

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity
—Lord Acton

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The last one

A little year-end editorial license

This being the last issue I finally get a chance to go off on a tangent, be a little bit sappy and even say a few nice things.

It's been a gas. I'm sure it's said every year but the feedback from our readers and the enthusiasm of the Excalibur staff make me say this has been the most enjoyable Excalibur to work for, ever.

There have been the nasty letters and raving student council presidents storming the newspaper's offices calling us all bums. But let's just say these things help make the job, uh, er, stimulating.

But there have been too many pleasant experiences to dwell on the less enjoyable ones so, inspired by last week's Academy Awards, I would like to thank a few people.

I can't begin a thank you list without saying thanks to the over 14,000 Yorkites who pick up the paper each Thursday

and do who knows what with it.

It's about time someone said thanks to Sylvia, the secretary at CYSF, perhaps the only person in that besieged office we could always count on for a smile and some help when we needed it.

Thanks to Joe, our cleaner who has put up with some pretty bad post-production night shambles in our offices.

To all the people throughout the year who got in touch with us with news tips: thanks a lot.

Thanks to the dedicated staff at Physical Plant who tried all winter to fix the heat in our offices so our fingers wouldn't be too stiff to type.

Although we have our complaints with them during the daytime, we have to say thanks to the people at the Central Square cafeteria for being open during the late hours of the night.

And deep thanks to Bob, Lerrick, Mark and all the staff



Bryon Johnson photo

Cheers!

at Foto-Set, our production and typesetting people. You've put up with a lot, and we appreciate it.

Thanks to the people without whom none of this would have been possible, the staff. A student newspaper is only as good as its volunteer staff and I think, thanks to you people, this has been a good one.

A special thanks to all the new people who came around the paper this year. Your new enthusiasm gave all we old timers an extra lift. Speaking of new staffers, thanks and good luck to this year's photo editor, Bryon Johnson. Bryon is a first year student and Excalibur will be benefiting from his dedication and expertise

for a few years to come.

And thanks to people like David Saltmarsh who, for no fathomable reason, have stayed up many a night helping us with extra production work when they should have been home studying or sleeping.

Thanks to the creator of "As the Campus turns", Warren Clements. Warren was editor of Excalibur in 1974-1975 and, fortunately for us, he hasn't been quite able to pull himself away from the paper. Speaking of service above and beyond the call of duty, Warren did one comic strip this year right after a car accident.

And to Elaine Kennedy, Anna Li and Olga Graham in Excalibur's business office, thanks to you too.

Editors Dave Fuller and Evan Leibovitch worked ridiculously hard and long hours for this paper throughout the year and undoubtedly screwed up their academics. We all owe them a deep thanks.

To editor/managing editor, Anna Vaitiekunas, well, we made it didn't we. To use that word again, thanks.

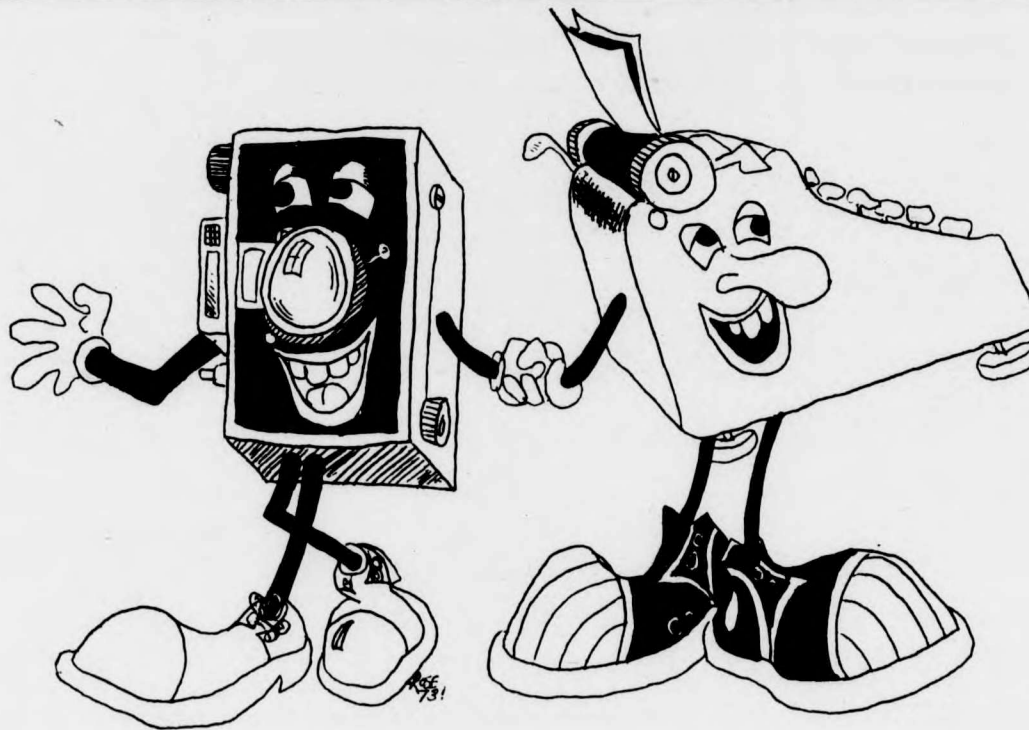
And then there's news editor, editor-elect Paul Kellogg. Let's just say that once you became news editor last fall, this paper took a pronounced turn for the better. And I thank you. Next year's Excalibur, with your help, will be the best ever and I'll be sorry not to be here for all of it. Again, my deepest thanks and good luck.

And to the rest of you who I didn't thank, you're not forgotten, there just isn't room so, thanks.

MICHAEL HOLLETT

Last staff meeting today at 2 p.m. in room 111, Central Square.

New staff will have to wait until next year.



To Excalibur's staff and friends

You are invited to a celebration this evening,

Thursday, April 7, 1977.

The merriment is to begin at approximately 7:30 p.m.

For details (the location for example)

drop by the office today.

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