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chipmunk wins

by Letitia Tendentious

The tension mounted as it came down to the wire in the thrill a minute, action packed, anything for a laugh, cliché ridden, angst inducing *Excalibur* mascot election. When the dust settled, the chipmunk came out on top.

"Thank goodness for photocopy machines," the mascot-elect exclaimed, hastily adding: "I mean, I'm happy the voters chose me, and I hope to prove their faith in me was not misplaced in the coming year."

"Our coverage of the election was fair," *Excalibur* associate editor Heather Songstress responded. "We investigated the Hindenburg allegation, and found it full of hot air. I mean, hey, man, everybody knows the press doesn't affect the outcome of elections, shoot the messenger, blah blah blah, brrrrrrt brrrrrrt brrrrrrt..."

Editor Nancy Pushups giggled in the background.

Chief Rodent Officer Ira Nayman said that this was the fairest election he had seen in many years. "Oh, sure," he maintained,

"there was the usual back stabbing, character assassination and dirty tricks, but they were all aboveboard and out in the open."

Election analyst Luigi Manitoulin was surprised by the result. "When Glendon threw its support behind the perezosa, I thought she had the election in the bag," he commented. "But, I guess

MASCOT ELECTION

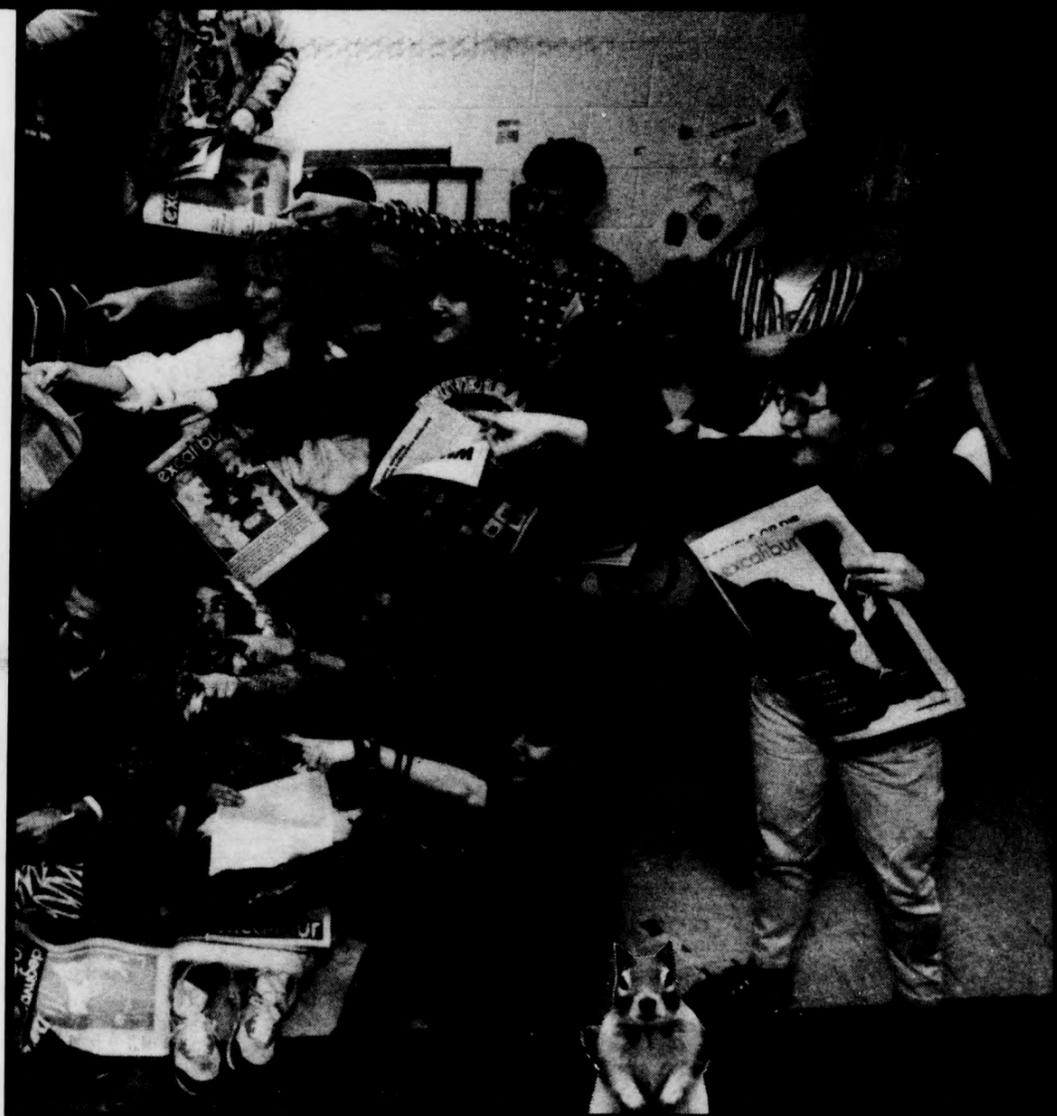
"Yeah, right," said the fish, which came seventh in the field of six declared candidates. "The reason the chipmunk got so many votes was because *Excalibur* played up the Kennedy thing. Well, I was rumoured to be responsible for the Hindenburg disaster, but they didn't print anything about that, did they?"

Amusing remarks

compiled by STAFF

According to the rules on the official *Excalibur* mascot election ballot, "Ballots with more than one mark on them will be disqualified unless they are very amusing." Here are some of the ballot remarks:

- "Swim fishy swim! Through the dirty waters of York!"
- "The cow still looks good beside the section where people air their beefs."
- "Vote for the principle of Lethargy! Sloths rule! Perezosa forever! Three toes - freedom!"
- "Didn't you dance to the toons of Doug and the Slugs? Vote slug!"
- "The perezosa would eat other candidates. Vote slug."
- "Mouse? Remember the plague! Vote slug."
- "Fish? Should we let french fries run too? Vote slug."
- "Chipmunk? Alvin's a trouble maker."
- "Always vote for a conquistador from the 17th century [perezosa], or they'll beat the hell out of you."
- "With a bear as mascot, we could have more articles about York Lanes, you know, the proposed shopping mall!"
- "Chipmunk? No religious figures! (Think about it...)"
- "It's not uncommon to find fish wrapped in newspaper pages, is it?"
- "I'll vote pelican, but only if a pink flamingo is assistant mascot!"
- "Perezosa? Isn't that a Mexican cornish pastry?"
- "It would be grizzly to have a bear as mascot."
- "Don't fall for the fish's promises hook, line and sinker!"
- "Ya, a chocolate Mous(s)e for mascot! Yum!"
- "Wasn't Perezosa Noriega's right hand man?"
- "The pelican will lay an egg!"



Half of Excal's staff rejoice at the election of the chipmunk as mascot. The other half knows the truth.

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those 750 Bethune votes on the second last day really put the chipmunk over the top. Anyway, it was a damn close race."

The chipmunk, with 1,224 votes, beat runner up perezosa, with 41 votes.

"I was disappointed by the number of spoiled ballots," CRO Nayman commented. "Three just aren't enough. Some people were obviously taking the whole thing too seriously. The person who dropped the gum wrapper into the ballot box without writing a candidate's name on it was inspired. Or confused. Either way, I'm hoping for a bigger spoiled ballot turn-out next year."

The cow, *Excalibur's* out-going mascot, had nothing but praise for the chipmunk. "He's not arrogant, obnoxious or anything," she said, adding that while she appreciated that some people wrote-in her name for next year, York students didn't have to worry about her future.

"I've been offered a position with the Shaw of Scotland," she explained. "You didn't think I had

been showing all those foreign dignitaries a good time for my health, did you?"

The pelican was available for comment, but it no longer mattered.

OFFICIAL MASCOT ELECTION RESULTS

CHIPMUNK	1,224	88.44%
PEREZOSA	41	2.96%
MOUSE	30	2.16%
JELLYFISH	25	1.80%
SLUG	22	1.59%
BEAR	9	0.65%
FISH	8	0.57%
COW	7	0.50%
PELICAN	5	0.36%

The rest of the write-in candidates got one vote each (negligible %): LEMUR, MUTANT OFFSPRING OF CHIPMUNK AND FISH, PTERODACTYL, STAR NOSE MOLE, TARANTULA

TOTAL 1,376 99.39%

BALLOTS FROM NEWSPAPER: 272 (19.77%)
PHOTOCOPIES, GUM WRAPPERS, ETC.: 1,106 (80.37%)

SPOILED BALLOTS: 3