

# LETTERS

## OUT OF FOCUS

To be quite frank with you, I am dismayed at the content of the article on myself which appeared in the 10 December issue of your paper.

My recollection of the purpose behind this article was to highlight the very urgent need for the re-opening of the Campus Connection as seen from the perspective of one interested party — namely myself — and from the position of the Gay Alliance at York, of which I am the acting President.

I see very little connection between what the stated purpose of those interviews were and, the final result that appeared in print. Instead, you have seemingly concentrated on one very minor facet that has nothing to do with the priority to which I was addressing myself in those interviews, which was, of course, the delay in appointing a co-ordinator and the service that the Campus Connection provides to the York Community. What I see instead is an article on my not being appointed to the position of co-ordinator and the steps I have taken or am contemplating taking with respect to that.

These are two very different matters and issues indeed.

Many germane and pertinent quotes from Mr. Gaudet and myself focussing on the primary issue — the Campus Connection re-opening process — were not included. The copy that I had seen at 5 p.m. on Wednesday was not what I saw appear in its entirety in your Thursday issue and I had been given the clear and distinct impression that the Ontario Human Rights Commission information was to be appended to the main text of the article.

I would hope that in the future, it will be possible for clear operating guidelines covering the publicity the Gay Alliance receives to be established. All I can say in closing, is that I — and many others — are extremely displeased at the content of that article and feel that it does a disservice to both Mr. Gaudet and myself and the joint efforts of all parties to ensure that a vital service to the York community be supported and revitalized to serve all members of this community.

**Jim Crawley**  
Publisher  
Renaissance II

## LATIN LESSON

Re: Article "Professors plead religion..." Excalibur XBI no. 14.

In the above mentioned article by P.J. Todd, Professor Granatstein is quoted as saying that "...provincial legislation made union fee payments from each faculty member mandatory." I am afraid Professor Granatstein is mistaken. The relevant "Act to amend the Labour Relations Act" (Statutes of Ontario, 1980, chapt. 34) which was assented to June 17th, 1980, reads (2.- (1) ): "...where a trade union that is a bargaining agent in a bargaining unit so requests, there shall be included in the collective agreement between the trade union and the employer of the employees a provision requiring the employer to deduct from the wages of each employee in the unit affected by the collective agreement, whether or not the employee is member of the union, the amount of the regular union dues and to remit the amount to the trade union, forthwith."

The law of the province leaves the trade union free not to make

the request for payroll deduction.

Remember: summum ius summa iniuria.

**Walter Beringer, Dr. phil.**  
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## FRIENDLY PICKETT

I would like to thank the Excalibur in general and Mike Leonetti in particular for the excellent coverage provided the Yeomen football team this past season. The athletes work very hard preparing for each season and it is gratifying for them to be noticed by their own newspaper. Mike did a very thorough job of familiarizing himself with the team and we all found his analysis and opinions to be both fair and accurate.

Thank you again. The players are already preparing for next year and hopefully we will become front page news at York.

**Dave Pickett**  
Head Football Coach

## SAVING THE LAST DANCE

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on Michael Monastyrsky's article in the December 10 issue of Excalibur. The article in question was about the posters Radio-Glendon used for its dance on December 5, and was entitled "Racist Posters Anger Glendon Student Body."

First of all, Radio-Glendon did not have "KKK" (Ku Klux Klan) printed on any of its posters for the 'Kinky Crazy Kristmas' dance of December 5. There was nothing "racist" about the original poster, despite what Glendon student Ricarda Amberg may have said. (A copy of the by now infamous poster is enclosed, so that you may judge for yourselves.)

Secondly, Glendon student Jane Kirkwood was quoted as saying "I didn't like having to look at the pictures" (on the posters.) Well, Ms. Kirkwood, who said you had to look at them in the first place? Besides, what right does an individual (or a small group of individuals) have in determining whether or not a poster is acceptable to look at?

Thirdly, the Penthouse magazine from which the picture for the poster was taken was not simply "lying around" in the Glendon Student Union Office, as surely no respectable student union office (such as the GCSU) would display such a "sexist" publication as Penthouse for general reading by all students. The magazine (it was an old personal copy left behind by the student council president of two years ago) happened to be stored away in a box under a table in the council office, and it was not found until after some energetic searching by diligent Vice-President Internal Tim Haffey.

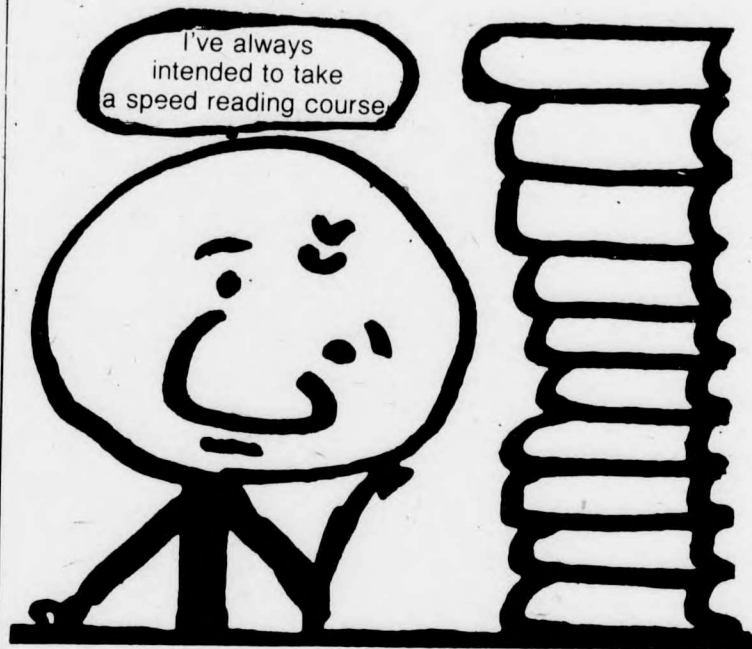
Radio-Glendon regrets that it may have offended a few insecure and sensitive individuals with our last dance. However, we do cordially invite all members of the York community to our next dance on Saturday, January 9, at Glendon College. The bizarre theme will be announced in the near future.

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Radio-Glendon

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