

Recruiting is realistic

by Brian Sullivan

After last Friday's exercise in rhetoric on the recruitment issue, it is apparent that the whole controversy is rather superficial. A few of the speakers may have aroused a glint of enthusiasm in the apathetic rabble, but most of them presented narrow-minded views which indicate an ignorance of the significant issues.

Opposition to Hawker-Siddeley and Dow recruiting employees on campus amounts to little more than an ineffectual and highly symbolic gesture expressing disapproval of the Vietnam war and a generalized resentment of the business establishment. Abolition of recruitment on campus would accomplish nothing except to reflect a micro-bopper mentality of York students and a fetishism over pseudo-issues. It is characteristic of our society that such trivialities as long hair, flowers, and parking signs come to take on a symbolic significance.

The recruitment issue has become a target for displaced aggression and a symbolic battleground for Vietniks, leftist sympathizers and idealists who despite commercialism as an affront to the dignity of the academic community. Apparently a few individuals are taking the rather self-centred if not hypocritical position of denying recognition of the extent to which education is perceived as a means of getting a good job. It was long ago recognized by a reputed source that the educational system is part of a super-structure of symbolic culture determined by the nature of the society's economic system. We are surrounded by commercialism.

Allowing recruitment does not imply that we necessarily approve of capitalism or the Vietnam situation. It does indicate that we recognize the need for job opportunities as consistent with the aims of a university education. The point is whether this "community of scholars" is merely an intellectual playground in a more serious world of business, or whether we realistically accept the profit motive as one of the important, if not desirable features of our society.

Students are needed for committees

Excalibur is published as an attempt to communicate the affairs of this campus. Part of YSC policy is our position of non-interference with editorial decisions. All the same, a debate is beginning over the responsibilities both of a college newspaper to its college (Seer-Winters) and a university newspaper to its readers. I would urge you all take part in this debate as it is only in this way that an intellectual competitiveness can be continued, which will help to produce a rising standard of excellence on all the newspapers.

The main item of business for the column this week is an expression of need: we need STUDENTS to sit ON various COMMITTEES. I would presume, perhaps naively, that there are students who wish to serve their community: this is their chance. For the College Building Project Committee one female student is required. Jeff Solway, because of his experience on the college E Committee is moving on to this next one. For the Ad-

ministrative and student services Building Project Committee, one student is required. This is a committee which might particularly interest MBA students.

For the Graduate Student Centre Project Committee, which is expected to house the YSC and Excalibur offices, two students are required. Graduates of course are most welcome here.

If anyone wishes to be on one of these committees, or on the Parking Committee, they should apply at the YSC office, room A-11 Temporary Office Building. Forms are available there, and the deadline for application is December 5. A new wrinkle in the form is that any applicant must be willing to be impeached by the Council, normally for gross lack of attendance, in order that the community may be able to ensure that it is being served.

We also need students for the Presidents' Campus Planning Advisory Committee. More information on this item or on any of the other committees may be obtained by contacting Doug

Ban recruiting at York

by David Moore

After hearing the discussion about job recruiting at York University in regard to Hawker Siddeley (and other companies which makes weapons used to kill people in the Viet Nam war), I am thoroughly convinced that York represents the sick, passionless, money-hungry society in which we live.

In order to decide what is one's responsibility, one must first decide what is the real and only issue. Unfortunately, one must agree with Mr. Best that the issue is simply whether or

not all companies should or should not be allowed to recruit future employees at this university. This does not mean, however, that disallowing job recruitment is an infringement on an individual's rights. There are numerous examples of "undemocratic" decisions taken in any democratic society (like forbidding protest marchers to parade down Yonge Street).

In regard to Hawker Siddeley and companies involved in Viet Nam, one must hopefully believe that the majority of the people on campus, and throughout the world, are against the murdering of innocent people in this war and in any war. In forbidding Hawker Siddeley to recruit on campus, York University would be upholding the world view by condemning Hawker Siddeley for its involvement in the Viet Nam war. This decision would not mean, however, that an individual could not obtain a job with a company but that because of his stronger belief in human understanding, he would prefer to inconvenience himself by going downtown to be interviewed by any company of his own choosing. There would be no infringement on individual freedom, for everyone on campus would have to look for a job off campus.

From last Friday's meeting it seems the majority of York University students are more concerned with getting their degree (of security), making over \$10,000 a year no matter whom they work for, living in a little world of their own, with money to burn, food to throw away, and not caring about moral obligations, as long as their friends or family are not killed by napalm.

If York could show the rest of our society that we are willing to inconvenience ourselves in order to stand up for a moral right, to end the war in Viet Nam by stopping "war companies" and therefore all companies from campus recruiting; other universities might just follow our decision. If they too could understand their responsibilities as part of the human race to stop murder maybe Hawker Siddeley might just stop and think twice, maybe the Canadian government would think twice, maybe this sick society of ours would become a society willing to sacrifice some of its benefits, some of its self-greed, to preserve peace, compassion and moral values.

Do we take the easy way out, or do we stand up for our moral beliefs. That's what you, as individuals, should be deciding.

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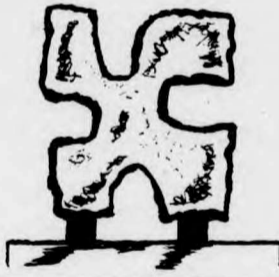
A forum for comment and reaction. Excalibur will accept columns, comments, and cartoons from any member of the university.

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...so I'm lying in this field minding my own business, see?



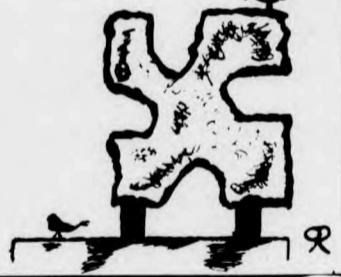
And along comes this overaged hippie and he starts cutting me up, see?



Next thing I know I'm up here and some nut goes by and gives me this queer looking salute. Crazy!



Why didn't they put me in the middle of a dam?



Soc student power

by J. Paul Grayson

Sociology Students on Faculty Committees?

A lot of enthusiasm for student representation on faculty committees has been demonstrated in recent weeks. The Union of History Students for example, has been successful in obtaining tentative representation on most faculty committees. Provided that the faculty in this case can successfully cope with the ambiguity of change, this arrangement could very well set a precedent insofar as student faculty relations are concerned. If this approach fails however, it is perhaps an indication that different methods need be employed to assure that student interests are not ignored.

With a similar desire to increase communication between students and faculty, movements appear also to be afoot in the departments of French, Political Science, and Sociology. To discuss means whereby this goal can be best implemented, the Sociology Student-Faculty Committee is holding a meeting of all Sociology students on Wed. Dec. 11, 7:00 p.m. in lecture hall A.

All interested Sociology students are urged to attend this very important meeting. Decisions made could very well be of importance to non-attenders.

A view from the bottom of the pile

by Larry Goldstein

This week, we are reaching a kind of crossroads at York. The administration has tried the York Student Council Executive for tearing down "Faculty Only" parking signs. The administration could try to understand the action or it can follow its blind bureaucratic rules, as it appears bound to do. If the latter is done, the students may shrug and forget it or become angry enough to add this to the list of humiliations that one day soon will cause an explosion.

There are only two pertinent facts in this case. **One:** YSC Executive did tear down the signs. They and only they are responsible. They represent the students until turned out of office. To try to treat them as individuals is utter nonsense. **Two:** The parking committee, the "legal channel" has been in reality defunct. Mr. Geoffrey Hunter, who has had no small number of parking problems, has written, in an open letter to Professor Healy: "From talking with Mr. Annis I have the impression that he is opposed to any changes. The presidential Advisory Committee on Parking had not met previously during the present academic year, although we are now more than half way through the first term. Mr. Annis wishes to defer discussion of my proposals (which coincidentally are

almost identical with those made by the rebelling students) at least until next March. It is this apparent resistance to change, prosecuted by the strategem of indefinite procrastination, on the part of the Administration, which has led the students to resort to open rebellion: for them this is a last resort mode of action."

We believe that the YSC Executive should be congratulated for showing courage and leadership. They have focused campus attention on a minor, though vicious, problem. They got action (the parking committee met on Friday) where everything else had failed.

The signs in question were to be relettered at any rate. The physical damage is minimal. For a cost of a couple of hundred dollars (which the total damage will come to) the whole community can learn a valuable lesson. There have been in the past much more costly actions (called programs) which have failed miserably through incompetence or bad planning. No one around here is condemning them.

To punish good people on this issue is to challenge the conscience of the entire community. The gauntlet will not lie for long.

Did you notice that the new bust of Robert Winters has a brown spot on its nose?