

Correspondence

Violence at York

It is time that something is done about putting an end to wanton acts of violence at York.

Last Friday a young man was beaten unconscious and left lying in the hall by a bunch of gutless wimps who have to strike in numbers to make any impression of toughness.

What sick mentality would gang up on one person? Do these punks think they are fighters? They are deluding themselves. They are scum.

These cowards are only able to function in groups. If they had picked a fight one or even two at a time they would have been demolished. They feel safe attacking in numbers, and in a drunken stupor, because alone they do not possess either the strength, stamina, or guts that they would like to pretend they have.

It is obvious that York's so-called security doesn't know how to handle this type of situation which is becoming more and more frequent. Violent acts are downplayed to avoid publicizing incidents that we never really hear about until they affect us personally.

York University is becoming a place where it is possible to get away with crime.

York does nothing to contribute to public safety, indeed, certain conditions make it a place conducive to crime.

At night, practically half of the campus is enveloped in darkness; where there is lighting, it is very dim.

Security is a farce, comprised of old men and untrained personnel who are good only for giving parking tickets and towing cars away behind the owners' backs. It is disgusting that students are not allowed to park near buildings at night.

This is typical of York—a greedy, grabbing institution that puts money before public safety.

Parking lots are situated quite far out on the campus so that it is at least a five or ten minute walk to the nearest building (not that you are safe in any of the buildings). Parking lots close to buildings are either blocked off or, if someone parks on them, their car is towed away to the furthest parking lot where it becomes necessary to walk about 20 minutes to get it back.

York should do something about security. Stop covering up and avoiding the fact that violence is on the increase and nothing is being done about it. Get a real security system instead of a bunch of metre maids.

Elizabeth Shearer

More On Bar-Lewaw On El Salvador

What I find most regrettable about analysis of the kind presented by Dr. Bar-Lewaw is its casual disregard for truthfulness—as if it were somehow more important to fit the situations of El Salvador and Nicaragua in the "pattern" of worldwide Communist expansion, less important to pay any close attention to what is actually happening in those countries.

While life in the Nicaragua of 1981 is no paradise, what I have read and heard (via various international, human rights and religious or church organizations) seems to indicate that the current gov't: remains non-aligned; remains committed to a mixed economy; remains broadly based; and is realistically attempting to reconstruct Nicaragua and pay off her national debt. Human rights groups have testified to the

Nicaragua, and root out and destroy the legitimate opposition in El Salvador. Such policies may indeed drive legitimate opposition to seek support from Moscow or Havana. It is a truly sad state of affairs when American policymakers can reshape Central American events and force them to fit on the Procrustean bed of their own distorted analysis. This is what is happening in El Salvador, and thousands of people are being needlessly butchered by the security forces as a result.

Tom Broadhurst

BOG race invalid

Regrettably, I must ask that the election for Board of Governors at the York Main Campus be declared invalid as proper election procedures were not followed on Wednesday, March 18, 1981.



dramatic improvement in the human rights situation, a major literacy campaign has been completed, a major health campaign is underway, and an election is promised in the next 3-5 years.

Apart from the occasional article in *The Globe and Mail*, Dr. Bar-Lewaw's interpretations of Central American reality do little harm. The same cannot be said for the Americans. I have no doubt the U.S. could force the Salvadorean junta and army to the negotiating table (the FDR has already said that it is willing to negotiate, if the U.S. is a participant), and that a political solution could be found—probably involving de-militarization of a revamping of the army, a major obstacle to reform. Friendly relations between the U.S. and Nicaragua would probably help that country to stabilize and remain non-aligned. However, the current American policy seems calculated to isolate and undercut

It is my impression that Glendon College did not receive ballots to vote for the election of Board of Governors on Wednesday, March 18 until after many students had already voted.

As in most elections across this country the counting of ballots is done immediately after polls close. Your present plan to hold York's ballots until the inclusion of Glendon's ballots, whenever that may be, can only lead to confusion and undoubtedly misunderstanding from a large segment of the student population.

I suggest the election be held next Friday, allowing for notification to both campuses of the fact, and the ballots from both campuses be counted immediately and in conjunction.

Brian Charlebois

Steadman mishandling BOG

I would like to let you know that many people at our college resent

the high-handed attitude with which we are too often treated by people from "the other campus". This year, especially through the efforts of Greg Saville, much has been done by *Excalibur* to better the situation, but as you can see from my letter of complaint, some people just don't learn. I'm trusting that you, and Greg, won't allow the CYSF to sweep this under the carpet but will keep a close watch on the progress of the complaint.

Many thanks.

Tara J. Ballance
Glendon College

Ms. Ballance sent the following letter to the CYSF:

I am writing to lodge a formal complaint with the CYSF about the manner in which the CRO, Mr. Robert Steadman, has handled the election for the Board of Governors student representative on the Glendon College Campus. I am registered as a full-time student, number 700731901, and am not a member of the Student Council nor otherwise concerned except as a member of the student body of the College.

The Board of Governors election, as I understand it, is run concurrently with the CYSF elections. These were called for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17th and 18th, 1981. Student elections at Glendon College were called for Wednesday and Thursday, March 18th and 19th, 1981. Thus, the only possible day for voting in the Board of Governors election was the Wednesday, according to Mr. Steadman.

The GCSU organized an all-candidates meeting for noon on Tuesday, March 17th, but the candidates for the Board of Governors did not attend, since according to the CYSF constitution they may not campaign on election days. The electorate of Glendon, comprising over one thousand voters, was denied an opportunity to hear the candidates and to make an informed choice.

On Wednesday, the GCSU elections commenced at 10:00 am. By 1:00 pm approximately 220 votes had been cast. However, neither Mr. Steadman nor anyone delegated by him arrived at Glendon with a ballot box and ballots until after 1:00 pm. Furthermore, although the CYSF, through Mr. Steadman's services, is supposed to administer the election for the Board of

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