

LETTERS

Come In Radio York

It was with great interest that I read Mr. Iwachiw's recent article on Radio York ("Radio York: on the air?" Excalibur, November 26, 1981). The article was, on the whole, quite accurate especially with respect to the benefits a fully operational radio station would provide to the York community. Unfortunately the view by the university administration that the station is "just another student club serving a small section of the York community" severely hampers the operation of the station.

I feel, though, that I must correct two statements made by Mr. Iwachiw in his article. Far from "the occasional handout from C.Y.S.F.", CKRY has, since at least 1977, consistently received grants from C.Y.S.F. At one point C.Y.S.F. assumed the station's debt to the University which totalled \$5000.00. Secondly, it is not that I don't seem "willing to offer much immediate help" — I most definitely am, as is reflected in a grant to CKRY for the summer which totalled approximately \$4000.00, and the use of Radio York at various C.Y.S.F. functions (Reel and Screen, and the Las Vegas Night). In addition trust fund monies totalling approximately \$2500.00 look to be forthcoming to the station.

The problem that exists is the ability of C.Y.S.F. to increase funding to the station — our operating budget is simply too low. Carleton's radio station has a larger budget than C.Y.S.F.

Students, in order to see a successful radio station in the future must support the station by using their disco jockey service and by encouraging the University to see the station as more than just a club, so that money can go to the station direct from the academic fee they pay.

Greg Gaudet
President, C.Y.S.F.

Oh Bitter Dicta

It was with a certain degree of amusement that we read last week's Excalibur article on the outcome of the Board of Governors election and the criticism of its coverage. Although we were initially angered by the comment that the Obiter Dicta chose to publish an "exclusive" campaign message from one candidate (it could hardly be considered if we printed two more messages a week later, as stated in your

article), the parts that really brightened our day were the "quotes" from Michael Melling.

While we are often mistaken for one another since we walk, talk and look alike, the quotes were in fact attributable to the other Michael on the editorial board. The fact that we shared similar views on the matter does not excuse the error. In a different situation it could easily have proved to be embarrassing to both the Excalibur and to us.

It was flattering that such an important piece of investigative reporting was undertaken by your sports editor, but please try to keep in mind, for any future articles on poor journalism, that people who live in glass houses...

Michael Melling
Michael Wolpert
Editors, OBITER DICTA
Osgoode Hall

Friendly Analysis

I would like to pass comment on the editorial you wrote on Nov. 26/81. It concerns some remarks you made about the Bethune College Lexicon and its reporting practices. First of all, me thinks you doth protest too much. It seems quite clear that the Lexicon explained its position quite clearly on the front page. I see no reason for the editorialist to use slurs against any newspaper, least of all the Lexicon.

Secondly, with the shape the Excalibur has been in as of late, it is no surprise that the Toronto Sun or York University ie: the Excalibur, would take swipes at a newspaper like the Lexicon. The Lexicon's last issue of Nov. 5th far surpasses the trite and advertising that appears on a weekly basis in the Excalibur. The Lexicon even "scooped" the Excalibur on the story of the OFS Day of Protest.

Thirdly, concerning the general tone of the front page and the editorial. The front page directed very little information towards John Weston, which is a shame. Instead the front page story concerned an aside issue which could have been dealt with on a backpage. But right from the start, there was a tone of anti-Lexicon. Can it be that the Excalibur knows it is slipping and is trying to make up excuses through innuendo? The editorial writer must be incredibly naive when it comes to politics. Does he/she not know that any good

politician has a PR director who handles the publicity of events and "uses" the media for the benefit of the candidate. Obviously the editorialist is "wet behind the ears" and has a lot to learn about how politics is run.

I know, personally, one of the members of the Lexicon staff and it comes as a surprise to me to hear of the Lexicon being accused of being partisan, for I know that my friend would not work for a partisan newspaper. Maybe that is why he doesn't write for the Excalibur.

My advice to the Excalibur is to look within itself to find solutions to its own problems and leave the other campus newspapers to their own direction.

Shawn Norman
Winters College Commuter

Regrettable Association

As a member of the All Students Union Movement, I would like to bring to the attention of the students an apparent contradiction of viewpoints in our choice of endorsers for our recent activity: The Anti Racism Symposium, November 27, 1981. When we approached The Jewish Student Federation we unfortunately did not discuss the full implications of their endorsement of our activity. We were also unaware of the fact that they were sponsoring a Symposium on Terrorism in which a conflict of positions was apparent. We regret having approached JSF because some of their activities are in direct opposition to our democratic principles.

Axelle Janczur
Secretary

All Students Union Movement

Letters To The Editor

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* Monday, January 4, 1982. Until
* then have a safe and happy
* holiday. See you next year.

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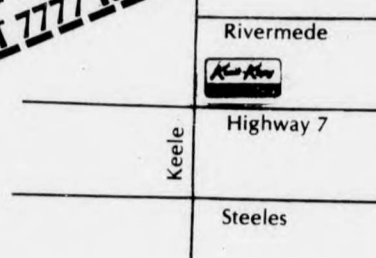
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