

# LETTERS

## Derogatory Remarks

We, the students of the Hellenic Students Association of York University strongly protest against the derogatory remarks made by Professor Ridpath in his class *Principles of Economics 200.3* on Monday, October 19, 1981. These remarks were made against the new Prime Minister of Greece, Andreas Papandreu.

We believe that it is not appropriate on his part to use the classroom situation to launch a personal attack on the democratically elected Prime Minister of Greece and ex-professor of York University.

Hellenic Students Association  
President  
Chris Savvas

## Disgruntled Reader

I have refrained from writing until now because I hoped that time would season and refine the editors. I patiently waited through missed publication dates, crowded and/or confusing layout, and howlers such as the statement two weeks ago that one expects "implicit sex" in the movies. I even stayed my pen when I saw three different typefaces on last week's front page.

However, my patience and charity has finally run out. The October 22 issue is an absolute travesty. There was something offensive on every page. Why was half the front page devoted to an entertainment feature when both "TTC to improve service" and "Native people ask for justice" were on the third page? Surely, either of these stories was more relevant and newsworthy than a theatre review.

Page four contained a stunningly offensive installment of "Coed Comix", and the highpoint of the entertainment pages was a photo of an erect penis.

But the most execrable feature of all was Randy Herman's "You are what you eat". Apart from being superficial, repetitious and juvenile, this article was simply unreadable. I counted four redundancies, ten grammatical errors, six diction errors, three spelling mistakes, and three typos. Two of the sentences exceeded 75 words in length.

Didn't anyone edit this article? What do the editors do for their salaries? They certainly do not produce a reasonable newspaper. Surely a university publication can aim a little higher than the illiteracies of "psycho-situational-nutritional" and "potentially".

In short, the only professionally done sections of *Excalibur* are the advertisements. My biggest disappointment is that the paper is free, thereby denying me the satisfaction of cancelling my subscription. I'll never read another issue.

Paula Beard  
4th year Psychology

## Hard To Swallow

In response to the column "Nutrition: you are what you eat", I would like to register my strong disapproval of an article that bears little or no resemblance to actual fact, and is written by someone who obviously is not an expert in the field!

Although I am not in the scientific area, I am still capable of recognizing a definite lack of journalistic style. The diction is garbled and often redundant, as in "the most optimum ways" and "what is life-furthering will live longer". The sentences are often extremely long and convoluted; we are erroneously told that nutrition "is a field constituted of foods and drinks", then given an equally faulty list of dietary components, including fats and oils, as well as enzymes!

The author attempts to

appear knowledgeable through such jargon as "psycho-constitutionally", "animos", (which is not an abbreviation for amino acids) "denaturalized" and "devitalized". I fear that this jargon is merely the imaginative creation of the author, for it appears meaningless and does not correspond with any actual lexicon of scientific diction.

Just as our author is unknown as a nutritional expert, he attempts to bolster his assertions by referring to other unknown authorities. The reader is left to ponder the identity of Feingold, Williams and France Moore Lappe. If these people actually exist, I would like to know if the editor could identify them for me, or if not, at least explain how such a piece of absolute trash could be published in a formerly enjoyable newspaper.

Lynn Wells  
English 2

## No Money, Not Funny

The letter "What's to be Done" from Dean Lionel Lawrence, (*Excalibur*, October 15th), may help to inform members of the community what those persons with budgetary responsibilities have been aware of for a long time, namely that all departments are involved in the extremely frustrating experience of deciding where budget cuts should be made. The article "Thieves hit libraries" illustrates my point. The Scott Library, until a few years ago, paid for the services of two security officers, but as a result of budget restraints made the decision, (after a full consideration of the various alternatives), that other primary services provided by the library had a higher priority, and the guard service was dispensed with.

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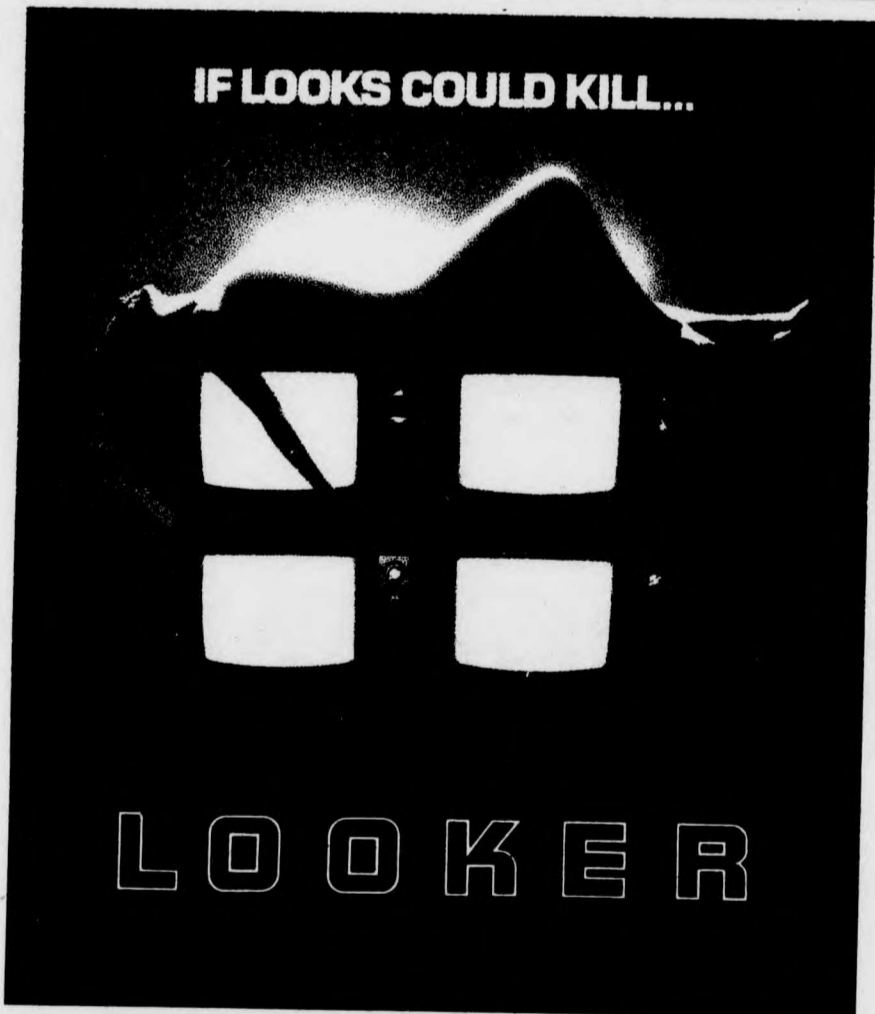
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