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and variety of food, appearance of food, consistency of portions, staff courtesy, and cleanliness." It seems with such a wide variety of complaints that the contract would have been cancelled, not extended.

Also, the article indicated that the scrip system will be eliminated in favour of a credit card system. This will be a drastic blow to resident students. We already see many instances in which students have to advertise a 20% discount in order to get rid of their unwanted scrip. With the credit card system, however, they will be left with no options.

Another concern is that students must now eat in designated locations, namely Bethune, Stong, Founders, and Winters. This is not only inconvenient but also unfair. For example, since many of the classes are held in Curtis Lecture Hall it will not be practical for students to run over to either the complex I, or complex II cafeterias in order to grab a quick snack between classes. Also with the Student Centre soon be completed it will mean that resident students will not have the luxury of being able to eat in the new 600 seat restaurant and bar, because of credit card restrictions.

Beaver food has promised improvements in service but since they have been given a monopoly over food sales they now have no incentive to do so. Like it or not, the students will have to eat in their cafeterias.

I wish that school administrators would take as much energy in making sure that students receive a quality education, as they do in ensuring that school cafeterias make profits.

Concerned Student,
Mario Pietrangelo

Hydraulic power is not safe

Dear Sir,

Ron Tedwald should really do his homework a bit better. Hydraulic generation is by no means the benign way of generating electricity that he supposes. Large scale hydraulic schemes generally require dams and dams are now becoming widely recognised as environmental and ecological catastrophes. They are also rather dangerous. In July 1985 a burst dam swept down the Fiume Valley in Northern Italy, killing 260 people; in India in 1979, 15,000 people were killed in the collapse of a dam and 1,900 drowned at Vaiont, Italy in a similar accident. On top of all this, hydroelectricity is somewhat unreliable. A shortfall of rain in 1987 reduced Ontario Hydro's hydroelectric output by 15% and had to be replaced by coal fired generation resulting in the release of a further 80,000 tons of sulphur dioxide to the atmosphere. The release of sulphur dioxide in North America is variously estimated as causing between 5,000 and 50,000 deaths per year.

I have not before seen any suggestion that uranium tailings are killing northern waterways although people have been concerned at the health effects of radon emitted from tailings. We must not forget, however, that the natural world is a highly radioactive place and studies show that the operation of a 1000 Mw(e) nuclear station for a period of one year would result in an increase of the North American background radon concentration of less than four millionths of one per cent of the mining operation and one thirtieth of that level for the milling and covered tailings. These are very small increases and when multiplied by the population and by currently accepted risk factors might result in an additional 0.2 deaths over a period of 500 years.

No avoidable additional deaths are acceptable but there is no humankind without risk and the generation of electricity by whatever means carries a social as well as a monetary cost. All the evidence indicates that the generation of a given quantity of electrical energy by nuclear means will cause less human

suffering than any other method in history.

Yours,
W.J. Megaw

Smokeless must be protected

Dear Editor:

I worked very hard on the Smoking Committee to come up with a policy to protect non-smokers. I have to respond to the letter "Smokers Defend Their Rights," in last week's *Excalibur*.

1) M. and Jean argued that restricting smoking is undemocratic. After all are M. and Jean not mature enough to look after their own health? Well, if they smoke, obviously not. However it does seem somehow undemocratic to try to regulate people for their own good. My question is this: if we were to have a democratic vote, would the non-smoking rules still stand? (Just a thought).

2) The more important issue however is the matter of second hand smoke. I can't think of anything I'd rather breath into my lungs than a huge waft of chard pollutant that's been roaming around the cancerous, tarred lungs of the stranger sitting beside me in the cafeterias. I like it even better when I've been eating! Second-hand smoke is harmful to your health and that's a fact. When someone is smoking near me they are harming my health. This is not good! It is the non-smoker that the new smoking regulations hope to protect. I couldn't care less about people who want to smoke themselves to death. In fact I have some people in mind who are getting a pack of cigarettes from me for their birthday. They can smoke themselves into the twilight zone for all I care. But I don't want them smoking near me. Non-smoking regulations do *not* say they have to quit, nor do they say you can't smoke. What they do say is that there are areas where there are people who do not wish to be harmed by your smoke. They have a right to be there and these people have to be protected.

You have a right to smoke, you do not have a right to assault one with second-hand smoke.

Is the Traffic Act a Nazi Law because it says you can only drive on roads? Do you have a right to drive on the sidewalk? What's wrong with protecting people by limiting certain action to certain areas?

When it comes down to it, it is my right to life versus your right to pollute the air by a rather pointless exercise. You lose.

Drew McCreadie
President, CYSF

Excal should loosen up

Dear Editor,

I am a devoted *Excalibur* reader. Not only do I think that your content has improved over past years *Excaliburs*, but aesthetically speaking the paper has never looked better. I have a few suggestions that I hope you will consider in order to make a 'very good' school newspaper into an 'outstanding' weekly.

A) Stop printing the letters of that idiot Greg Hopper. One Lyndon Larouche in this world is enough.

B) Last year you guys catalyzed the removal of an inadequate beaucrat in Security. That looked like fun. Why don't you go for an all out coup this year. Even you don't succeed, it will undoubtedly make great copy not to mention the photos.

C) Loosen up a bit. Although the *Toronto Sun* is trash they sure know how to attract a membership. Why don't you incorporate some bullshit such as a centrefold that contains a prominent

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EDUCATION DEDUCTION CERTIFICATES (T2202A) 1987 CALENDAR YEAR

Education Deduction Certificates (T2202A) for the 1987 calendar year will be mailed to eligible students the week of **February 15, 1988**. For information concerning eligibility and entitlement, as well as other aspects of Income Tax requirements, consult Revenue Canada's *Income Tax and the Student*, Revenue Canada's Interpretation Bulletin No. IT224R3, or your local Revenue Canada Office.

As these certificates will be computer-produced, and mailed, individual requests prior to that date will not be processed. Personal pickup is not possible. Please ensure that York University has your current address, including the correct postal code.

Enquiries with regard to eligibility and entitlement for 1987 T2202A's received will be accepted only after March 7, 1988, and should be directed to the Registration Office, C130 West Office Building, Telephone 736-5155.

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THE LAST DAY TO PETITION TO REGISTER LATE FOR WINTER TERM COURSES IS:

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 1988**

THIS NOTICE IS A FINAL REMINDER.

Students who had not paid their academic fees and applicable late service charges by January 22, 1988 were notified that enrolment in Winter Term courses had been cancelled.

Any student wishing to be registered was advised of the need to petition for permission to register late. Petitions which demonstrate administrative default on the part of a University office or cover compassionate reasons are considered. The Registrar's decision is final.

Petitions must be submitted in writing. The appropriate form is available from the Registration Office, Suite C130, West Office Building, telephone 736-5155.

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Winter/Summer 1988 Session Students

KEEP IN MIND

THE LAST DAY FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS TO PAY ACADEMIC FEES AND LATE SERVICE CHARGES FOR FIRST TERM AND FULL SESSION COURSES IS:

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 1988**

Students who have not paid their fees and the applicable late service charges to complete the registration process by this date will be de-enrolled and their First Term and Full Session courses will be cancelled.

Anyone wishing to register after this date must submit a written petition to the Registration Office no later than **Friday, February 26, 1988**. The appropriate form is available from the Registration Office, Suite C130, West Office Building, telephone 736-5155.

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