

LETTERS

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should CYSF use student's money to fund a service that is already funded by students? There are many valuable clubs and services on campus that deserve funding but are not the beneficiaries of a student levy. Finally CHRY is a station that serves most of North York, therefore they have the ability and means to advertise and seek advertising revenues. Radio York is a business just as Excalibur is a business, they do not or should not require the limited funds that CYSF might provide.

Julie Marchant
Finance Director, CYSF

Smith damaged left-wingers

Editor:

Much has been written in recent weeks in regard to the death of Ben Linder. Most recently, Jim Smith has expressed his opinions on this matter. It is his letter which I would like to address, as it best indicates the disturbing views of some of the would-be experts on the war in Nicaragua.

I would like to emphasize at the outset that I am largely unfamiliar with both the Liberty Coalition and the events surrounding Mr. Linder's untimely demise. What concerns me is that Mr. Smith appears to be only marginally more knowledgeable as evidenced by his very brief discussion of Ben Linder's death and his lengthy and unsubstantiated condemnation of the Liberty Coalition.

The language employed by Mr. Smith is remarkably bitter in tone. Referring to the members of the Liberty Coalition as "maggots," "jackasses" and "slimeballs" reveals more about Mr. Smith himself than it does about his intended targets. Perhaps

Jim Smith should re-consider just who has the more "immature" viewpoint.

Some of the statements used in Mr. Smith's letter are difficult to understand. I fail to see how the members of the Liberty Coalition exhibit a "psychosexual (?) lack of development" simply because they view events in Nicaragua in a different light than does Mr. Smith.

What most concerns me about Mr. Smith's opinion is the totalitarian undertones evident throughout his letter. Jim Smith implicitly condemns the "comfy cozy burrow of York University" which allows the Liberty Coalition to "fester" in "cocoon-like safety." Most remarkably, Smith seeks to link the Coalition to Neo-Nazi organizations, all of which express the same contempt for opposing viewpoints that was expressed in Mr. Smith's letter.

I can only hope that individuals such as Mr. Smith represent only a minority of those York students who disagree with the "right wing" viewpoints of the Liberty Coalition. Nonetheless, Smith's letter has not had its intended effect of discrediting the Coalition, but has instead damaged the credibility of its opponents.

Kevin Marshall

Why not ladies first?

Editor,

Recently I was accused of being a male chauvinist, for I uttered the most hideous phrase "Ladies first." I later realized the girl that I was with was a feminist. Although I hold women with as much respect and admiration as I do other indigenous peoples, I cannot help but feel that feminism is somehow inherently flawed.

Traditionally women in general have been subjected to the domination of and dependence on men. First they were dependent on their

fathers for economic support. Then, once they reach the appropriate age they would get married, thus transferring the bonds of dependency from their fathers to their husbands.

But there were always a few brave women who strove for independence and fought an uphill battle to gain an equal footing with their male counterparts. More recently however there has been a whole-hearted and concerted effort on the part of most women to gain equality and freedom. Today more and more women are breaking the 'bonds of dependence' and are gaining equality with men, for we see them occupying a whole gamut of jobs, from construction worker to high level executive.

But the "bonds" still exist, in fact they are even stronger. Today, in their struggle for freedom and equality, women have transferred their dependence from their fathers and husbands to huge government bureaucracies. These government agencies not only ensure that women have rights, but more importantly that these rights are enforced. The effect of this is that there is tremendous pressure on private industry to designate certain positions for women. This is not only unfair to industry but also to the women themselves. If women wish to compete with men in the work place then they should be allowed to do so freely without government intervention.

If I was a woman, I would be extremely offended if society said to me that I was too weak, or unable to compete with men on a one to one basis, and that huge government bureaucracy would have to be set up to protect me. If women must depend on government then feminism has failed, for the whole purpose of the feminist movement was so that women could break dependency bonds. Instead what they have done is transferred their dependency to the government. In so doing they have more deeply entrenched them-

selves into a permanent dependence.

Oh, in case you are wondering, my girlfriend still calls me a chauvinist, but when we go out I somehow always get stuck with the bill!

Sandy Sgroi

Pissing out the Olympic flame

Editor,

It bothers me to see absolute power used indiscriminately. The Canadian Olympic Association (COA) has come to symbolize all that is mindless. It is ridiculous for them to flex their copyrighted muscle to twist a few dollars out of restaurants and retail stores who have had the misfortune of using the term "Olympic," or variations thereof, to describe their businesses. The fact that the majority of these establishments use the Olympic terms because of their links to mother Greece, and the fact that an overwhelming number have used "Olympic" long

before the 1984 "buddy can you make a dime" Los Angeles Olympiad, had been wasted on the COA pinheads.

The transgressions by the COA do not bode well for the Olympics coming to Toronto, as hoped in 1996, nor do they aid in the revitalization of a dying tradition. One of the newest Olympic traditions is the eviction of the poor and elderly in the host city to make room for Olympic tourists. The political tradition started with the boycotts by the African nations, the United States, and the Soviet Union is a sad reminder of the blurring of the line between politics and athletics. The Munich massacre will never be forgotten. In South Korea internal and external political distress may prove to be the death knell for the Olympic games.

The idiocy of the COA trying to blackmail shopowners, accompanied with the previous political malaise, is evidence of yet another group looking to piss out the Olympic flame.

David Dollard

SPECIAL ROACH REPORT

COCKROACHES ANNOUNCE REVOLUTION

By THEODORE CLEAVER

The attacks on York students by vicious gangs of cockroaches are related, claim representatives of the Free Cockroach Coalition. In a statement released early this afternoon, the FCC stated their demands. Apparently, testing in the Life Sciences building has given the roaches powers of speech and rational thought, and they have organized themselves into a vast army, waiting to wreak havoc on University stu-

dents and faculty alike "at the drop of a hat." Rex, the "Head Roach," said today that unless the University provides the roaches with their own campus and teaching staff, they will overrun our own campus and "take your cheese doodles for our own."

While *Excalibur* staffers seek an interview with Rex, University officials repeat their firm position on terrorist threats:

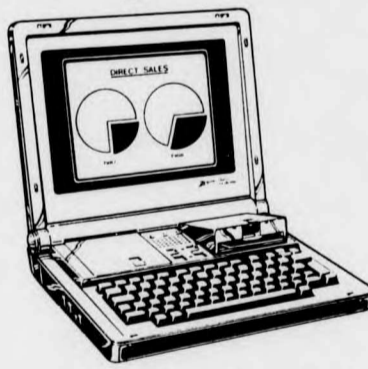
"No comment. Talk to my lawyer."

An investigation into the matter is promised by University officials.

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