

Editorial

York polo player deserves fair hearing

Kim Schweitzer's bid to be recognized as a legitimate player on the men's water polo team has been dealt another blow by the Ontario Universities Athletic Association (OUAA).

Schweitzer was ruled ineligible by the OUAA judiciary committee last month because she is not "a full-time registered male" as stipulated by the OUAA for participation in league sports. Last Monday a special meeting was arranged between York and the OUAA to discuss the question of her ability.

The OUAA would not allow the York delegation's lawyer to participate in the meeting claiming it had no counsel of its own, as York had not forewarned the committee of its intentions.

But what did the OUAA have to fear from Stuart's remarks in a meeting that could not, in any way, overturn the league ruling? Perhaps what the OUAA does fear is that York may have a case. This could, in the minds of the association's executive, set a precedent which could possibly overturn the university athletic world on its head. The future could see women's teams dominated by men.

But these hypothetical consequences should not prevent Schweitzer from participating in a sport that she can't compete in elsewhere. Schweitzer has solid reasons why she should be allowed to play for the men's team.

She made the team on her own merits, the Charter of Rights prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, and there is no women's water polo team at York.

York, led by Provost Tom Meininger, is protesting the eligibility ruling because the coach, Brian Robertson, considers Schweitzer good enough to make the squad, and because she has no other outlet for her talents than the men's water polo team.

For York to have the rule changed, a notice of motion must be passed by the OUAA's meeting in December, after which it must pass a second reading by the association's annual meeting next May.

But if Monday's meeting is at all indicative of what is to come, this issue may well be finally decided in court.

The least York and Schweitzer deserve in all of this is a fair and open hearing, not a closed mindset from the OUAA executive.

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James goes to town

OUR story begins in James' Excalibur's resident Food Eater's garage, as he prepares for the big "scoop"...

IT WAS LATE AND THE SCOOP WAS SCOOPED. SCOOP-LESS YET HUNGRY AND BORED, JAMES HAD AN IDEA... AND IT WOULD REQUIRE VERY LITTLE TIME TO EXECUTE

JAMES WORKED FOR MINUTE AFTER MINUTE. HE FOUND A CHOCOLATE BAR IN HIS TROUSERS. HE FOUND IT ONLY INCREASED HIS APPETITE. AT LAST, HE SOON FINISHED HIS PROJECT

LATER, ALL CUSSIED UP FOR THE MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL, JAMES ENDEARED HIMSELF TO HIS STOMACH AND A SELECT FEW ETHNIC COOKS; YOU KNOW, THE ONES WHO THINK THE STOMACH IS THE HOME OF THE SOUL OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

Letters

Excal to join ranks of manipulative media: Meeson

Editor:

You noted in your editorial that since only 16 people were present at the York Student Movement Against Apartheid meeting, the membership quoted to *Excalibur* by the association (over 1,000) is membership in 'name only.' You then query whether the \$3,750 of 'student money' should be given to YSMAA.

Judging by this logic (or lack of it), the editorial writers at *Excalibur* are well on their way to their graduation—into manipulative media. According to your logic, if only 20% of Canadians participated in say, 'federal elections,' the 80% who did not participate are citizens in

'name only'! Should the same 80% lose their citizenship.

And being the most informed folk on campus, could you tell us the membership of other associations and the 'rate' of participation?

As to the characterization of YSMAA by CYSF as 'political,' history shows that even during the rise of Nazism, and prior to its extermination of millions of innocent people, there were those who chose to remain on the level of trivial debates instead of participating in the clipping of that crime—in its embryonic form. The fact of the matter is that Nazism or its new guise—Apartheid—can be nothing else but a 'crime against humanity' in the words of the UN. As such, Apartheid is a human concern. Its reduction to 'political' is an absurdity even by CYSF standards.

—Andrea Meeson
 YSMAA

Excal example of 'sloppy' work in today's society

Editor:

Re: Article "York parking tickets challenged."

I am not being taken to court. I was researching material for another person who is going to court.

P.S. Your article is an excellent example of the sloppy workmanship prevalent in today's society but may serve to clarify this situation by exposing it to public scrutiny.

A.W. Hatch