

letters

Dogs & doughnuts best thing in Central Square

Dear Editors:

Regarding Daniel Wolgelerenter and Nancy Phillips' article "CYSF and Clubs protest" and the whole issue of Doughnuts, Dogs and clubs.

As a York student in my fourth and final year at York, I have to say doughnuts and dogs have more to do with York student life than York clubs.

Clubs at York separate along religious, racial and political lines. What this university lacks is anything that brings York students

together, except that is for the common concern over the incredibly poor yet expensive food service.

Just the smell of Central Square's cafeteria is enough to start my stomach churning, finally this year I have an alternative — doughnuts and dogs.

The arrival of Tim Horton's Doughnuts and especially Tim Horton's COFFEE is the best thing that has happened to Central Square in four years. Now this is to be taken away?
Susan Mills

Levy "seething with anger"

Dear Editors:

Despite Professor Derek Cohen's contention that I am little more than an ignorant liar, I fully maintain the assertions expressed in my letter in the September 28 issue of *Excalibur*.

One of these assertions denounced Cohen's equating of Chaim Herzog to Kurt Waldheim and P.W. Botha, thereby falsely implying that Israel practises South African apartheid and Nazi-like policies. Cohen denies that he did such a thing, the crux of his explanation being that he merely "... used examples of world leaders that York would obviously not give degrees to..." Talk about shoveling enough shit to fill the Dome.

Rather than apologize for making such a heinous comparison, Cohen prefers to stand on his soapbox after the fact and accuse me of lying. This changes nothing, what's done is done.

Cohen and his cohorts (one assumes that Cohen is the ring-leader) would claim that their actions stem out of concern for Israel. Yet their assertions, a combination of distortions and half truths, don't bear them out. More accurately, their assertions reek of ignorance and condescension. Not easy for a bunch of ivory tower dwelling twits to play God and pass judgement while far removed from the harsh realities of the Middle East.

Cohen, it seems, refuses to be outdone by the Jew haters, Israel bashers or, what is with some exceptions, our gullible-as-snot-left-of-Lenin Western media. He

will prove to us all his ability to bash Israel with the best of them, better than the best of them, lest we believe that he is even remotely related to the racist, imperialist, barbarous,,,, Israelis. (Fill in the blanks with your own invective.)

Enough is enough. Israel has for too long been used as the whipping boy of the international community or portrayed as the bully boy of the Middle East, in this case, for simply trying to quell violent civil unrest as would any other country. I do not object to criticism of Israel per se. What I do object to is when such criticism is malicious, distorted or baseless; when it puts Israel under a microscope while ignoring innumerable countries that commit immeasurably worse crimes; when criticism of Israel degenerates into anti-Zionism or anti-Semitism (which are one and the same, the former simply used as a guise for the latter).

Trite though it will sound, peace will not be achieved through violence, neither on the part of the Israelis nor on the part of the Palestinians. But neither will it be achieved through views that espouse apologetic, weak-kneed acquiescence.

Cohen, venerable sage that he is, advises Israel to start acting more like a democracy. Well Derek, I advise you to get your facts straight, to stop bleeding all over the floor and to start acting more like a professor!

Seething with anger,
Asher Levy



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well done

Re: *The View from Lot 3A*, November 2.

Dear Editors:

Well done! That was an interesting profile of one of the many people who keep York ticking along. Most of the university staff are seen by students simply as cogs in the machinery, because the students never get the chance to know them as people. You've taken a step toward changing that — please, keep it up.

Penny Seymour
Chemistry Department

PCs slam Arthurs for table mess

This is an open letter to Harry Arthurs

Dear Mr. Arthurs:

It is with regret that we feel it necessary to write this letter in regard to your recent decision to retract our privilege of public space in Central Square, York University. It is because of the apparent disregard for our concerns and seemingly inconsistent policies on the part of your administration that we address this letter.

To the best of our understanding, our privileges were retracted on the basis of fire regulation violations. However, we have been led to believe that the infractions, if any, are marginal at best and that there still exist many possibilities to rectify and modify your recent decision, even to the extent of returning the previous table

format. What we ask, then, is the opportunity to personally discuss with you the matter at hand and inquire why, first, these regulations have now been enforced against us, and, secondly, why these decisions were made to the detriment of interested student organizations. We are both hopeful and confident that a resolution can be found in the near future so that we can get on with what we do best: providing a public forum for student political discussion. The resolution of these and related matters will do much for the well-being of York organizations and, we believe, the student interest at large.

Unfortunately, York is characterized by a strong sense of apathy, politically and otherwise. Our forum is a means by which

apathy was countered and political discussion and education are promoted through public exposure. It would be regretful that possible short sighted objectives could hinder these progressive measures within the university. We sincerely hope that this was not the case and look forward to rectifying this unfortunate situation with you personally, either independently or in conjunction with the CYSF. Our goal is the retraction or strong modification of the recent decision and for the continuance of our previous relationship. It is our hope that logic, and not emotion, should prevail in overcoming this obstacle.

Yours sincerely
The Progressive Conservative
Association Executive

Wolgelerenter "wrong" on *Lexicon*

Dear Editors:

I was appalled to read, in your November 2 issue, Mr. Wolgelerenter's unrelenting attacks on the efforts of the staff of *The Lexicon*. What is more repugnant is the fact that the CYSF column was used towards that end. If Mr. Wolgelerenter really wants to persist in this type of petty and patronizing editorial position, then he should at least come clean and call it the 'CYSF Scrutinized/*Lexicon* Bashing' column instead. There is nothing wrong with constructive criticisms (for even the best of us err) but his "below-the-belt" methods only serves to invite irate letters (such as this) and to diminish the image of a paper that all of us have financially contributed to! I shall desist from belabouring the different points that I raised in my letter printed on October 19, but I must say that I really took exception to many of the snide remarks

that he had in parentheses (in his article).

Having said all that, I must actually thank him for mentioning my presence at that all-so-important meeting. If he considers two points (that I raised) in an hour-and-a-half meeting a reflection of my skills and effectiveness in "cornering and manipulating debates," I am most certainly not going to argue with him. I think, though, that he is not doing justice to the equally concerned and intelligent group of student leaders that were at that meeting, from which was birthed the student demonstration that we witnessed last week. I should also add that I have been voted, by the constituency that I serve at Bethune, precisely to vocalize student concerns, not to shy away from them.

Although I still stand firmly by what I said in that meeting, I seem to recall that I was one of a few

who did not exactly agree with the "radical approach" that the editor of *The Lexicon* took. My reasons were the possible lack of a unified stance on the strategy and time constraint. Nevertheless, the fact remains that it was utterly audacious and impudent for Mr. Wolgelerenter to question and expect Mr. Montesano to "apologize for his actions."

The on-going demonstration mirrors the strength students possess when they put aside existing differences to intelligently address common and bigger problems. Until such time when students and student groups (including newspapers) are mature enough to realize so, I guess students will never be a force to be reckoned with at York!

Chia-Yi Chua
President
Norman Bethune College Council

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