

# Letters to the Editor

Address letters to the Editor, EXCALIBUR, York University. Those typed (double-spaced) are appreciated. Letters must be signed for legal reasons. A pseudonym will be used if you have a good reason.

## Road's drug stand is not acceptable

Sir:  
I have discovered that an organization — Road — has been set up at York Campus to deal with the so called 'drug problem.' It is, however, unfortunate that these people have apparently set off on the wrong foot. They refuse to accept an adequate amount of the social responsibility that is inherent in the establishment of such an organization. I shall explain my very powerful feelings on this subject now.

In terms of my own drug experience, I have smoked some pot and dropped LSD once. I have experienced the drug culture and recognize it for what it is! Now the reasons for my criticism of Road.

The organization takes no stand on the broad social issue of drugs. They refuse to either condemn or condone the abuse of drugs. In fact, they appear to be drug users. How can those who are involved in the drug culture do anything about drug use or they are also 'screwed up' by the whole drug issue (a classic example of a deviant sub-culture).

It seems also that these people do drug analyses for those who wish it, have drugs that are on campus analyzed and proceed to tell the students if the drugs they are using are harmful or if they are good quality.

This is acceptable, if you have accepted the drug culture as reasonable. This leads to a sort of quality control. It tends to state the reasoning: "People use drugs; therefore, let's make sure they use good ones."

I believe this reasoning is leading to greater drug use and actually condones it. I don't believe the type of people using drugs are the type that society would care much about if they poisoned themselves. I see 1984 approaching as I hear of organizations similar to "Road."

These people would be better off if they adopted policies similar to those which the people of Scarborough's vigilante committee follow a concentrated organization devoted to stopping drug abuse and ridding campuses of drug pushers is, to me a better approach.

It is interesting to see that there is a measure of support for these people and this indicates the extent of the drug problem in our culture.

Those supporting this organization and the students should pressure this organization into publicizing the dangers and evils of drug use and stopping them from expressing the 'good' of drug use.

James E. Stalkney

## York is extension of U.S. imperialism

Sir:  
Recently, a faculty member of the political science department stood up at a noon hour discussion in MacLaughlin common room and prefaced his remark with 'I am a liberal; I am an American'. And

this professor is not unlike many of the professors at this school.

Cdn. Profs	Cdn. with U.S. final degrees	Americans
pol. sci. 6	2	8
psych. 8	4	13
soc. 0	3	9
hum. 5	7	12
hist. 5	13	7
eng. 3	4	9
phil. 4	1	9
econ. 3	6	1
bus. 11	17	6

Liberalism and Americanism go hand and hand. It is the liberals who insist that Canadians are not capable of running their universities, that there are few qualified Canadian professors, that a

United States and are trained to be apologists for Canada's 'backwardness.' If we are nationalist and want to vitalize Canada's universities and industries to serve the people of Canada, we are laughed at.

U.S. imperialism is not just Vietnam and South America. U.S. imperialism is here in Canadian universities. We must determine our own future; we must run our universities to serve the Canadian people. An essential step in that direction would be the institution of a quota system of foreign professors. In this way we could start to build

bullshit that comes with any organized anti-war movement?

The kind of vague, emotional crap used by the first two speakers at Friday's Moratorium teach-in was not far removed from that used by the people they despise — those who cause the prolonged wars.

The content of the first speaker's address has been presented so many times before, that is merely added that touch of sloppy emotion which inevitably works against meaningful action. Accordingly, he felt no need to back up any of his statements with fact.

Canada would be specific, and might put such peace efforts on a more meaningful level.

No more bullshit!

Rod MacLeod  
Vanier II

## Psych services 'supports' the left

Dear Sir:  
It has come to my attention through extensive meetings with senior members of the administration and with the department called Psych Services that there is considerable sympathy



Harvard PhD is worth more than a U of T or York PhD, that any graduate student worth his salt, worth even a junior lectureship must attend graduate school in the United States.

We were once a colony of the British; now we are a colony of the United States. York is both an educational and the industrial extension of the U.S. empire.

York's president Murray Ross, sits on the Board of Continental Can Co., Canadian subsidiary to a huge U.S. firm. The late Robert Winters of our Board of Governors was a director of Rio Tinto, a sizeable U.S. mining concern.

financing for the building of York came from the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations. U.S. professors at York have the incentive of 2 years free of income tax, and the additional incentive of almost-assured tenure. Meantime there is virtually no way that a young Canadian with a Canadian degree can get a teaching job. This is because Americans have set the academic standards according to their values, and Canadian degrees have very little value on the academic market.

We are taught the great cultural and technological advances of the

an independent Canada. start to build an independent Canada.

Judy Dexter  
Founders I

## Propagandist queries editorial

Sir:  
In EXCALIBUR'S editorial last week, Horace Campbell questioned the motivation of the Johnny-come-lateles to the Vietnam movement and suggested that "it would be pathetic if these people were against the war because it is a respectable issue and the mass media is now with them."

Many of us assumed that the original aim of the anti-war organizers was exactly that ... to gain popular understanding and acceptance of their view on the issue ... and it is indeed strange to hear Mr. Campbell so casually decline the hard won victory.

Even stranger is the philosophy which seems to imply that any cause which becomes popular therefore becomes 'unradical' and as such is invalid for the perdurable revolutionary.

An extension (and slight distortion) of this logic could produce some strange reversals. For example, should the U.S. government decide upon an immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam due to massive public pressures might we see our professional radicals picketing the White House chastising Mr. Nixon for 'deserting' the poor South Vietnamese?

Perhaps when it comes to radicalism, the means justify the ends.

Stan Fisher  
Establishmentarianist and minister of propaganda

## Anti-war rhetoric vague and draggy

Sir:  
I wonder how many other people there are who want an end to the war in Vietnam but can't stand the

His claim that Canadian wealth and industry directly support the U.S. war effort is probably true, but why did he bother saying, if he wasn't prepared to name the companies and people responsible, and encourage action against them. he was in fact using demagoguery.

The second speaker was far worse. He emphasized his personal view of the future, with groups all over the world uniting their ever-growing numbers to crush Nixon and divide his party, just as they had Johnson and the Democrats.

He gave no indication as to who these forces were, how they were organized, how they had done what he claimed or where their power to do anything in the future lay.

Whatever truth there was in his prediction was lost in the peppy blurb. In addition, to assume that anti-war sentiment was the only cause for the Democratic defeat, and that forces like his were responsible for this sentiment is true naivety.

Later on, after misinforming us that Nixon promised peace, he told Nixon to get out of Vietnam or else. The only follow-up he could find after a long pause was almost humorous — "or we'll have a bigger demonstration."

It made the lack of evidence for, and logical steps to, his grandiose conclusions painfully clear. Calling Richard Nixon a scared and loney little man, and the Vietnamese the most beautiful people in the world was inexcusably trite.

In conclusion, muck like this leads nowhere.

It's dangerous to try and sway peoples' emotions with unfounded statements even if the cause is good. it's also dangerous to work people up emotionally for something as vague as a march to City Hall.

Action must be specific. A Canadian moratorium, including refusals to attend school or work, until the government legislated against war-supporting industry in

and support for the entire left wing on campus.

The feeling is essentially that the university must offer the most stimulation and covert aid possible to members of the left, in order to increase their activity and thus fulfill their (the administration's) responsibility to the institutions which is in its core. Increased student activity in this university is deemed necessary for York's reputation as a contemporary place of learning activity and confrontation would:

1. Increase the credibility of our graduates in the social services as resource personnel and mediators in the solving of problems of the society at large. As is observed by the acceptance and respect for graduates of Berkeley in these areas, since they underwent their learning experience in conjunction with involvement in "field work" (i.e. practical counter-insurgency).

2. Widespread activity in the area of student vs administration confrontation and ideological disputes among student factions would, if given sufficient publicity, tend to attract more exciting, and involved people to the campus and thus improve the quality of thought on campus and the quality of our social science departments.

Psych services is one of the instrument of this approach. The feeling is generally that more activity and confrontation on campus would aid in the establishment of a more vibrant and healthy attitude on campus. It is thought that increased activity would be good for the mental health of the campus population. The left could possibly stop the growing confrontation between the drug users and the "straights", which is felt to be detrimental to the health of the student body.

In conclusion it is necessary to consider carefully the consequence of any action taken by the left. Consider whether the action taken is not in fact strengthening the administration's position and playing into their hands.



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