

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity
—Lord Acton

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Immediate end to anti-gay policy a year-end must

If it wasn't a serious matter, it might be funny. Because furnished one-bedroom apartments in graduate and Atkinson residences have double beds, they are off-limits to York's gay community. They tell us what courses to take in first year, they tell us we've got to be 23 before we can be independent of our parents for student grants, now they're telling us who to sleep with.

Ontario already has a poor track record when it comes to recognizing the rights of the thousands of gay men and women in our society. This policy of York Housing is just one more insult.

John Damien was fired from his job as steward with the Ontario Racing Commission because he was gay. Why has the Conservative government at Queen's Park done nothing to see that he is reinstated?

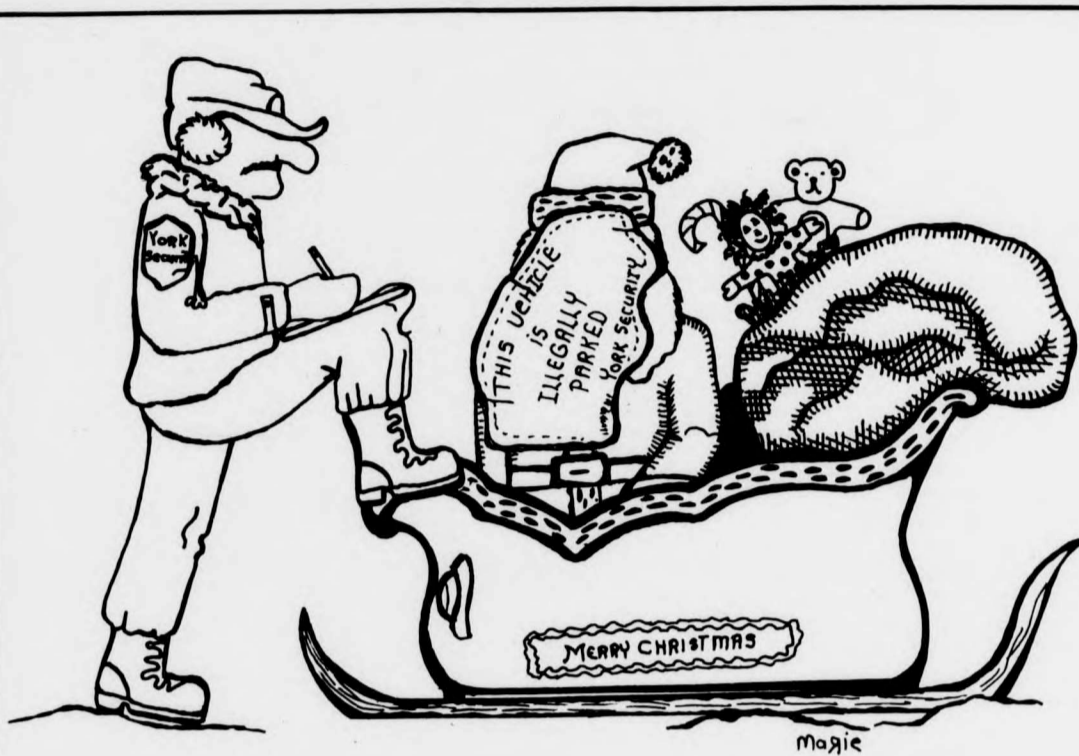
Why is discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation not prohibited in our Human Rights Code?

These are just two examples in the long list of embarrassments and indignities gay people must face in their daily lives because our society refuses to recognize their rights as human beings.

York is a liberal arts institution, at least in words, dedicated to the further enlightenment of human knowledge and understanding. The discriminatory, or — as Charlene Robertson called it — heterosexist, policy of the York Housing Department, does nothing to further that goal.

The Gay Alliance at York has sent a letter to the administration demanding removal of this archaic and discriminatory regulation. There is no reason this should not happen at once. What possible arguments can be dragged out of the closet to justify our administration abrogating to itself the "noblesse oblige" of telling us what constitutes a "couple".

And if it doesn't happen at once, then the gay men and women at York have every right to take whatever action is necessary to see that it does.



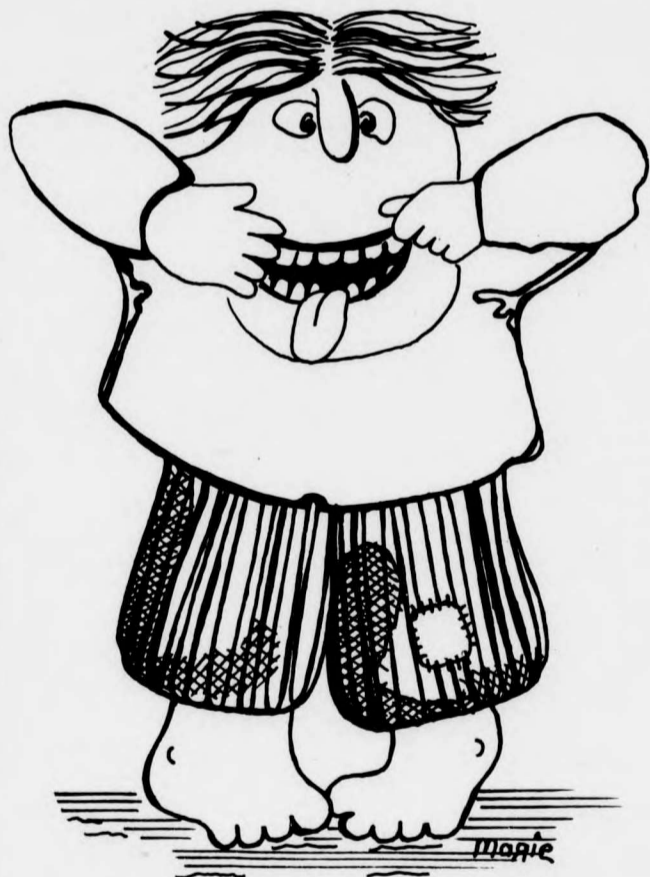
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