

Correspondence

Gymnasts neglected...

We all realize how hard-pressed for space *Excalibur* is. Nevertheless I really feel you are neglecting your responsibility as the sole newspaper on campus when you completely ignore a major sports event, especially since York won! I hate to be as rude as a socialist, but in this case, 'lack of space' as an excuse is entirely unacceptable.

The event you failed to give even passing mention to was the men's gymnastics team's tri-meet against the University of Michigan and Laval. It was the first competition of the season. York won, defeating second place Michigan by a margin more than three times as wide as last year's narrow victory. In addition, York's Dan Gaudet ran away with the individual all-around title, Tom Bertrand was third and Frank Nutzenburger was fourth. York picked up firsts on rings (Gaudet) and parallel bars (Gaudet and myself) while York alumnus David Steeper, competing as an individual, won vault.

Also of noteworthiness about this meet is that there were more than twenty spectators—almost a record crowd!

Why doesn't York, starting with *Excalibur*, take gymnastics more seriously since it has unquestionably the most successful sports team this school has produced!

Our next meet, by the way, is the York Invitational, Saturday, Nov. 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tait McKenzie Building.

Marc Epprecht
Team Captain

... Hockey deflected

It was with interest that I turned to your article concerning "B" hockey in the November 13 edition. It was welcome indeed to those of us who had seen only sporadic reporting of Inter-college Athletics and absolutely none of the flourishing "B" division. Athletics provide not only a medium for meeting new people, but for building rivalries which add to the strength of the

college system York has adopted. However, the tone and emphasis of your article disturb me.

As far as I can perceive, no differentiation has been made between "tough" hockey and "violent" hockey. Hockey is a sport played at high speeds and since time immemorial contact has been a part of it. To legislate against contact would reduce the game to shinny.

But I digress. Though contact in hockey is essential and always will have its place, stick-swinging and fighting do not. Your article is sympathetic to the plight of Vince Cicchelli, yet he is the player that, admittedly, threw the first punch in the only bench-clearing brawl so far this season. Your article singles out Stong 1 as a primary source of trouble and quotes Debbie Yuill of Calumet as an authority. Miss Yuill, for one thing, never expressed concern over the matter during her term on the Stong Athletics Committee all of last year, and secondly, to my knowledge, has attended very few, if any, Stong "B" games. She has certainly never played against Stong 1.

The "B" program allows a great many people at York a chance to play hockey that might not otherwise. Inter-college sport, at both Torch and "B" levels, should be lauded for its contribution to the University's spirit and morale, not castigated unnecessarily. Refereeing costs for top-level officials are prohibitive, so an effort has been to otherwise upgrade the quality of referees and to crack down on incidents such as your article described. The problem is not as great as certain people believe and is being handled in a manner that will be much more conducive to constructive change. I welcome the increased awareness of Inter-college Athletics, but hope future coverage in your newspaper will be more supportive.

Ron Schwass
Stong Athletics

Editorial

Procedures beg for revision

A few weeks ago, the Presidential Committee released its report recommending procedures for handling complaints of sexual harassment.

Since its release, much has been said about the report. Many suggestions have been put forward by members of the university community who, quite rightly, are taking the matter very seriously. They see that no matter what the final procedures adopted, they'll have a very real effect on their jobs and their lives. We can only agree.

That is why we feel compelled to speak out, as others have, on the proposals which seem to us most objectionable.

The first is the proposal that would have representatives of a Sexual Harassment Complaint Centre acting as counsel to the alleged victim in any action taken their victims behalf. The accused would have no such help.

The problem here is obvious. The accuser would have at their side the Centre's representative, giving their claims strength and credibility, while the accused would stand alone. Certainly they could hire a lawyer (if they could afford one), but to many, this would seem a more damning confession than anything anything that a hearing could wring from even the most guilty.

Thus, it would seem that the committee's recommendation would immediately start the accused off on step behind their accuser. Where people's lives and reputations are at stake, no one stands to gain by such an arrangement.

The second proposal that we feel we must oppose concerns a complaint file, whose contents would be secret, even to those named in the complaints.

The file, envisioned by the committee, would serve two

purposes. It would allow alleged victims to document their complaints without coming forward at a hearing. As well, it would allow those who are unsure about coming forward to document their grievance while it is still fresh in their minds, so that if they do decide to come forward later, they will not lose credibility for having waited.

The proposal strikes us as bestowing far too much power on a filing cabinet. It would contain allegations which could ruin careers, marriages and lives. Yet none of those accused could be able to meet their accuser. None would even know they've been accused.

Even more frightening is the effect that the complaints would have if they found their way out of the cabinet.

For these reasons, we urge the committee members to reconsider their proposals.

Federation Notes

Ancillary Services

A note of correction to last week's front page *Excalibur* article, the new policy the administration has imposed upon the student-run campus pubs will involve a three year plan which will see 1 per cent of the gross sales taxed the first year, 2 per cent the second year and 3 per cent the third year. This surcharge would exist on top of the 20 per cent university tax on liquor that is presently being charged. Surcharges are particularly obnoxious to the colleges as they operate their pubs to provide a service to students, not to profit by the pub operation. Any additional revenue is turned back over to the colleges to support projects such as the emergency student aid

reserve established by the Founder's College Master and the Cock and Bull pub. Cash is available to those Founder's students with a demonstrated need for support so that monetary restraints will not prevent that student from receiving an education. C.Y.S.F. stands by its objection to the current surcharge levy and encourages all students to echo this support.

Course Evaluations

C.Y.S.F. is currently involved in constructing a course evaluation booklet for the 1980-81 academic year. Any students who would like to involve themselves in an Academic Affairs Committee to deal with the booklet and other related matters are encouraged to

leave their name in the C.Y.S.F. office in Central Square.

Radio York

C.Y.S.F. is moving to put Radio York back on the airwaves in full production. Any individuals who would like to involve themselves in campus radio are asked to leave their name and number in the C.Y.S.F. office.

C.Y.S.F. Movies

This week C.Y.S.F. is featuring the new German cinema with a double bill featuring Werner Herzog's *The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser* and Wim Wenders' *The American Friend*. The first show starts at 7:30 p.m., the second show starts at 9:30 p.m. in Curtis Lecture Hall "L" on Thursday, November 20.

Malcolm Montgomery

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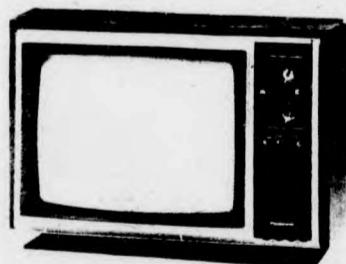
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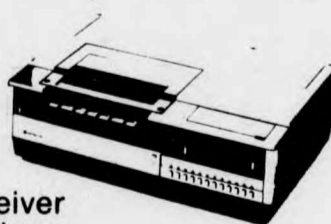


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