

Family refused entry to Bethune movies

I am writing to complain about a situation that is rather discriminatory. Last Saturday night my wife and I were refused entry to Bethune's movies because we had our little boy with us. The person at the door pointed to the infinitesimal "No children, please" comment on the advertisement and explained that there had been disruptions in the past from children.

So, to solve these disruptions (I have no idea how frequently they occurred), the management made a generalized ruling against all children. All are unruly; none is to be allowed admission.

I wonder if the same practice would occur if some other commotion was noticed that could be blamed on radical or religious elements.

A reasonable way of handling this situation would be for the management to request that any disruptive persons be asked to either refrain or leave. Could it be that generalized regulations are developed due to the lack of nerve of the management?

Finally, though it may not be obvious to those in the undergraduate residences, children are a significant part of the York community in the graduate and Atkinson residences. They deserve to be treated as fairly and with as little prior judgement as does any other member of the community.

Jim Howes

Vivienne So has places to go

I am writing in regard to your article about Vivienne So (Spotlight, January 15, 1976), and the comments she made about not being able to relate to other Chinese students on the campus (e.g., "They don't want to get to know anybody"): These imply that she is living in a "Confucius world" of her own. How often has she ventured out of her dynasty (i.e., the Chinese Student Association) to mingle with fellow Chinese students who are not members of the same organization?

In my opinion, the problem lies not with the Chinese student community but with the Chinese Student Association, of which she is the treasurer. The reason is that the members of the group have a tendency to alienate others by conversing in their own regional dialects which are not fully comprehended by fellow Chinese students. The result is that the group is very cliquish, making assimilation difficult.

Nothing constructive can be achieved by making allegations that have no concrete foundation. The solution lies in recognizing the problem and mutually resolving the differences that are a hindrance to the community as a whole.

Bobby Lin

Police and rape

We strongly object to the attitude expressed by Sergeant Stanton of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department in the article about rape victims (January 15, 1976).

When discussing tactics a rape victim might best employ to her advantage, he suggests it is sometimes best "to relax and enjoy it."

It is shocking to us that a man in a position of such responsibility and prestige in the community should make such a totally irresponsible and archaic remark.

How can women who are potential rape victims be expected to turn for help to a man such as Sergeant Stanton when he obviously believes that women who are raped ask for it?

Would he advise his wife to "relax and enjoy it" should she be attacked?

If this is the attitude that prevails in the Police Department, then we now understand why rape victims are reluctant to report their experiences to the police.

Rape is one of the worst forms of physical assault and is not infrequently associated with murder. Woman must no longer indulge in the fantasy that if they

give in to the rapist they will survive. Women must learn to fight back, to defend themselves against assault.

There is a proliferation of self-defence courses for women being offered in the city. Women should enroll in such courses and acquire the skills necessary to defend themselves, since police attitudes clearly convey a lack of concern about the situation.

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Migdal "useless"

Recently, Hillel-Jewish Student Federation presented their new joint publication Migdal to the campus community. Migdal proudly claims on its front page to be a "non-partisan newspaper produced by and for Jewish students in Toronto and region". It also claims to be "born of great travail".

The "travail" referred to was the successful cancellation of community financial support to Masada, a decidedly Zionist and therefore partisan publication.

Masada was criticized by Ben Mayer (Director of U. of T. Hillel) and Lou Garber (Director, Jewish Student Federation of York) for being divisive and non-representative of the Jewish student community. Migdal it seems, being supported by Mayer

and Garber could not possibly share this criticism. It is doubtful, however, whether Myer Rosen's article "The Flame of Joseph", could by any means be construed as representative of the sentiments of most Jewish students either in tone or content.

Rosen writes about the "rifle butts of the Israeli Labour-Zionist government" and of the "blood-thirsty wretch, Victor Shemtov" (Israeli cabinet minister). These are contemptible words in a time of crisis when Israel needs and deserves the full and united support of the Jewish people.

Is it more "treif" to criticize a Jewish traitor like Barney Danson (as Masada did) or to viciously and fanatically lash out at the "Israeli Labour Zionist government?" This epithet sounds more like those used by the enemies and not the lovers of Israel.

Ben Mayer and Lou Garber are guilty enough for having spearheaded the campaign against Masada; they should be condemned by the community for allowing this diatribe against the State of Israel to appear in their newspaper.

Migdal, containing several frivolous and at least one destructive article is a shameful misuse of community funds. The community has committed a grave error in replacing Masada, a forthright Zionist voice, with Migdal, a publication which is at best useless, and more probably is damaging to the Jewish cause.

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