

EDITORIAL

Lobbying will do CYSF wonders

Joe Zammit, CYSF Vice-President External Affairs, should be commended for his efforts in obtaining a six-month trial of late-night TTC service at York.

The CYSF heard a number of complaints from students about being stranded at Wilson Station and having to walk across campus in the early hours of the morning. Zammit solicited letters of support from several politicians, and even arranged for North York Mayor Mel Lastman to make a presentation at the TTC commissioners meeting on September 20.

Zammit performed well, but as an elected official he was only doing what was expected. His efforts were noteworthy only because CYSF has lacked credibility for years.

Last year's CYSF was known primarily for President Drew McCreadie's antics. The joke-candidate was more concerned about embellishing his resume than serving York students—best exemplified by his PC candidacy in the last provincial election.

And aside from Gerard Blink's involvement in the Student Centre initiative two years ago—a project primarily orchestrated by Student Centre Chairperson Rob Castle — the 1986 CYSF President was so invisible he might as well have been called "Gerard Who?"

Zammit's aggressive lobbying will do wonders to raise CYSF's profile, and to a degree substantiates Zammit's and CYSF President Tammy Hasselfeldt's claim that York can successfully lobby without the expensive help of the Ontario Federation of Students.

It would be nice to see all student politicians doing their jobs.

Just a little cash for your FM station

CHRY needs your support.

York's year old FM (105.5) radio station began its first annual fund-raising drive last week in an effort to strength its strained operating budget. Its goal is to raise \$21,000 during the 12-day event.

As of yesterday, pledges totalled about \$9,000. With only four days left in the campaign it seems unlikely that the station will meet its quota. But CHRY spirits have remained high.

"Feedback from the audience has been uplifting," said Programme Director Kaan Yigit. "We're a little underpledged, but we think the last four days will bring us close to our goal."

Even if the goal is not reached, the money raised so far proves that the station has a solid listenership. Indeed, the high quality of programming that the station has presented at such an early stage is remarkable.

So reach down deep into your pockets and pull out that five, ten, or even that twenty spot, and help CHRY reach its goal.

It's a worth cause.



Will this help?

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LETTERS

Discord on Christianity

How narrow-minded does the author of "All Churches Created Equal" (C. Connolly, Sept. 22) think I am? Does she honestly think that I am oblivious to the fact that every church, not "most religious denominations," possesses some degree of error in the "rituals performed, practices followed, or unproven 'truths' believed"? Forgive me if I failed to make myself clear the first time (*Excalibur*, Sept. 15).

A very wise, and devout, Christian once told me that "the Church is the most perfect thing on earth... but as soon as a single human being walks inside, it is no longer perfect." In my article, I think I point out quite clearly that the Church of Christ consider themselves an exception — that they are the most perfect church in existence. I don't know about you but I have never before, or since, encountered a religious organization that displayed such unjustified arrogance (not to mention the power they exercise over those who are naive to the ways of Christianity).

Don't get me wrong. I never intended to imply that the Church of Christ is the only one of its kind either. But let us keep things in perspective. This is a York University newspaper which has no reason but to concern itself with issues that directly affect the people of this campus.

As for Connolly's assumption that

I cast my "critical eye only beyond the boundaries of (my) own religious beliefs" — I'm afraid you misunderstood my criticism. Did she really think that I had something against Christianity?

If the truth is to be known, I have a greater admiration for the Christian way of life than any other following. But if someone approaches me, regardless of their religious standing, and has the arrogance to think that his/her church is the only church worthy of association, whereupon they proceed to instruct me on how my life should be lead — what books I can read, what movies I can watch, what music I can listen to, what friends I can have, and so forth — I'm not going to drop my pants, bend over and say "Take me. I'm yours."

And I'm certainly not going to stand by and watch silently as a growing number of people are successfully coerced into giving up their capability of moral choice and freedom.

— Darryl Wiggers

Psychology to count on

Editor,

As every psychology major knows, you can make numbers prove almost anything. But *you* have gone too far. In *Yorkdex* (September 15, 1988) you said: "Percentage of female Faculty of Arts students majoring in Psychology: 75%." This struck me as unlikely — that three-quarters of all

female students in Arts were Psychology majors. But then I read that of the female students in the Faculty of Arts, 37.5% majored in Political Science, 69% majored in English, and 25.8% majored in Computer Science.

No wonder there are so many female students in my classes, when it appears as if something over 200% of the students in the Faculty of Arts are women. How's that? I hope your statistical reporter is not a product of Psychology 2020.06. If so, we should submit a petition for a grade change, whatever the grade was.

Actually, I think you meant that of Psychology majors in the Faculty of Arts, 75% are female. Right? *Excalibur* keeps us on our toes.

Malcolm R. Westcott, Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology

Congrats to VP Zammit

Editor,

On behalf of all York students I would like to congratulate CYSF's External Affairs VP Joe Zammit on his success in persuading the TTC to improve their late night service to and from the campus. Residents and commuters will welcome this achievement which is the result of a determined campaign by Mr. Zammit. His efficient approach to a genuine student concern should be an example to other members of student government at York.

Paul Downes

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