

Excalibur needs "modicum of common sense", reader

There are times when I read Excalibur and feel only despair. Your issue of January 8 was yet another.

In the first place I did not say, as your reporter indicates in his front page story, that "I was delighted to see" the "stupidity" of the opponents of unionization when they appeared before the Labour Relations Board on December 22. I was surprised at the tactics used, but at no time did I think even the tactics were stupid.

What concerns me about your reporter's misquotation, however, is that it may deliberately maintain the breach in the faculty. This, clearly, is against all faculty interests. And I am glad to see from your article (assuming that this quote is correct) that professor C. M. Dugan feels that his supporters should now work to

make the union "palatable". YUFA's goal has always been to make the union palatable to all faculty.

I say *all* faculty because I believe it, and I must now turn to the extraordinary editorial on this same issue. Every silly cliché about unions in general and academic unions in particular is dusted off and printed yet again. I deny absolutely that academic unions discourage excellence. Evidence please, editor?

I deny flatly that any academic union has put limits on research, on scholarship, ceilings on participation in university affairs, quotas on hours spent in preparing lectures or in marking essays. Evidence, please?

York has a three-track system stressing teaching, scholarship and service to the community. Some faculties and many in-

dividuals think greater emphasis should be placed in one area or another. But I have never heard anyone suggest anything of the sort that your editorial suggests.

Next I must take issue with the argument that the union will force faculty out if they do not wish to join the union. In some respects you are correct in saying that this is a possibility because YUFA is presently drafting its agreement, but my personal view is that the Rand formula provides sufficient protection to the union's interests and no threat to faculty who dislike the union. Under this formulation, all faculty except those with religious or conscientious objections to unionization pay dues, but none is obliged to sign a union card.

Those with religious objection pay the equivalent of dues, and these moneys are usually assigned

to a mutually agreeable charity. Why should anyone have to pay anything, you will ask? Because by law the union is obliged to bargain for all members of the bargaining unit, not just its members.

Then you talk about strikes. I do not know anyone who wants a strike of faculty. But no one wants to give up the right to strike because there might arise an issue in the future that could only be dealt with in this fashion. My personal view is that such issues could include academic freedom, something that your editorial professes to support. If a future administration declared that Professor X could not teach political science in the fashion he wanted because his views were opposed by the public, do you not think the faculty should have the right to strike to protect its

freedom? And who anywhere has ever suggested that research would stop in the event of a strike?

Finally money. You say that average salaries for faculty are \$21,000. They are. But the mode — the salary at which most faculty are clustered — is about \$3,500 below this figure. In other words, although some faculty may earn up to \$40,000, most do not. More earn \$17,500 than any other salary. Do you seriously think this is adequate compensation for your teachers? Do you not think that perhaps we should receive as much as the high school teachers? as much as the community college teachers?

Can we not have a modicum of common sense along with the anti-union claptrap in future editorials?

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On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to the Communications Department, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Today, 12 noon — Development of Teaching Skills — "Discussion in Dyads: The Learning Cell" with Dr. Robert Deutsch, Psychology, Atkinson — 108, Behavioural Science
1 p.m. — Seminar (Liberal Science Program, C.R.E.Q.) "Some Aspects of Energy Problems in Ontario" with the Honourable Dennis Timbrell, Minister of Energy (Government of Ontario) — Moot Court, Osgoode

4 p.m. — Applied Numerical Methods Seminar Series (Mathematics, Computer Science and Program in Applied Computational & Mathematical Science) "Language Facilities for Scientific Computation" with Professor Thomas E. Hull, University of Toronto — 110, Curtis

8 p.m. — Guest Speaker (Atkinson, Glendon, Philosophy) "The Uniqueness of Individuals: The Identity of Indiscernibles" with York Professor Fraser Cowley — Senior Common Room, Founders

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — International Women's Year: Lecture Series (Arts, York Colleges) "The Biological Bases of Sexual Difference" with June Engell, Division of Natural Science — Club Room, Bethune

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Today, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. — Lecture/Demonstration (Music) "Gamelan Music of Central Java" with Martin F. Hatch Jr. and William Youhass — Junior Common Room, Bethune

3 p.m. — Natural Science Film — "The Ladder of Creation" from the Ascent of Man series — L, Curtis

Friday, 8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) "Return of the Pink Panther" (Peter Sellers) — general admission \$1.50 — L, Curtis

Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) "Love and

Death" (Woody Allen) — general admission \$1.50 — L, Curtis

Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) see Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Monday, 3 p.m. — Natural Science Film — "Knowledge or Certainty?" from the Ascent of Man series — I, Curtis

8:30 p.m. — Concert (Music) featuring the York Winds performing works by Telemann, Kelsey Jones, Hindemith and Reicha — Burton.

Tuesday, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. — Japanese Film (East Asian Studies Program) "Seven Samurai" (Kurosawa) — L, Curtis

3:15 p.m. — Le cinéma québécois (Humanities 383.3) "Le règne du jour" (Pierre Perrault, 1966) — A210, York Hall, Glendon

Wednesday, 3:15 p.m. — Film (Humanities 373) "Pour la suite du monde" (Pierre Perrault; Québec, 1963) — 129, York Hall, Glendon

8:30 p.m. — Performing Arts Series (Fine Arts) featuring the Art Ensemble of Chicago — general admission \$5; \$4 for staff; and \$3 for students — Burton

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Today, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — AIESEC — office is open Monday through Friday at this time — 020, Administrative Studies

12 noon & 1 p.m. — Y.U.S.A. Information Meeting — to discuss proposed contract — E, Curtis

8 p.m. — Eckankar — 103, Winters

Friday, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. — Winters Chess Club — 030A, Winters

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. — Badminton Club, Upper Gym, Tait McKenzie

Monday, 2 p.m. — Christian Science Organization — meeting (Library facilities available on request) — 030A, Winters

7:30 p.m. — York Bridge Club — Founders Dining Hall 8, 9 & 10 p.m. — Hatha Yoga — 202, Vanier

Tuesday, 6 p.m. — York University Homophile Association — 215, Bethune

7 p.m. — Self-Defense for Women — Bethune Cafeteria

8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — Scottish Country Dancing — admission 50 cents — Dance Studio (end floor), Vanier

MISCELLANEOUS

Friday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. — Second Hand Rose Sale (Founders) tables are available for the Founder Flea Market for Founders students — for further information call Doug at 661-0043 — Founders Servery

Muslim Students Prayer Meeting — for time, location call 633-3821 or 537-1087

Sunday, 7 p.m. — Roman Catholic Mass — 107, Stedman

Monday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Religious Counselling — call P. John Varghese, S.C.M. Chaplain at 671-3664 (each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; same time, location) — 205, Vanier

12 noon - 2 p.m. — Visual Art from the Bible — 221, Stong

6 p.m. — Student Served Dinners — every Monday through Thursday — Winters Dining Hall

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation — call Chaplain Judd at 661-7838 or 633-2158 — 226, Founders

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — York Christian Fellowship — non-denominational — Music Room, McLaughlin

