heartbreaker for basketball Yeowomen', and I'm sure that your sports editor could find numerous similar headlines for other varsity teams.

How about this for a headline? ... 'Yeowomen and Yeomen track and field numbers one and two respectively in CIAU.' The track and field team, one of York's most successful teams for the past four years, has received little mention in *Excalibur* this year despite competing and doing extremely well in eight meets thus far in the '89-'90 season. It would seem to me that you are not fulfilling your mandate to cover the York community. Being the best (or second best) in the country is worthy of some recognition and support. N.B. As of your February 8 issue ... 'McMaster outskates hockey Yeowomen', 'UQTR squeaks by Yeomen'; and Yeomen pole vaulter, Kevin Lake was named Sport York's Athlete of the month!!!

Joe Kelly

Show more respect for disabled in "mobies"

Dear Editor:

Many students, and almost every staff person, treat me with kindness and consideration, especially the library staff.

Being confined to a mobie, there are not that many tables in the Central Square cafeteria that I can use. In fact, there is just one,

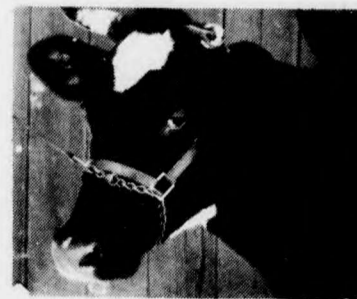
because of the size of my scooter. Most often this table (one unoccupied on both sides by students oblivious to the needs of someone like me. And, even if I go to that table, they tend to ignore me. Three or four times I've been told to "shove off." Once or twice, when I claimed my side, the individual(s) occupying the other side caught the creepy crawlies and moved on, again oblivious to how rotten that makes me feel (MS isn't catching, folks).

On the average I see three disabled people a day in Central Square. To allow the two spaces in the cafeteria — for free access to us — doesn't seem too much to ask.

Try this one on for size. The

next time you are at a plaza shopping or taking someone on a date, each room you enter, each aisle you browse, each wash-room you use, think about this: if you were confined to a chair — see if you could make it.

Yours truly,
Michael Pattison



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