



Letters To The Editor

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Merry mockers do not like to be mocked

I find myself suffering from a case of mixed emotions after having perused the latest issue of that most mystical of sword-publications, Excalibur. Of the first, I must thank the freeman named Keith Nickson for a fair and slightly humorous treatment of the Society's Court Night in the York Room. There were, as one must expect, slight errors which were bound to occur.

Of the first — The Mistress of the Exchequer for Noerlanda is Lady Liladrel, not Liladred, as stated. However, those SCA names are notorious for their difficulty.

Of the second — Our group of parallel culture characters are not called "Astrolifics". They are members of our House Astralific, a sub-group of the Shire. We are Astra-lific, which stands for Astral and Prolific.

Of the third — Our shire was started by Marcia McDowell, who brought the idea of The Society for Creative Anachronism up to York from the U. of T. where she was a member of Eoforwic. And, the name of one other founder is Veli Seppanen, not Seppanen Veli.

Of the fourth — York does not have a SCA-bum in its midst.!

Of the last — After four years association with Excalibur, I would hope that someone would notice that my name is spelt "Rabinovitch" and not "Rabinovich".

NOW, for the second matter to be dealt with. In the editorial entitled "York's Student Council . . .", I have a bone to pick on behalf of the

Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. We are a non-profit organization, chartered as such in both the United States and Canada. Our hope is to preserve the dying folklore and culture of the Middle Ages for posterity. To intimate that we do nothing other than "play historical dress-up" is an insult to the 10,000 members involved. As I feel there were less than 50 York students picketing on October 14, I feel safe to say that \$75 to a serious group of mediaevalists is better spent than \$99 to a group of serious political agitators.

Also, the editorial by Mr. Hollett does not point out that the \$99 asked by the "October 14 Support Committee" was for that one particular event, and that the \$75 was for a complete year budget for Noerlanda, a group which has an actual yearly expenditure of over \$300. Most of this excess comes directly from members' pockets. If we were to request \$300 from the CYSF we would probably be laughed out of the Senate Chambers.

York's group has two major events planned for the coming year, both of which are open to the public. These are not early Hallowe'en parties, as Mr. Hollett would have the York community think, but studies in how the folklore, culture, arts and sciences of the Middle Ages manifested itself in practice. It is one thing to study from books, and another thing again to try and build metal gauntlets.

In closing, I feel that York students prefer to join in mock

Mediaeval pageantry than to mock government. So we of the SCA demand a formal apology from Excalibur for its statement regarding our activities.

For the Society for Ceative Anachronism, Inc., and the Northern Society for Creative Anahchronism, Ltd., I remain,

Lady Tsvia ben Tamara of Amberview, Seneschal Noerlanda, Mistress of Bards
(Mundanely known as Shelley Rabinovitch.)

Wishy-Washy

I wish to respond to attacks upon CYSF by ULC supporter Michael Hollett in the October 15 editorial 'Council is wishy-washy and refused to put its money where its mouth is'. It was stated that I am a firmly entrenched NDPer, forced to follow party lines and that I appear wishy-washy because I did not have the strength to stand up for my convictions and fight for monetary assistance for an October 14th support committee.

Perhaps I should remind Mr. Hollett as to what my political convictions are and why I sought the presidency of CYSF, and why the ULC was soundly defeated in last year's CYSF elections.

The primary role of a student government is serve, protect and extend the interest of its membership, not to be primarily involved in external political activities of secondary concern to

students. Members of the ULC have been doing nothing for the past month aside from working for and with the Canadian Labour Congress instead of for the students of York University. Had the leftists been in control of the student council, CYSF would have done nothing else than to attempt to close down the university on October 14. Last year's student council spent a large percentage of its budet on external political activities and its representatives a large percentage of its time working for such causes.

CYSF this year is taking a stronger interest in issues of direct concern to students, issues that we can do something about. Because we have not spent out time and student monies on external political activities of secondary concern to students, we have prevented parking rate increases in the graduate residences, are about to make major gains in extending student interests resulting from close and diligent observations of developments in rent review legislation, are planning major concerns activities and have secured route changes in TTC service to the campus.

Barry Edson
President, CYSF

piece on the OFS conference. I most certainly did not feel that the Day of Protest was the major theme of the weekend, and furthermore was misquoted in the article.

Your reporter did not seem to have the knowledge of reporting that I always thought was basic, that is, to notify me that I was being quoted, or that he write down what I say, at the same time that I say it, not ask me my opinion (I thought he was there for the ULS or the ULC, whichever group it is this year), and then write down whatever he thought I said.

Another thing I wish to discuss is the Friday issue of Excalibur. In the voting for financial aid to the October 14th Committee, how could such a named committee logically become a club? It was not a follow-up to the motion previously passed. We recognized labour's right to strike, not for students to have to do the same.

Your editorial in the same issue was an insult to people like myself and an even greater insult to the Society for Creative Anachronism, a certified club. I think M.H. had more than an editorial comment to make. I am very surprised he would take a shot at a club that has students in it.

I asked, are some students more equal than others, is that what you are implying, Mr. Hollett?

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CYSF

Insulting

I am very surprised that Excalibur reporters have so much trouble getting a story out in its entirety. I refer to Paul Kellogg's