



## Student blames line-ups for parking ticket

The following letter was sent to the Parking Office to protest a parking ticket received Oct. 2.

Dear Madame/Sir:

I am writing to appeal a \$15 parking violation that I received from York's parking authorities today.

Why do I think the appeal is justified? Because I put an hour's worth of coins into the parking metre thinking that my two little errands should take me at most one half hour (after all, we're in the fourth week of lectures now, York should be over the back to school rush), but just to be on the 'safe' side, I put in extra.

I should have known better. Everything at York is a battle.

First, I stand in the refund line in the bookstore from 2:10 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. There is ONE cashier processing all the refunds. As I wait in line, I think that the parking metre may expire. But I can't give up my place in line to run out and put more money in. That would mean starting all over again. I wait in line.

The poor students are captive customers. People wait in line for 45 minutes and they STILL haven't made it to the cashier. They have to give up on the idea of accom-

plishing the refund to go to class. Some of the people I spoke to in the line had already tried two or three times to get books returned. This must be how consumers in the Soviet Bloc feel.

I stood fast — I can't afford to take a whole afternoon off work and not accomplish what I set out to do. I hadn't PLANNED to take the afternoon off, but getting anything done at York seems to require it.

I finally return my book. The poor cashier looks more dead than alive. She has an infinite line of angry people to process, and she's been on her feet all day. Once I have the refund, I go into the bookstore to buy the book that I really need. This takes another 20 minutes. I decide that since my afternoon is shot, I should take the time to give the bookstore manager a little 'feedback' on the quality of service the store provides to paying students. The students really don't deserve this abuse. And neither does the cashier. She'll probably call in sick tomorrow.

By the time I leave the bookstore it is 4:00 p.m. I think about the parking metre again, but I am afraid the parking office will close if I don't get to it quickly. So I run to the parking office. Sure enough they say to me, "Sorry, we can't process you. You'll have to come back at 5:00 p.m. We close from

4:00 to 5:00." Is there some reason why they have to CLOSE from 4:00 to 5:00? Can't they take turns going for a break or a meal?

Anyway, I discuss the matter with them, and they BARELY take me. Can you imagine if they hadn't?! It would have taken me three hours to exchange and buy a book and obtain a parking pass at York. As it stands, it only took me two. AND I AM GOING TO THIS SCHOOL TO LEARN HOW TO RUN A BUSINESS!

I am sorry, but I do not feel that I should pay \$15 for the privilege of waiting in York's lineups for two hours. My estimate of one hour should have been ample time! If you feel that the fine must stand, then I suggest that you forward this letter to the Dean (sic). I would be quite willing to discuss the matter with him. Surely he expects the student body to protest such inefficiency in his organization.

By the way, putting this letter together took another hour of my time. Paying the \$15 would already have been cheaper... but then York will never learn that its students aren't interested in paying for second rate service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely  
Dorothy Loeffen

We will publish, space permitting, letters up to 250 words. They must be typed, double spaced, accompanied by the writer's name and phone number. Libellous material will be rejected. Deliver to 111 Central Square during business hours.

## Cohen attacks Levy for his stand on Middle East

Dear Editor:

To say, as Levy did in the September 28 issue of *Excalibur*, that I equate Waldheim and Botha with Herzog is simply a lie. But it is a method quite typical of Levy's letter. As he knows, I used examples of world leaders York would obviously *not* give degrees to, in order to show that Peter Merrick's desire to allow York and the president to give degrees "to whomever they wish" is a credo that not even Merrick himself believes in. Levy distorts this clear example in a gross and dishonest fashion.

The rest of Levy's letter is a pastiche of misrepresentation and ignorance. He says the closing of schools in the occupied territories came about "only (my emphasis) because they served as centres for the disseminating of inciteful (sic) propaganda and the harboring of terrorist cells." The likeliest sources for this huge exaggeration (at best) or outright lie (at worst) are the Israeli military and the Israeli settlers. The integrity of both elements has been considerably compromised in recent years. Why should we believe them and their credulous adherents like Levy?

On what basis, I wonder, does

Levy make the assertion that I and my "cohorts" do not criticize other regimes that deserve criticism? He obviously doesn't know us at all. I appreciate his moralizing about the evils of South Africa, China, Afganistan, Algeria, and the crimes of Kurt Waldheim. But he is a little late if he thinks he's telling us news. Where, by the way, were Levy's expressions of protest made on these fronts?

Finally, it amazes me that criticism of Israel's policy of occupation can elicit the response that Jordan and Syria are worse and have been more vicious in their treatment of the Palestinians. Everyone knows that this is true and that these countries have much to account for. They do have one advantage over Israel, however. Jordan and Syria do not call themselves democratic states. They thereby acknowledge that brutality is an essential means of government. And their actions certainly prove it. Israel on the other hand, keeps claiming — and people like Levy keep bleating — that it is a democracy. People like me, not all of us mere "half-witted International Socialists," wish it would start acting like one.

Yours sincerely,  
Derek Cohen

## CYSF shortchanging Women's Centre

Editors:

re: the Oct. 5 article "York's Women's Centre Underfunded" by Jessica Rudolph

As the representative body of York Students, CYSF must guard against abusing its position of authority in its dealings with campus organizations and clubs. Whenever one group is financially dependent on another, there is always the potential for the more powerful to exercise control over the weaker. CYSF has the advantage in this situation — any pro-

grammes the Women's Centre initiates are contingent upon available money. No funding, no services.

Seminars and forums on sexual harassment, date rape, women's writing, battered women — all of these can only enrich the York community. In the past the Women's Centre has successfully organized these events, and many others, and I have every confidence that they will direct future funding toward equally worthwhile ventures.

Brian Archedekin, holder of the

"Equality Commission" portfolio, has stated that the Women's Centre receives an operating grant in excess of \$3,000. Yet the Women's Centre said they have never heard of such a grant, let alone received the money. I believe it is Archedekin's responsibility to ensure that the Women's Centre HAS in fact received the money, since he says they are entitled to it. The Women's Centre should not be put in a position where they must beg the CYSF for money that is rightfully theirs.

M. Jankulak



### Ontario Salutes National Universities Week

Today, knowledge and skills are becoming increasingly important as we move into the "learning society" of the 1990s.

Ontario is changing rapidly to meet the challenges of the future and nowhere is that change more evident than in the field of education. It is particularly appropriate during Universities Week that we take the time to reflect on the role of universities and their contribution to our province and our country as we move into a new decade.

This year, an unparalleled increase in enrolment is a direct response to the joint efforts of the Ontario government and the universities to make our postsecondary institutions open and accessible to all residents of this province. On campuses across Ontario, millions of dollars are being invested in the building and renovation of new and existing facilities to provide proper resources that will continue excellence in research and in teaching. In all, the Ontario government has committed more than \$1.6 billion to fund our universities in 1989-90.

We look to our universities to keep this province vibrant and

competitive in the global economy. Research and development is the key, and the Premier's Council on Technology is one way the province is supporting research and development by encouraging partnerships between universities, the private sector and government. This research undertaken in Canada is crucial if we are to compete internationally.

As Minister of Colleges and Universities, I am proud of the achievements that have been made by our students, staff, faculty and administrators at Ontario's universities. I am confident that our universities will continue to play a vital role in preparing us to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Sean Conway  
Minister of Colleges and Universities

## BOARD VACANCIES ON STUDENT CENTRE CORPORATION TWO STUDENT-AT-LARGE POSITIONS

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:  
STUDENT CENTRE  
105 CENTRAL SQUARE  
BY OCTOBER 24, 1989

MUST BE A CURRENT YORK UNIVERSITY STUDENT  
AT YORK'S MAIN CAMPUS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL

736-5658