

Correspondence

Manhood

I don't know what's happening to this great nation of yours and mine lately. Increasingly, there is talk in newspapers and magazines about "Canada's leadership crisis". It seems that every time some tired hack finds himself short of copy, he turns on our nation's leaders.

I for one am not ashamed to say that there is a leader in Canada, a man whose steady hand and iron grip can lead our country into the new decade. I refer to Pierre Trudeau, who served this country ably, while remaining beyond reproach or suspicion in his handling of the difficult October Crisis of 1970. Few bother to remember days long ago, but I do, and I understand that imposing martial law and curtailing civil liberties is not an easy step to take, particularly in a country with strong traditions of liberal democracy like Canada. That Trudeau had the courage and strength to abandon these traditions in his battle against a fifteen member group

of heavily armed francophones serves as proof that he has the courage of his convictions. Besides, most of those arrested were communists of one kind or another, and who has rights in Russia?

Any student with enough brains to go to York should know just what I'm talking about. Pierre Trudeau is a real man. Let's make him our man.

James Osterberg

Excalibur 'ignorant' of GAA position

The Editorial comments in the two preceding issues are host to a variety of conflicting, ambiguous and ill-founded thoughts on the GAA issue of job security. On January 17, the Editorial staff seem to admit their ignorance of the GAA position, but on Jan. 24th they confirm it. These "enlightened altruists" concoct an abstract "conspiracy theory" as the solution to their problems. Their sceptical and apathetic attitude mystifies the real issues and demonstrates their contempt for all union activity either

on or off campus. I propose that the editorial staff test their many hypotheses against those of others and then publish the results of their inquiries instead of having "faith" that the truth will appear at their closed doors.

Stephen Boos

Swimmers had Rill fine time

During the December holidays, twenty members of the York University Swim Team attended an eleven day training camp in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The team stayed in efficiencies close to the beach where serious riots usually occur on New Year's Eve. The coaches were interested in getting the group away from the beach on New Year's Eve but the athletes had no money for the expensive entertainment that seemed to be available. (Each swimmer paid \$400.00 for his or her accommodation, transportation, and food).

On January 29, Warren Rill contacted the team and invited the group to his new restaurant "Beaux Arts" in Miami for New

Year's Eve. The evening was fantastic — excellent food, dancing, and hats and horns for everyone for the midnight hour.

The members of the York University Swim Team want to publicly thank Warren Rill for his hospitality and generosity. New Year's Eve at "Beaux Arts" was the highlight of our trip.

Carol Gluppe, Women's Swim Coach; Gary MacDonald, Men's Swim Coach and team members

York in '89? Wait 'n see

I thoroughly enjoyed James L. Kennedy's letter last week about my article on York in the '80s.

I must point out, however, that the ideas contained in the feature were not solely the product of my imagination. They were in part based on an interview I had Jan. 7 with President H. Ian Macdonald, whose ideas provided the framework for the article. In addition, I consulted several magazine and newspaper articles written by experts in their fields, (e.g., fashion, communication). Finally, I borrowed from the

variegated wisdoms of Alvin Toffler, who has written three books on future societies (*Future Shock*, 1970; *The Eco-Spasm Report*, 1975; and *The Third Wave*, due March of this year, and recently excerpted in *Playboy*).

Individualism may or may not play a major part in the future society, but the context in which I was using it was in reference to Toffler's view of education being tailored more toward each individual's needs.

Whatever. The points Mr. Kennedy made are well-taken. For predicting the future is an inexact science. Perhaps the New University will lie somewhere between both of our views.

Bruce Gates

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