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ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE YORK COMMUNITY REGARDING VANDALISM ON CAMPUS

During the past year the University has seen a disturbing increase in liquor related vandalism, false fire alarms and building damage. Last spring immediately prior to the final examinations there was much concern about behaviour in and around the pubs. A new crisis emerged on the weekend of November 6th when the City of North York Fire Department was called to the campus twice in response to false fire alarms during pub service hours and on both occasions met uncooperative students who impeded them in their duties. The Chief of the Fire Department has indicated that he feels obliged to report these events to the Liquor License Board of the Province of Ontario.

The University's response to this criminal activity and decay in sensible behaviour and good manners must be swift and strong. A series of remedial steps have been put in place starting with the closing of one pub on Friday night, November 13 and emergency instructional meetings with all pub managers and supervisors scheduled for the week of November 16.

What must be understood by all managers and patrons of campus pubs is that all operations may be required to close if the standard of operations and behaviour in all outlets is not raised immediately and materially. There is no intention on behalf of any member of the administration to diminish the seriousness of the Chief's charges by closing down one operation as a symbolic act. This will not be viewed as 'sufficient' by the Chief nor by any responsible College or administration officer. The only thing that will be viewed as sufficient is an immediate and widespread improvement in all operations in conformance with the regulations and procedures laid down by the University License Holder and an immediate stop to drunkenness and the placing of false fire alarms by patrons of the pubs.

All those involved in pub operations at York must appreciate that the liquor license held by this institution is not viewed as an 'important' part of the university mission. The excessive management time that is being committed to them and the hurtful effects felt by many departments of the University suggests that we, as a community, are approaching a point where the utility of having the license at all could be usefully reviewed. All responses to these current problems should take this into consideration. Pubs are not so desperately important to this University community that we could not live without them.

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EDITORIAL Weston's win tarnished by poor coverage, low turnout when's Monty gonna' go

The results of the recent Board of Governors election are in and by the looks of it the election probably stimulated about as many students into voting as would seem reasonably possible.

Voter turnout was significantly higher than in recent years and this is a turn for the better. But to keep things in perspective it must be remembered that the figures, which at first seem so impressive, are really embarrassingly low. Only 5% of the eligible voters on campus made it to the polls—despite the fact that you needed radar, a complex map, survival training and three days of rations just to miss them.

While this may be a comparatively large turnout it is by no means respectable. So the first lesson of this election is that most of you still don't care.

For those of you who do care and voted in the election the staff of the newspaper would like to commend you on a responsible vote. We may not feel it represented the worst or best choice, but we do feel it was a choice made on issues and familiarity with the candidates.

Considering the coverage in some of the campus newspapers, it is surprising that so many people felt informed enough to vote. And it is equally surprising that such a responsible choice was made.

Chief Returning Officer for the election, Pat Fonberg, is justifiably concerned about the narrow scope of coverage in some of the campus papers. It sneaks too close to the line where information and propaganda meet.

It may be true that the *Lexicon* was only contacted by Courtney Doldron, but isn't it the responsibility of a newspaper to be objective and to search out the other side of the story? The *Lexicon* editors should have contacted the other candidates and allowed them to speak. That they did not indicates that they abdicated their responsibility as a newspaper. Unless, of course, they are not a newspaper, but merely a voice for Bethune College Council.

A note here about Fonberg's smooth handling of her election duties. She planned well and

produced one of York's few uncontested elections. After last year's screw-ups it was important for Fonberg to do a good job and she did.

Now that a new BOG representative is in place, York students once again have a voice in the affairs of the university, but that voice is not yet at peak volume. Malcolm Montgomery, our other representative, has alienated himself from the community since his demise from the CYSF presidency. He has only attended two of the four Board meetings called since he broke his CYSF ties and has not been an active participant.

Montgomery has not been in contact with the York community in any way, shape or form in recent months. He has certainly lost sight of his obligations. If Montgomery hasn't enough class to step down it is time for him to be dismissed.

As our new BOG representative we believe that one of John Weston's first priorities should be to investigate and, if possible, initiate the dismissal of Malcolm Montgomery from the Board of Governors. Without proper representation the student voice can only be muted.

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