

## LETTERS

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None of these individuals have returned my calls despite their assurance that they would.

There are no excuses for the Red Cross' past and current behavior, and what is needed now are changes, not insincere justifications.

After having read Roslyn Herst's letter, I still believe that York University should not allow the Red Cross the privilege of soliciting blood on this campus until it ends its discrimination against gay men.

Sincerely,  
Steve Cooney

## "Rhetoric" criticized

To the editor,

In the Monday, Mar. 4 issue of *Excalibur*, an announcement appeared on behalf of 'The Jewish Community at York' that essentially stated that they welcomed the ceasefire in the Gulf; but, Israel should not compromise her position due to threats to its existence.

This kind of literature and the thinking behind it will not help bring peace and understanding to the world; instead, it will deepen tensions.

First, your viewpoint seems to sound like the same rhetoric being put forth by Israel of late — no compromise.

As you no doubt know, there is much hatred and mistrust in the Middle East on all sides of the issues. There will not be true peace until all sides come together to form some kind of understanding. Each side does have legitimate grievances and concerns that must be addressed. But, one side must break the barrier of conflictual thinking and extend their hand.

There is an old Yiddish phrase that says one should act like a Mench (please excuse the possible misspelling). Acting like a Mench means acting like a gentleman: honor, honesty, courage and consideration. There will be no resolution until all parties start acting like a Mench.

Second, I am a Jewish student at York and I do not give the JSF permission to speak on my behalf.

In place of making strong condemning statements about the Gulf situation, I think that we should be spending our time more wisely making our own country a better place to live.

Let us not import the fear and hatred that exists in the Middle East to this country. I am sure that you will agree that Canada has severe problems of her own. Thus, solving issues that exist on our land today would be time better spent.

In closing, I would like to say that I will speak for myself thank you. And I say that many people should strongly reconsider their priorities and base them more on reality; that being the here and now in order to create a better future.

Thank you for taking your time reading this.

Richard Sherman

## Missing submarine

To the editor,

Re: Brett Lamb's comic strips in *Excl* (Submarine Sammy, Mr. Pupa, etc.)

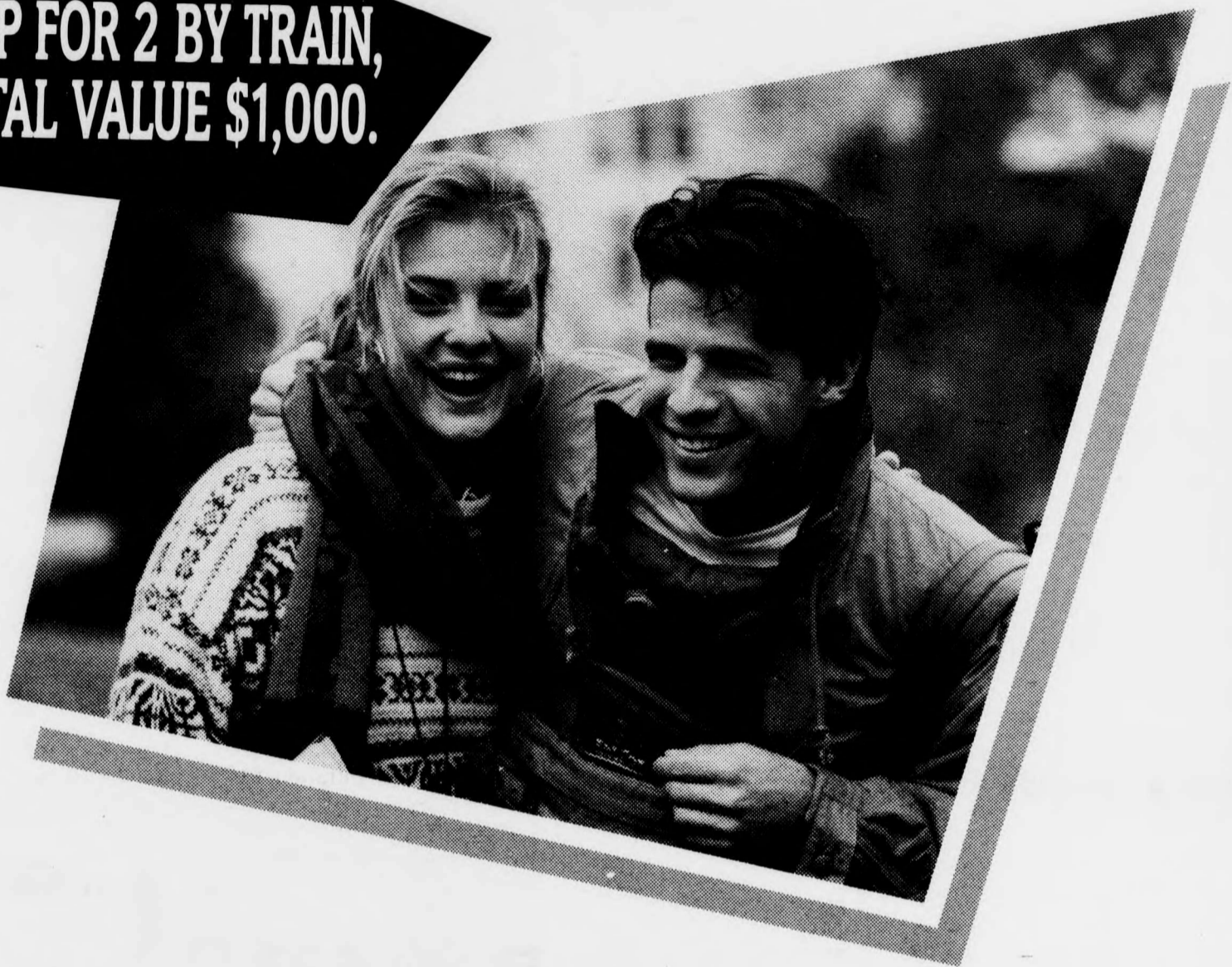
Um . . . I don't want to sound like a prude, and heaven forbid, I certainly want it made clear that I support artistic freedom and I detest censorship. But, um, aren't Mr. Lamb's comic strips just a little bit gross? Not that I really mind, but shouldn't there be a point to all this?

Just wondering,  
Graeme Burk

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