

1980 ELECTIONS

FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE YORK STUDENT FEDERATION INC.

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NOMINATIONS OPEN

Monday, February 11, 1980 9:00 a.m.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

Friday, February 29, 1980 4:30 p.m.

CAMPAIGNING

Starts: Friday, February 29, 1980 4:31 p.m.

Closes: Tuesday, March 11, 1980 4:30 p.m.

ELECTION

Wednesday, March 12th and Thursday, March 13th, 1980

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Atkinson Advance Poll Monday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 11th

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

POSITIONS OPEN

1. President
2. Vice-President External Affairs
3. Vice-President University Services
4. Vice-President Women's Commission
5. Board of Governors Representative

A description of all available positions, nomination forms, a constitution and a copy of the Resolutions Governing the Conduct of Elections can be picked up in the CYSF Office Room 105, Central Square during office hours.

Robin Carter
Chief Returning Officer
Council of the York Student Federation Inc. 667-2515

Editorial

Close the case

It's been over two months since a woman student reported to the university administration that she was raped by her instructor. The encounter took place in the instructor's apartment on November 16.

Despite urgings from CYSF on behalf of the woman, the case has not yet been resolved. Obviously, the administrators reviewing the evidence are being cautious. The emotional charge to the word rape cannot cloud their perceptions of the reality that they must deal with in this instance—that it is only an alleged rape. No criminal charge was laid by the police because of insufficient evidence.

Though the student insists that she was raped, the administration cannot view the incident as such. For, in treating the testimony as evidence of an actual rape, they would be acting outside the bounds of their authority. Deciding whether a rape really took place is the job of a federal judge, not a college administrator.

What is being considered then is a matter of sexual harassment which is within the jurisdiction of the administration. Their responsibility is to decide whether disciplinary measures will be meted out to the instructor.

Given that careful thought in classifying the offense must have taken time, a judgment in this case has nevertheless been too long in coming. Not only that but the entire review proceedings have been cloaked in secrecy. Though the evidence should remain confidential, the administration has not revealed what steps are being followed other than to say that they're caught in a boondoggle of regulations.

Clearly, a fair, uncomplicated procedure must be established to deal with any future complaints of sexual misconduct. Regular bureaucratic methods of inquiry are just too insensitive. Further, details of the new procedure should be made explicit and available to the community.

Across Canada and the United States reports of sexual harassment on campus are increasing. At the University of California at Berkeley even a special group, Women Organized Against Sexual Harassment, has been formed. Last year, in a highly publicized case at the University of Ottawa, a biology professor was dismissed for sexually assaulting a female student.

Excalibur joins CYSF in its demand that the administration reach an immediate decision on the alleged assailant's status as an employee. Once that is over, we can begin discussing reforms of the present system which, hopefully, will prevent the kinds of bitter fights that are dividing female students and faculty on other campuses.

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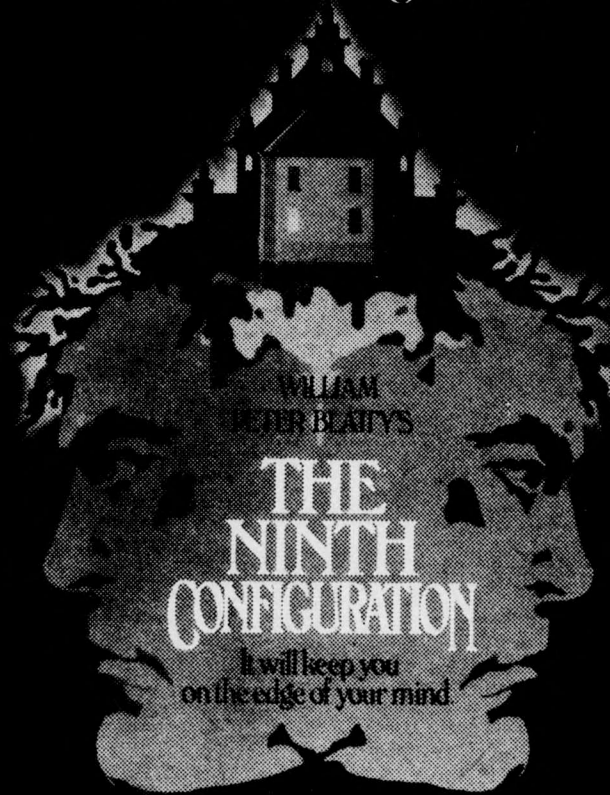
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