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Correspondence

Poor Journalism

I am not attempting to put down the *Excalibur* or the style that some of its articles have taken of late. But I am surprised that the *Excalibur* has suddenly taken such an interest in CYSF council meetings. To state that the March fourth meeting was merely a 'clash' between President Montgomery and presidential hopeful Greg Gaudet is poor journalism at best. The last paragraph, of the article, only helps to reinforce this point.

If I were a member of the York University Biological Society, I would be slighted by the closing remarks of the article. To sum up in such a fashion does not do justice to the Society. Their request for funds was not merely for the enjoyment of 'biology enthusiasts' but for the York community at large, (as was presented by their representatives and in their six page report).

I would also question who actually wrote the article. To the best of my knowledge Mr. Monastyrskyj, the reporter attributed with the writing of the article, was not even present at the meeting, (I would appreciate knowing who the actual reporter of the article was). From my own viewpoint I believe that it was one of the council members present, at the meeting, who penned the article in question.

If so why did he/she pass over such an important item as the one concerning the Nestle Boycott. I personally will not dote on the question of the Nestle Boycott as I am sure that the *Excalibur* already has an article planned for this issue. For that matter, why were items such as the Metropass Petition or the planned Anthology of Poetry book not mentioned?

If the *Excalibur* is planning on covering CYSF council meetings in the future, I hope that you have the good sense to cover the whole story and do not just grasp for the sensational. Thank you.

**R. Keith Gardner
McLaughlin Representative
to the CYSF**

Not a Martyr

As Svend Mann notes (*Excalibur*, Mar. 5), the Osgoode Hall Law Union is now asking us to sympathize with convicted murderer and kidnapper Paul Rose, and to demand his release from prison. Indeed, O.H.L.U.'s spokesman David Jacobs has called for a 'general amnesty for all Quebecois political prisoners', presumably because he approves of their views, and thus feels they should be able to stand above the law.

How is it that, if I strangle my neighbour over a card game, I am a murderer; while if I do the same thing for political reasons I become entitled to martyr status? Anyone who attended the O.H.L.U. meeting in search of the answer was sorely disappointed.

Incidentally, Mann's article can be criticized on two grounds. First, he fails to inform the reader that a fair number of those who attended were not only 'skeptical of' but markedly hostile to the O.H.L.U. position. Secondly, that the grandiosely-titled 'Osgoode Hall Law Union' has some claim to represent the Osgoode student body; in fact, the O.H.L.U. is a completely unrepresentative collection of left-wing activists. Mann should perhaps have clarified this.

Paul Truster

Lacking Insight

Last week's editorial showed a remarkable lack of insight into the problems of women in Canada. You grudgingly acknowledged that International Women's Day might be worth supporting; but then you claim that the organizers of the day were enticing and "misleading" nice folks into supporting such demands as the right of all workers to strike, or an end to U.S. intervention in El Salvador, under the cover of motherhood and feminism.

If there's one thing the women's movement has learned, it's that women's issues do not exist in a neat package. Women workers cannot be free as women if they're still exploited as workers; immigrant women can hardly feel 'liberated' when the Ku Klux Klan roams free in our streets; and so on.

Thus, when a broad coalition of women's groups gets 5,000 women, trade unionists, immigrants, and gays out on the streets, it's a time for celebration. Editorials which seek to divide oppressed groups from one another are extremely harmful to all the causes involved. With this sort of damning with faint praise from your newspaper, who needs the *Toronto Sun*?

**Mariana Valverde
International Women's
Day Committee**

P.S. Even if any of your readers had wanted to attend the day's events, they would have missed the boat: the celebration was not held on Sunday, as you state, but on Saturday.



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