

## Letters To The Editor

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# Food Service committee could be weapon

As the past chairman of the University Food Services committee, I would like to correct some of the tendentious statements made by members of the committee in the Excalibur of October 31, regarding my chairmanship, and perhaps suggest why the committee ought to be very careful in deciding the way it should go.

At the beginning of the meeting of October 28, I was careful to point out that the committee could be either a rubber stamp for policies decided by the department of Food Services, a collective ombudsman representing student, staff and faculty interests against existing services, or a policy-making body whose decisions would be implemented.

Practically speaking, the committee started off last year as a nominated body, directly accountable to the assistant vice-president (Business Operations). In course of time it deprived VS of its seat and prevented any member of the Food Services Division from having a vote.

Most of the members of the committee felt that their task was to ensure the provision of better and more varied food on campus. It was clear that the administrators felt that we should keep the system going as it was, with the proviso that we cut the deficit.

A finance committee (chaired by Mike Hennessey) came up with proposals which were essentially budgetary, and which entailed closing serveries and maintaining the present level of food service within technical engineering restrictions. The committee of the whole proposed that students should be allowed to compete with VS (through coffee bars, pubs, etc.) so that the variety and quality of fare for a campus with over 20,000 students could be improved.

In any event, the Food Services department accepted the technical changes proposed by the committee (closing serveries, cutting down

waste in transport costs, etc.) without accepting our proposals on competition and student initiative.

In my capacity as chairman, I felt that it was my duty to the university community as a whole to lean heavily in favour of the users of services rather than in favour of the managers. If I was biased, it was because the cards were heavily stacked against all of us who have to eat in the university, rather than those whose status (and frame of mind) is circumscribed by the idea of not rocking the boat.

If we see the UFSC as a user's committee, instead of a rubber-stamp (with accounting competence) for university management, then I think we should have no pub managers, no VS operators and no professional bureaucrats on it. We have to relate to the Food Services administration in order to get our statistics, but our task is to get better food, cheaper booze and more efficient service. We will get none of these if the chairman is "impartial". Impartiality in this case is about as viable as being a paper-weight on the VS manager's desk.

But that is Mike Mouritsen's problem. All I would like to emphasize is that UFSC is a potential weapon of students, staff and faculty to improve the services they deserve. They will do little for themselves if they accept "impartiality" as part of this particular game.

Ioan Davies

## Remedy available for smoke plight

I sympathize with the plight of your student correspondent L. Sweet, who finds the nuisance created by smokers in the classroom (and this, we are all aware, includes some instructors as well as fellow-students) to be intolerable.

There is, however, a remedy. The



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legal responsibility for the physical management of the university resides in the board of governors, which has expressly prohibited smoking in libraries, lecture halls, classrooms, elevators, etc. Consequently any complaint made to the university's fire and safety officer, or to academic administrators such as chairmen and deans, who are responsible for the conduct of classroom instruction, cannot be ignored.

If L. Sweet, or any students who may feel too diffident to tackle the problem themselves, would drop me a note giving the name of the instructor and details of the course in which they would like smoking stopped, I would be glad to make representations. I will even keep their names confidential if they would rather have that.

This also has the additional merit that some instructors, who would really like to be rid of the whole disgusting business but don't want to spoil their teaching ratings with the smokers, can have someone else to blame. It might even reduce the university's cleaning bill.

D.C. Russell

Professor of Mathematics

## Drive to excel deserves support

It is discouraging to think that

there may be other people roaming the York campus who share the ideas and opinions expressed by Mr. Proudlock in his letter "Football games are mwaningless, waste of time." Although the attack specifically mentions football, the arguments mentioned could be used to attack all intercollegiate athletic sports and their meaning to the students on the campus.

I take particular exception to the statement that games are utterly meaningless and that it matters nothing whether the Yeomen (or Yeowomen for that matter) win or lose. Try telling this to a dedicated number of men and women who practice diligently (and with great personal sacrifice) in order to pursue a type of excellence. Just as you, Mr. Proudlock, pursue excellence in your chosen areas of interest, so do others in theirs.

I must agree with the basic assumption that athletes play for the love of the game. This is the reason why we do many things. To support others by "cheering" indicates to me

Humour

## Where your money goes

By STEVEN BRINDER

The academic fee to attend a typical five-course year at York University is \$660. Few of us know where all the money is allocated, so here is a list of at least some of the places where the money goes:

- \$1.25 goes to the York rugby team for the purchase of balls and teeth.
- \$1.83 goes to the York security guards so they can roam around the campus in station wagons and play Dick Tracy with their walkie-talkies.
- 50 cents goes to the University of Toronto if they promise not to laugh at York.
- \$1.08 goes to Radio York to alleviate your constipation problem by playing David Bowie records at 7

that we, as humans, in some way appreciate the efforts and values that others may have, even if they are different from our own. Even if we can not find it in ourselves to cheer, negativism towards someone else's drum beat is a more "sinful waste of time" than watching an athletic contest.

Although I too feel that participation is a more valuable experience than observation, only a certain number of athletes excel and are able to represent their school. It is desirable that those who do not play at the varsity level find some lower competitive level or play recreationally. That is why there is an intermural system and free time available to all in the Tait building and on the playing fields.

Therefore Mr. Proudlock, the next time you have an inkling to sit down and write a silly letter, try jogging around the campus or come on over and try out for the team of your choice. We'll be expecting you.

Bob Bain

Department of Physical Education

## On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to Department of Information and Publications, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

### SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday, 1 p.m. - Development of Teaching Skills - "Vocalization and technique in lecturing", with Professor Neil Freeman - 108, Behavioural Science Building

4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Lecture (History Department Latin American and Caribbean Studies Programme) Professor Stuart Voss, from the State University of New York at Plattsburg, will talk on Porfirian Mexico during the period 1876 to 1910 - Senior Common Room, McLaughlin

7:30 p.m. - Seminar - Professor Stuart Voss will give a seminar on the Porfiriato in Sonora and Sinaloa - Senior Common Room, Founders

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - E.G.O. - Innovative Approaches to the Helping Relationship (Centre for Continuing Education) "Psychodrama I" by Susanna Eveson - admission \$6; \$4 for students - 107 Stedman

Tuesday, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. - E.G.O. - Parapsychology and Frontiers of the Mind (Centre for Continuing Education) "Explanatory Theories of Parapsychological Phenomena" by Howard Eisenberg - admission \$5.00; \$3.50 for students - Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross

Wednesday, 3 p.m. - Guest Speaker (York Student NDP's) Stephen Lewis, Ontario NDP leader - C, Curtis

4:30 p.m. - Chemistry Seminar Series - "Magnetism and Magnetic Transitions in Transition Metal Compounds" by Professor R.L. Carlin, University of Illinois - 320, Farquharson

### FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, 4 p.m. - Film (Natural Science Division) "The Harvest of the Seasons" ("The Ascent of Man" series) - L, Curtis

8 p.m. - Play (Theatre Department) a performance of Ibsen's Hedda Gabler - no admission charge, but tickets are required from the Burton Auditorium Box Office - Atkinson Studios

8 p.m. - Plays (French 225, Glendon) Trois pièces par René de Obaldia: Le Défunt, Edouard et Agrippine, et Le Grand Vizir - admission 50¢ - Pipe Room, Glendon

8:30 p.m. - Dance (Atkinson/Glendon) admission \$1 - Old Dining Hall, Glendon

9 p.m. - Concert (Music Department) piano students of Louis Debras - F, Curtis

Friday, 8 p.m. - Play (Theatre Department) a performance of Ibsen's Hedda Gabler - no admission charge, but tickets are

required from the Burton Auditorium Box Office - Atkinson Studios

8:30 p.m. - Film (Winters) Fellini's "Roma" - admission \$1.25 for Winters students and \$1.50 for others - I, Curtis

Saturday, 8 p.m. - Play (Theatre Department) a performance of Ibsen's Hedda Gabler - no admission charge, but tickets are required from the Burton Auditorium Box Office - Atkinson Studios.

8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) "The Paper Chase" - admission \$1.50 for those with university identification; \$1.25 for Bethune students - L, Curtis

Saturday, 8:30 p.m. - Entertainment (Glendon) Québechoud presents Rockin' Réjean Garneau and the Jolly Hearts' Club Band - admission 75¢ - Café, Glendon

Sunday, 8:30 p.m. - Film (Bethune) "The Paper Chase" - admission \$1.50 for those with university identification; \$1.25 for Bethune students - L, Curtis

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Monday, 3 p.m. - Film (Natural Science Division) "The Hidden Structure" - L, Curtis

4 p.m. - Films in Canadian History (History Department) "The Forest" (20 mins.) and "The Log Drive" (29 mins) - I, Curtis

8 p.m. - Concert (Stong, McLaughlin, Music Department) with selections by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Stravinsky and

4 p.m. - 5:25 p.m. - Film (Humanities 172A/283/398) "The Tuesday, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Japanese Films (Humanities/Social Science 277) "Harakiri" - L, Curtis

4 p.m. - 5:25 p.m. - Film (Humanities 172A/283/398) "The Wild Child" - I, Curtis

Wednesday, 4:15 p.m. - Film (Humanities 373) "The General" (1927; Buster Keaton) - 204, York Hall, Glendon

8 p.m. - Concert (Music Department) York winds - Senior Common Room, McLaughlin

### CLUBS, MEETINGS

Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - Ontology Club - "Your Servers" with Dr. Don Viggiani; also, the movie "Powers of Ten" will be shown - 110, Curtis

Monday, 7:30 p.m. - York Bridge Club - Vanier Dining Hall

Tuesday, 7 p.m. - York Homophile Association - 215, Bethune

Wednesday, 4 p.m. - Christian Science College Organization - S501, Ross

### SPORTS, RECREATION

Friday, 6 p.m. - Tournament - The York University 2nd annual invitational Women's Ice Hockey Tournament, with teams from other universities - admission free - Ice arena

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Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. - British Sub Aqua - 110, Curtis

### MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - "Under Attack" tapings - in the Moot Courtroom of Osgoode Hall Law School - tickets available from Room 118, Osgoode

Friday, 8 p.m. - FALL CONVOCATION - for all Faculties (except Atkinson). Two distinguished mathematicians, Professor Wladyslaw Orlicz from Poland and Professor Hans Freudenthal from the Netherlands, will receive Honorary Doctor of Science degrees. Professor Freudenthal will give the Convocation address - Tait McKenzie Gymnasium.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass - 107, Stedman

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - for appointment call Chaplain Judd at 661-5157 or 633-2158

5:30 p.m. - Student Served Dinners - each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Winters Dining Hall

Wednesday, 12 noon - Beat Pit Session (Radio York) Ontario NDP leader Stephen Lewis, interviewed by Rick Leswick - Central Square, Ross

8 p.m. 10 p.m. - Stargazing - Astronomical Observatories, Petrie

### COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

Absinthe Coffee House - 013, Winters (2439)

Ainger Coffee Shop - Atkinson College (3544)

Argh Coffee Shop - 051, McLaughlin (3606)

Comeback Inn - 2nd floor, Phase II, Atkinson (2489)

Cock & Bull Coffee Shop - 023, Founders (3667)

Just Another Coffee Shop - 112, Bethune (3579)

Open End Coffee Shop - 004, Vanier (6386)

Orange Snail Coffee Shop - 107, Stong (3587)

Osgoode Pub - JCR, Osgoode (3019)