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fact that an art review can never do complete justice to the art reviewed. The shows at Winter's contained a tremendous amount of art from four separate disciplines. It was immensely difficult to cover much a mass of material.

In relation to Endrin's comments on the drawing show, let me say this. It is true that added media does make art exciting but if the basic media lacks excitement on its own merit, the work appears gimmicky. The drawing show lacked this base.

The accusations about the multi-media coverage should also be answered. What the article stated was that the ideas were strong enough to swim in the sea of diverse styles and media. The statement was positive not negative!

Endrin's diatribe on the painting show review was also misled. The primary concern of a painter is not just subject matter but style and technique, which includes the application of paint. It was ridiculous of Endrin to compare the artist's use of thick paint to that of a housepainter's.

The charge Endrin makes in regards to the sculptors was way offbase. My comment was, "most sculptors presented engaging works." "Most" refers to the majority of the group, and comment is complimentary not slanderous.

If Ms. Endrin had seen all the shows, perhaps she would not have been compelled to selectively quote and misread the article, especially my final remark that "all the artists and curator are to be commended."

And in response to her label of "hack" I say, the butcher with the sharpest knife has the warmest heart.

Blake Evans

## Leave Coalition alone: reader

I have often contemplated writing a letter to the editor of *Excalibur*. Why I have failed to do so in the past I do not know. But this time I cannot pass up the urge to do so.

Anybody who was in Central

Square on Tuesday, January 12 would have noticed the Liberty Coalition table that was set up. At any given time there were between five and 40 people around the table. Some were arguing, others discussing, and some were yelling. Yelling I believe to be the result of poor and infantile behaviour. Yelling at someone shows that what you have to say is either not true, completely false (knowingly), or just a matter of living up to the inaccurate adage that raising your voice gets your point across. Yelling is also used to suppress your opponents opinion and not allow him/her to get the point across. I believe that in an institution such as a university yelling or attempting to obstruct someone's opinion is boorish. The Liberty Coalition table offers an opinion that differs greatly from what the average student is accustomed to hearing. It stands for such concepts as free enterprise, non-government intervention, strong defence, and basically a mistrust of communists and communism, with self evident reasons.

Are these concepts so wrong. Are they so naive. Are they outdated. I do not think so! I think it is time that these concepts are reviewed and see how they apply to us in the failed liberal-welfare state experiment of today.

The Liberty Coalition's Statement of Principles should be reviewed by those who oppose the Coalition so they can see for themselves if it is so radical.

Oh yes, by the way, the person who threw the handfull of coins from the back of the crowd at the Coalition's members and table, including me, I think you should seriously consider an alternative form of education, preferably kindergarten, where someone can keep an eye on you when you're being naughty. Remember, you could take someone's eye out. Keep your lawyer's number handy. And if you really must throw coins, throw Loonies. They will be a reminder of your personality and they are worth picking up. Three Loonies will buy me a pack of cigarettes.

Jerry Jorritsma

## Smokers defend their rights

Editor,

A letter to the powers that be, at York University. When are you replacing our "Canadian flag that flies on our flag pole, with either the "Russian flag or the Swastika?"

I grew up believing Canada was a democratic country, but where is the democracy when I am told, "you have to stop smoking because it is hazardous to your health!" (now you may say you don't have to quit, you can smoke at home, you just can't smoke at work. Well I spend more time here than I do at home). I feel it's up to me if I want to endanger my health by smoking. People say second-hand smoke is hazardous to smoker's health, well so is the pollution in the air outside, from cars, trucks, buses and factories. Will we have to quit driving our cars, riding buses, and close all the factories next?

What ever happened to "Human Rights" or is it only the non-smokers that have these rights?

To date we have not even been assigned designated areas, in which those of us who do not wish to give up the pleasure of a cigarette, pipe, or cigar, may go to partake in this sinful pastime. Even most hospitals, which are health-care institutions, designate "sin" rooms for the employees and patients who wish to smoke!

I believe it's time we who wish to smoke stand up and be counted, we have "Rights" too!

M. Gable  
Jean Smith

## Suicide feature incomplete

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate *Excalibur* for its article on suicide. (January 7, 1988). James Flagal made a number of good points. However, he omitted a significant piece of information.

As Flagal pointed out, the suicide

rate among 20-24 year olds is growing and the problem is compounded by the fact that our society still has a strong taboo against reaching out for help—doing so is seen as a sign of personal weakness.

I am puzzled that after making these points, Flagal neglected to mention sources of counselling and help that are located at York. My assumption is that *Excalibur* has a readership that is comprised mainly of this same age group. By not mentioning the fact that there are places to turn to for counselling on campus, and making readers aware of what they are and where they're located, Flagal has implicitly reinforced the taboo against reaching out for help.

The most significant of these services is the Counselling and Development Centre (CDC), located in room 145 of the Behavioural Sciences Building (736-5297). The CDC has professional counsellors and supervised interns available for individual

counselling on a walk in basis. Our organization, the Student Peer Support Centre, located in 112 Central Square (736-5494) offers non-professional volunteers who are always willing to listen in much the same fashion as a Distress Centre operates. Other campus resources are residence Dons and advisors and for evening students there is the Atkinson Counselling Service (736-5225).

Unfortunately all these services have restricted hours. The Distress Centre has two lines which are staffed by trained volunteers 24 hours a day and can be reached at 486-1456 and 598-1121.

Despite this critical over-sight, it is encouraging to see media coverage of what is an important mental health issue.

Joseph Dembinski,  
Co-ordinator  
Student Peer Support Centre

## York Food Bank to help feed North York's needy

By NANCY PHILLIPS

York's 1988 Food Drive to aid the North York Harvest Food Bank will be kicked off at the Winter Carnival dance to be held on February 4.

Loren Freid, Executive Director of the Food bank, has said that "This year we're on the course to distribute out over a quarter of a million pounds (of food)." Last year they handed out 30,000 pounds in June alone.

Several events will be held at York throughout the term to help the Bank to reach their goal.

During the Winter Carnival, being held from February 1-5, the colleges will be competing in different sporting events. Points will be awarded to the winning teams, and will also be given to the colleges that collect the most food. The college with the most points will be declared the victors.

The colleges will also have a long-term competition to raise food. Bins will be placed in each college council office, and a thermometer at each college will indicate where they are

on the donation ladder. The Council of York Student Federation will publish which college is leading every two weeks in *Excalibur*. A substantial prize will be awarded to the winning college at the end of the term, which will be made available to both residence and commuter students.

There are also plans to charge a reduced admission for those who bring food to various play-off games and other events.

Freid sees York has having "a fantastic potential that can set an example for what others can do."

He believes that the Food Drive will make people more aware of the large hunger problem in North York. He said that "people look at you funny when you talk about hunger north of Eglinton. We want to publicize that needy people exist up here."

Fried says that the best types of food to donate are canned meat and fish, juices, peanut butter, and powdered milk.

## FACULTY OF EDUCATION APPLICATIONS

The Faculty of Education will be receiving applications early in February for the 1988-89 academic session. Students currently registered in undergraduate faculties can obtain applications or information from

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Faculty of Education  
Ross Building, N801  
736-5001

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Glendon College  
C130 York Hall  
736-5004

## INFORMATION MEETINGS

Students wishing to learn more about the Bachelor of Education programme at York University are invited to attend special information meetings to be held:

Tuesday, January 26, 4:00 p.m.  
Senior Common Room,  
York Hall, Glendon College

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