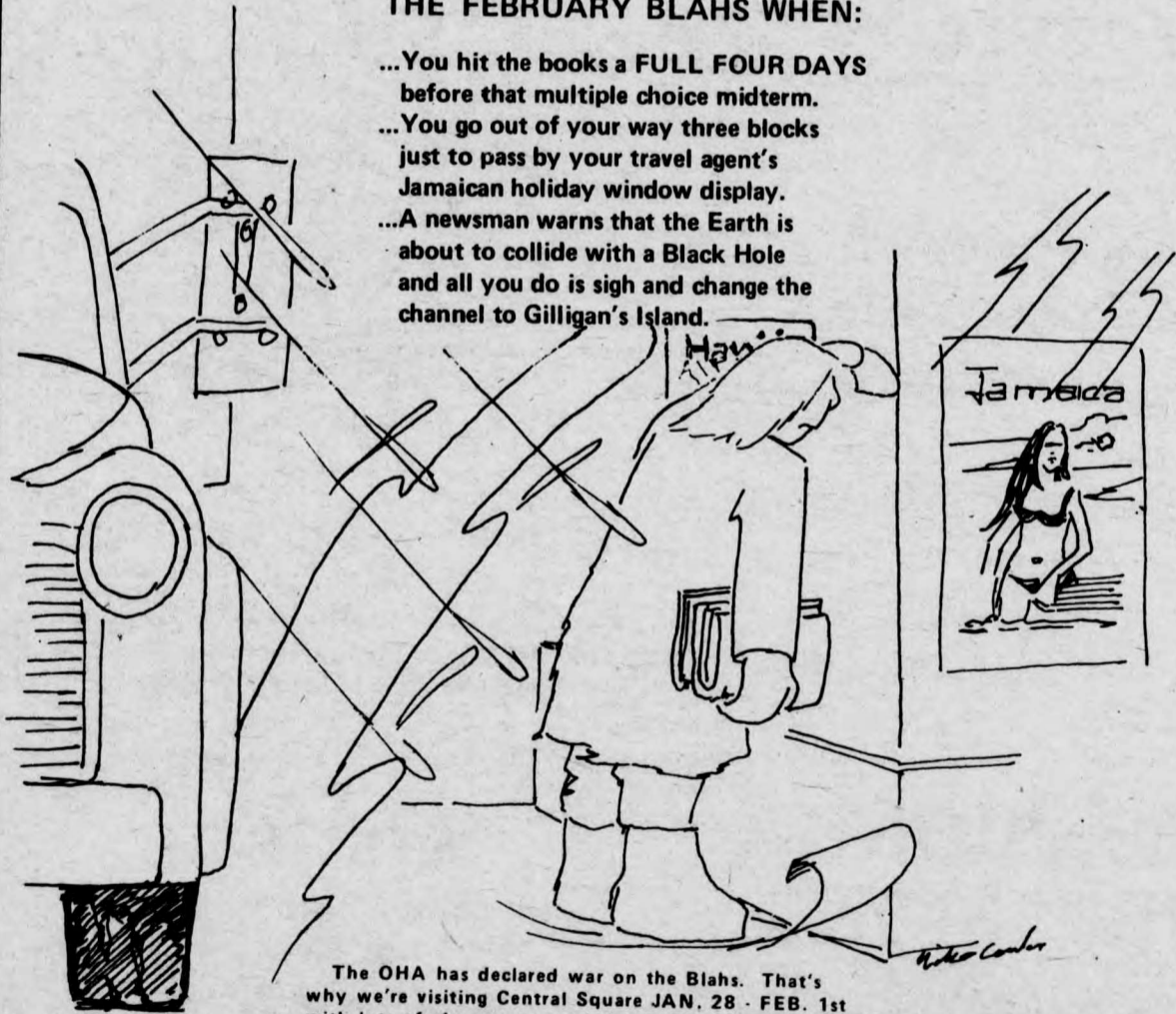


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'GO FOR IT!'

Correspondence

Review reviewed

I was pleased to see Elliott Lefko's review of *The Year The Expos Almost Won The Pennant* in the Jan. 10 issue of *Excalibur*; disappointed that he did not enjoy the book.

To correct a misconception: Brodie Snyder in fact conceived the book about two years ago, and quit his job at *The Montreal Gazette* to follow the Expos during their 1978 season. The book was at that time to be published by Hurtig in Edmonton; for reasons perhaps not related to their dismal showing that year, the project was cancelled.

Snyder again followed the team in 1979, without a publisher. Virgo Press was approached about two weeks before the end of their season. Though the Expos didn't make it, we decided to go ahead with the project. It has been our most successful publishing project.

You complain that the book "reads like yesterday's sport papers." It was this feature which I found particularly appealing. I have never been a sports "fan." After reading *The Year The Expos Almost Won The Pennant*, I'll be following the 1980 season more closely than our sales figures.

Thad McIlroy
Virgo Press

The biggest question in my mind as I write this is whether *Excalibur* will simply refuse to print this letter. Will they refuse to print this letter or will they argue their case in the open forum which I thought *Excalibur's* editorial space and columns was supposed to provide for the York Community.

Peter Brickwood

News messenger

I was sorry to read that Messrs. Blander, Ronen, Lebow and Weiss were disappointed in my article on the Muslim Student Federation. I assume that their feeling stems from the fact that they consider *Excalibur* was 'co-opted by the lies and slanders.... reporting a totally biased view'.

It is not the job of the press to analyze the view on which it is reporting, unless the article states that it is an analysis or editorial. The job of the reporter is that of a messenger—he/she merely tries to convey an accurate account of an event as he/she witnessed it. The reporter cannot be an analyst or interpreter when performing such a job because to do so would introduce an element of bias.

If, indeed, these gentlemen think that reporting at *Excalibur* is biased, I would suggest that they work for this publication and I can guarantee that they will quickly change their minds.

Maureen Brown



Right on

I am writing to protest a lack of appreciation among York students for our hard working administrators. Hardly a day goes by without some punk making a cheap comment about the "bums on the ninth floor". It's easy to ridicule the men who make difficult decisions. But it's hardly as easy to run an internationally renowned university. The immature fool who picks those dedicated men as targets is only making clear just what makes men like President Macdonald great. For he chooses to ignore the imbecilic rantings of those hostile to him. Stand up for these men, I say! Some day you may be proud to have stood in their shadow.

James Osterberg

Brickbats

Regular readers of Board Rep Reports will find it printed exclusively in *Pro Tem* this week.

Excalibur staff voted at their meeting last Thursday to curtail Board Rep Reports from four times a month to two times a month. *Excalibur* came out so late last week that I didn't realize there was a meeting until it was over.

Apparently the *Excalibur* staff feel my columns are too "editorial". It seems that they feel my recommendation to "boycott classes" in the event of a strike was improper. Perhaps it was, but I was under the impression that in this society we relied on democratic discussions to change people's beliefs. Not muzzling every opinion we don't like.

All letters should be addressed to the editor, *Excalibur*, Room 111 Central Square. Letters must be typed, triple-spaced, on a 66 stroke line. Letters are limited to 300 words (seven column inches). Name, address, or phone number must be included or the letter will not be published. *Excalibur* reserves the right to edit for grammar and length. Deadline Monday 5 pm.

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