

LETTERS

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and vulgar parade I have ever seen. A noisy group of Fine Arts students, calling themselves "Ubu," have been marching through the halls interrupting important conversations and lectures in the Bear Pit by playing profane music and carrying what best can be described as a 10-foot human male sex organ.

I am sure that there are some persons who think this is funny, or perhaps even like it. But I think that is disgusting, immoral, and lacks any redeeming virtue of good taste.

If these Fine Arts people insist on having such gross publicity stunts for their dramas, then I wish that they would carry them on within the confines of the Fine Arts building, where they seem to appreciate more, crude spectacles such as these.

Sincerely,
Lou Napoe

A response to WHMIS

Dear Sirs,
I should correct some statements and interpretations in the two recent responses (November 17) to my letter of November 3.

First, I have read WHIS and have been on Science Health and Safety Committee for some time.

I have also been an outspoken advocate of health and safety in my committee responsibilities with both the provincial and national bodies representing the chemical engineering professions of Canada. I have been active in exposing the use of fraudulent science to mislead the public. I have also risked imprisonment for contempt of court by publicly, in print, criticising the coroner on his handling and report on the death of a worker in Toronto who

was overcome by fumes (essentially the employer was absolved).

The reason why there has been no serious hazardous occurrence to date at York is because in most areas potentially dangerous materials are already under the control of professionals; qualified chemists, biologists and physicists.

WHMIS was designed for industry where large quantities of dangerous substances are handled by people from a variety of backgrounds. What was also needed was a provision that at least one supervisory person of an appropriate professional background would be present. This minimum requirement is present for companies dispensing the law, health care (drugs to transplants), engineering and architectural services. Why not chemical services for example?

To imagine that research can be made safer by WHMIS is unrealistic. Research typically deals with previously unknown materials in very small quantities. There has always been a certain amount of risk to the researcher. Throughout history a few have died. But many have also died climbing mountains. The risk was always part of their chosen lifestyle.

A society without some people who are prepared to take risks need have no worry about premature death.

It is already dead.

To imagine that a company will not be able to turn the law to its own advantage is naive indeed. Perhaps increased awareness of this aspect should be an important part of WHMIS training. And what will happen to those in our society who, for whatever reasons, simply cannot handle the new information thrust upon them? Will they be "let go"?

The only aspect of "Community Right-to-Know" that I have ever criticized is the provision allowing anonymous acquisition of knowledge of the whereabouts and amounts available of substances which might

be of potential use to illicit "crack" manufacturers, potential terrorists and other undesirables. We already have enough of a security problem on campus. With its wide open access for day and evening classes, laboratories are already prime targets for theft of equipment needed for the drug-trade.

Whatever provisions the finest minds can come up with, there will never be any substitute for common sense. Perhaps WHMIS could best be used to reinforce application of common sense without fear of employer retaliation. My fear is that it will not be.

Sincerely
Clive Holloway
Chemistry

Doyle alive still kicking

Dear Sir,

I am very much concerned by your use of the phrase "The termination of Doyle" in your story "Doyle dispute sees light" of Nov. 17th.

I beg leave to reassure my many friends, former colleagues, acquaintances and others in the York community that I am very much alive and, perhaps to the chagrin of some, still kicking.

Yours sincerely,
John Doyle

A toast to VP Polster

Dear Sirs,

I would like it brought to your attention that in your November 3 *Excalibur* article, you seriously understated the qualifications of new CYSF Vice-President Bernie Polster.

I would like it known he also served as the Door-Opener for the Calumet College Torch Hockey team. He also shouted encourage-

ment to the team in this position. As well, Bernie can drink lots of beer.

Hopefully, the record is now clear.

Sincerely,
Steve Manweiler, Manager,
Calumet College Hockey Club

Indian club mistreated

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has come to our attention that on the night of Saturday, October 29, 1988 several unforeseen situations arose that created difficulties for the membership of the United Indian Students. This letter functions as a complaint and we would appreciate your thoughts on the matter.

To summarize:

1) Our executive moved to hold a dance in Winters Hall and Winters Junior Common Room. All payments and agreements were made.
2) The Winters Pub told our executive that they were going to be closed on Saturday October 29, 1988 and were not willing to ask their employees to work that night. (This pressured us to gain a liquor license as no other source was going to be nearby.)

3) We finally agreed with LMA on the specifics of our Hallowe'en dance's liquor requirements. (After the executive had spoken to Marriot to whom they were referred by the pub.)

4) The LMA arrived one half hour late to set up bar. The police officer we hired for \$150 was not present.

5) On the night of the dance security (specifically Louis) rigidly applied a rule that each York student was only permitted two guests. Everyone had to show university ID while they were only asked to bring photo ID. (We were told that no rule limits us but perhaps a one-to-five ratio might be used.)

6) This rule caused a great problem at the door. York student and others in elaborate costumes did not bring a variety of ID and had to wait to have friends who brought ID to come to the front of a line that security would not let more.

7) Security then prematurely closed the doors to the dance. This increased the problems at the front.

8) We were told the hall could hold 230 people. (LMA said it could hold 290.) We were cut off at 150 guests.

9) Approximately 60-90 people were sent away. This contributed to a loss at the bar (which at no point seemed to have anyone who knew how much money was being made). This was not our fault.

10) At the end of evening (11-12 p.m.) a drunken contingent from the Rugby team (who had already been thrown out from at our guests. The guests were badly shaken. Some of our executive and LMA security gave chase and identified the drunks. At this point we were all threatened and physically accosted. A very one-sided brawl would have occurred if uniformed York security had not arrived. The openly drinking men were pried off of the four of us and escorted out of sight. Later one of our member's cars was damaged and this was reported.

In closing we at the United Indian Students feel that we have been treated unfairly and want suitable remedies implemented promptly. We have the full support of our membership, our executive, the CYSF, and the other officials we have already discussed the matter with.

Thanking you for your concern,
Gurpreet Malhotra
President UIS
and
Pomila Bhardwaj
External Affairs

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL '88

"AROUND THE WORLD IN FOUR DAYS"

Monday November 28 - Thursday December 1

Monday - Thursday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Central Square

CHIN radio show
Cultural displays
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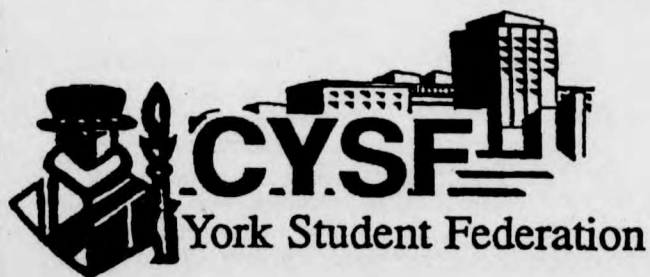


Thurs Dec 1 - **GALA EVENT**
Tickets: \$8.00

Variety Show
Location: CLH-I
Time: 6:00 pm

Dinner & Dance
Dinner: Founders Dining Hall
Dance: Vanier Dining Hall
Time: 8:00 pm - 1:00 am

Tickets available from CYSF or club displays in Central Square



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