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## Editorial

# Publish or perish?

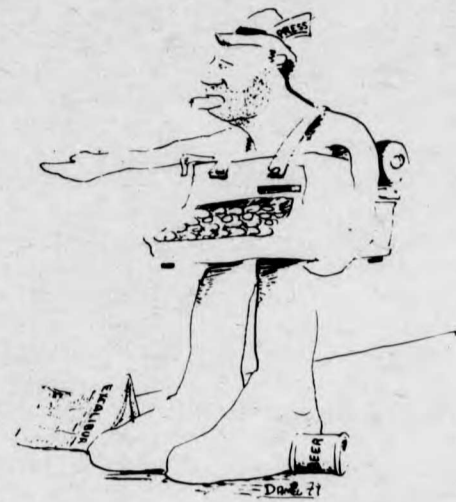
For those of you who have been wondering, Excalibur is not an advertising supplement for stereo shops.

It is, we hope, an informative and entertaining report on university affairs, and a vehicle for social change. Unfortunately, the need to increase the paper's revenue (derived largely from ads) and our desire to print as much news as possible often conflict. This year our financial state is, shall we say, somewhat weak, and the conflict has become a crisis. A high percentage of ads is the result.

The causes of our fiscal woes are twofold. Over the past couple of years, Excalibur has neglected to balance the books or, in fact, to draw up a budget of any sort. The result is a \$25,000 debt to the administration and another \$14,000 owing to other creditors.

A second 'problem' is the gradual decrease in the paper's grant from the Council of York Student Federation. In 1975-76, the paper received \$23,000 from the CYSF. In 1976-77, the amount decreased to \$16,000; in 1977-78 to \$14,000 and, last year, to \$13,000. This year's projections leave little room for optimism. The decrease in enrolment is hardly sufficient excuse.

When revenue from one of our two sources decreases, the other must rise proportionally. Hence, a high volume of ads. This year, to meet our costs, we will be publishing a paper with 50 per



cent ad-content. Hardly an enviable situation for anyone, and one which can only change by increasing our funding from this university.

In the short term, to solve our immediate cash flow problems, we will be asking the various student councils and unions to dig a little bit deeper.

In the long run, however, the solution rests with the students themselves. In the near future, Excalibur will, hopefully, be holding a referendum for independent financing. Funding for the paper (\$2 a student) would come directly from the student body, would be revokable in a subsequent referendum, and would guarantee the paper working capital that would not

be subject to the whims of CYSF council members

Does the paper deserve independent funding? We think so. The 25 issues which Excalibur publishes each year not only keep the York Community informed about itself, they help to teach approximately 45 students every year marketable journalistic skills.

As well, Excalibur gives the Student Council, the Graduate Assistants Association, the Board of Governors, the unions and the administration a means of communicating their respective concerns.

At \$13,000, York's "journalism department" is the most cost-effective on campus. With independent financing, we could only do better.

## Correspondence

### Bouquets and Brickbats

Congratulations on your new format! Nice cover photo too. Maybe you should submit it for inclusion in a future York Calendar: "Come to York, where picking your nose in public will get you on the front page."

Prof. Ian A. Brookes  
Geography

### Finite Wisdom

In a league that does not condone athletic scholarships (by CIAU edict, one surmises), but at the same time openly admits, when asked, that it closes

its eyes to the under-the-table payments and other inducements used by some schools to obtain exceptional athletes, I find it to be both ironic and unfair that this same league would strip York of a football victory when it UNKNOWNLY (I emphasize the word) used an "ineligible" player.

How is it that such a simple thing as a football game can turn into a quasi-legal tangle of administrative boondoggling and sanctimonious piety?

Now really!

It seems the OUAA was using a cannon to kill a fly when it stripped York of its game victory over Guelph. Some other method of penalty would have been much better. How about a

fine paid into a fund used to improve the athletic programs of universities, or some similarly worthy cause?

But the OUAA, in its finite wisdom, is not a league given to worthy causes, or so it seems by its ruling over York. If perchance they revise this decision on an appeal, then I take that back. But how many other times has the league been remiss in its administering of justice? We're not a banana republic, you know.

So please, ye almighty administrators in the OUAA, twits though you are in this particular case, rethink your eligibility rule. In fact, rethink your intraspecific on scholarship.

Be good sports.

Bruce Gates

## Student Federation Notes

In the continuing Federation Speaker Series, the Student Federation presents John Bennett today at noon in the Bearpit. A member of the Non-Nuclear Network, Mr. Bennett, one of the originators of Greenpeace Toronto, canoed into the area of the Bruce Nuclear Plant to prove its lax security, and was arrested at Darlington plant for his activist activities.

Thursday night's Movie will be **Richard Pryor in Concert** at 8:00 p.m. in Curtis Lecture Hall L. Admission is \$1.75 for Federation members, \$2 for others.

Next Thursday, October 4th at 7 p.m., the winning York University Yeoman football team play U of T at Varsity Stadium. The Federation is sponsoring buses to go down to the game. President Macdonald will be leading the

charge into Varsity. Bus tickets are \$1 return and can be purchased at 105 Central Square. The Yeoman are a winning team this year and need your support, especially at Varsity.

The student security force will commence operation on Wednesday night. Applications are still being received in our office, as we intend to expand the service in a short time.

Anyone interested in discussing government education policies, meeting MPPs and MPs and well known speakers, plus a variety of other interesting activities is invited to join the External Affairs Committee. Contact Barb Taylor c/o 105 Central Square.

Elections for vacancies on council will be held later in October. Two Vice-Presidencies

are open: University Affairs which monitors all non-academic activities of the University and a recently created portfolio of Women's Commission. The Women's Commission is expected to promote and articulate the specific and unique needs of women on campus. If you have any questions either contact the representative in your college or drop into the office.

One further note — I will be meeting with all Student Government leaders on campus to discuss the present level of service provided by the Toronto Dominion Bank. If you have an opinion on the matter, feel free to drop in and we'll talk about it.

**D. Keith Smockum  
President  
Council of the York Student  
Federation Inc.**