

## Reader complains of coverage

Excalibur's first issue of 1976 was encouraging. Its articles covered a wide spectrum of interests. I wish to compliment you on that publication. However, my intention in writing is not to praise your past efforts.

I was greatly annoyed by your response to letters appearing in last week's issue concerning coverage of women's sports. With the exception of mid-December, 1975 when competitions had not been scheduled, women's sports reports have been submitted by sports convenors on a regular, if not weekly, basis.

I will not buy your condemnation of the lack of journalistic style of submitted articles. If this was indeed the case in some submissions, the authors provided enough information for your staff of "journalists" to have produced newsworthy articles.

Also in your past issue, I was appalled to see an advertisement for applicants for the women's varsity hockey team. I know nothing of the organization of the Excalibur office, but I doubt its existence, since this ad was submitted in early October.

I do appreciate your other priorities in publishing a campus newspaper; however, I sincerely hope you "get your act together," and provide the people of this university with full and consistent reporting of varsity sports.

Wendy Michalowiec,  
Women's Athletic Council

### Smoky eyes

After several years of study at university I can now state that I have discovered a detrimental effect that smoking has on individuals. Smoking causes a learning dysfunction in the smoker. More specifically, the damage occurs to the reading capacities of these people.

Having observed these poor wretches light up time after time in class rooms and lecture halls disregarding the "No Smoking" signs, I have been forced to conclude the aforementioned.

At first, I entertained the possibility that the smoker lacked consideration or conscience due to the effects of the cigarette smoke on the super-ego. Later, I dismissed this when I observed several smokers actually using an ashtray. This behaviour I concluded could not occur if a sense of social duty were lacking.

I also considered the notion that cigarettes cause deafness. I suspected this because smoking continued in classes after the professor had asked that it discontinued while the lecture was in progress. I found this also not to be the case, having overheard one smoker ask another for a light while not looking at his lips or using sign language.

And so I have proven that smoking is hazardous to your health, but not hazardous to the respiratory system as we have suspected, but to the brain processes.

Soon, all cigarettes will have a new warning printed on the side of each package: "The Ministry of Health cautions that the more you smoke the greater the possibility you will attend braille classes."

William J. Barger

### Sports rotting

It is with great pleasure that I tip my hat to the expertise of sports writing in Excalibur. I first have to comment on last week's article on the hockey Yeomen. Tony Magistrale (I hope I spelt his name right) is right up on the happenings of the hockey club.

His journalistic style places great excitement into the reader. I am one who likes to read some details, not fall asleep. It seems

from reading his column that he gets the game summaries and makes a story from them. Also, I must comment on his spelling of the players' names, for several weeks the name of Doug Sellars appeared as Scellars. And a good effort in spelling Peter Titanic's name correctly.



Next up is the great article on Myles Davis's Christmas vacation or my guide to you of slopes around Ontario. Just what we need coming back to school. It should have appeared before the break.

One person whom I must compliment is that all around roving reporter, Evan Leibovitch. This fellow is probably the only one at the paper who will take on any assignment regardless of his knowledge of the subject. Evan came through with a good and much needed article on the inter-college sports, as they do not get enough ink.

Of course, Dr. Labib comes through with his useful pointers — too bad I am not a fan of squash. In closing I would like to say that I had the chance of hearing the Yeomen versus U. of T. Blues game on Radio York and I must admit the fellow doing the commentary and play-by-play handled himself well and could be compared to any other sportscaster.

Ron Ablett

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