

Letters To The Editor

All letters should be addressed to the Editor, c/o Excalibur, room 111 central square. They must be double-spaced, typed and limited to 250 words. Excalibur reserves the right to edit for length and grammar. Name and address must be included for legal purposes but the name will be withheld upon request. Deadline Mon. 5 p.m.

Reader criticizes telegram to Kent State

The telegram sent to Kent State by Dale Ritch and the "student federation" of York strikes me as being both in bad taste and an infringement of our "democratic" rights (something that Leftists prize highly, I am told) as students.

First, the student government on our campus is not "the Student Federation of York University"; rather, it is the Council of the York Student Federation. To sign the telegram as indicated seems to say that the view expressed in the message is shared by every student, for every student at York (except for those in Bethune) is a member of the Federation. Membership in the Council is another matter entirely.

This is the second time (to my knowledge) that the Ritch government has come out publicly with this sort of blanket "for-the-people" statement. The previous incident was an article in the Toronto Star in which the Council stated it was backing the N.D.P. in the provincial elections. Personal voting preferences aside, what right does the York Council have to say this? Certainly, York students do not vote 'en masse'.

My stand is this: from now on, if the Ritch government is to be responsible to the students of this university as it claimed it would be prior to the 1975-76 election, no public statement of view or policy should be released without an university-wide referendum.

I personally do not like someone else speaking for me, particularly when I haven't been consulted. If the Council is to represent all students, it must take into consideration those of us who may not have voted United Left Slate and the first-year students who were ineligible to vote.

This unthinking move on the part of the Council can have undesired repercussions as well as bad press. Also, Kent State's "massacre" is, indeed, five years old. The students of that era have now graduated (unless they failed

or were expelled); the old rebels are burnt out and, quite simply, the issue is dead.

At the last memorial service (May, 1975), less than 300 students showed up in the Kent State University quadrangle — most of those were attracted by the tolling bell, rather than by the "divine cause" for which it stood.

Kent State is dead — let it pass with dignity, not as the torch-light for unrelated causes. Don't profane that which went before with political party jargon. True, the "deaths were not in vain"; they were in Ohio.

Shelley TSivia Rabinovitch

Senseless attack

How quickly we forget! On reading in last week's Excalibur the attack on CYSF's telegram to Kent State, I was sadly disheartened. Any student who has a historical perspective of the 60s campus life in North America perceives the horrendous crime that was perpetrated on unarmed students by an oppressive military machine. Shame on this individual for this senseless attack on CYSF.

Michael Kates

Save smoke for after class

I wish to make a personal appeal to York students to please refrain from smoking during lecture hours. There are hundreds of students with asthmatic and allergy conditions who become extremely uncomfortable and even sick when exposed to sidestream tobacco smoke. I, myself, within minutes, manifest all the symptoms of a full headcold — from intense headaches, congestion to sore throat.

This negative reaction to tobac-

co smoke is something I can't help. Regular allergy injections, a pocketful of antihistamines and codeine pills work only to an extent.

Like others, I try to avoid places on campus where smoking occurs, but I also must attend classes. Coughing, choking and sniffing through lectures and tutorials is no fun for me and an unnecessary and aggravating distraction for you.

Please, save your smoking until after class. The 'No Smoking' signs in lecture halls are posted there for a purpose.

We must all breathe the same air — let it be clean air!

Linda Sweet

Dean's day

Just a small reminder that Tuesday, September 30 is the 20th anniversary of my death, and I think that it would be a nice gesture if Dale Ritch proclaimed that day (maybe even the whole week) officially in my name. After all, us rebels without a cause gotta stick together, don't we?

Best wishes.

James Dean

Two entities

In your article on the Women's Centre (Sept. 18, 1975), the reporter named me as a "driving force" behind the Women's Centre and quoted me as well. In both cases, she was wrong.

Though I have been involved in the Centre, the "driving forces" were mainly women in Atkinson Women's Studies along with others, some of whom are signed below. Your mistake has caused me some personal embarrassment and the active women in the Centre should be recognized.

Further, the quote (which is taken out of context) implies that the Centre and the York Women's Newsletter are one, which they

are not. The Centre is a clearing-house for information about feminist activities in campus, of which the Newsletter is only one.

Janet Patterson
Mary O'Brien
Virginia Rock
Alana Smith
Debbie Tannenbaum
Jan Wotton
Janet Baker
Sandy Barraclough
Pat Grinstead
Marlene Mocchiola

Once again: two entities

I would like to correct a misrepresentation in the Sept. 18 issue of Excalibur. In the article "Centre Serves All York Women", the reporter implies that the York Women's Newsletter is the organ of the Women's Centre in Atkinson College. The Newsletter is an independent publication without political affiliation, put out by a group of women who feel there is a need for a forum for feminist opinion on campus. These two organizations are separate entities.

Lynn McFadgen, editor
The Women's Newsletter

Average readers have their say

The boys and I were sitting around the pub slugging back a few ales, when we stumbled on the article by Oakland Ross in your first issue ("Student guide abuses power, wastes money").

Well, we think handbook editor Paul Kellogg's got a good point when he calls the name of last year's handbook, Manus, "a meaningless foreign collection of letters with absolutely no significance for the average reader". We're all average readers, and we gotta agree with

Mr. K. that "to unearth its significance, an esoteric performance in scholasticism is required . . ."

The way we figger it, if it isn't English, it must have been thought up by some pristine intellectual who spends the rest of his time reading books or something. And what about the motto of York — "tentanda via". It's Greek, isn't it? Whatever it is, the boys and me took a vote and we don't like it.

And that goes for foreign movies, too. I mean, those people in Sweden and Russia speak in some kinda language made up of "a meaningless foreign collection of letters with absolutely no significance for the average reader".

Oughta be a law against it, Mr. K.

Warren Clements,
Editor, Seer.

Radio Plato

If you happen to notice a somewhat distinct change in Radio York's programming this year, you're not dreaming; it's all part of CKRY's new station format.

Station Manager John Thompson describes the change as an "aesthetic" one, involving a "one to one relationship" between announcer and audience.

Using a chair as an example, Thompson explains that, in the future, Radio York announcers shouldn't be "talking about a chair or chairs, but rather *chairness*..."

Uh huh.

Jeffery Morgan

Excalibur
Staff meeting
Thurs. 1 p.m.
Room 111
Central Square

On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to Department of Information and Publications, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday, 11 a.m. — Development of Teaching Skills Program — a discussion entitled "Designing Your Course to Fit Your Attitudes and Capabilities" will be led by Dr. Ron Sheese of York's Department of Psychology — 108, Behavioural Science.

2 p.m. — Public Lecture (Graduate Studies, C.R.E.S.S.) "A Data System of Isis II Optical Experiments" by Frank Thirkettle, candidate for the Ph.D. degree — 317 Petrie.

4 p.m. — Physics Seminar Series — "Atomic Physics Data Applicable for CTR Devices" by Dr. Ronald J. Henry, Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge) — 317, Petrie.

4 p.m. — Student-Faculty Fortinghtly Seminar (Graduate Program in Philosophy) "Anarchy, Property, and Utopia" by Peter Danielson of York's Philosophy Department — commentator is R. Allan Cobb — Senior Common Room, Founders

7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. — Innovative Approaches to the Helping Relationships (Centre for Continuing Education) "Encounter Groups" with Sy Silverberg — general admission \$6.00; —4.00 for students — 107, Stedman

8:15 p.m. — September Symposium on 19th Century Urban Characteristics (Atkinson) "Building Cycles and the Property Market (England)" by Dr. Robin Holmes, St. Lawrence College (Ramsgate) — S203, Ross

Monday, 4 p.m. — Mathematics Colloquium — "The Cauchy — Kowaleskaya Theorem" by Professor M. Shinbrot, University of Victoria — S171, Ross

8:15 p.m. — September Symposium on 19th Century Urban Characteristics (Atkinson) "The Distribution of Personal Wealth in 19th Century English Towns" by Dr. A.D.M. Phillips, Keele University — N102, Ross

Tuesday, 10 a.m. — September Symposium on 19th Century Urban Characteristics (Atkinson) "The Industrial Revolution and the English Economy" by Dr. Derek Gregory, Cambridge University — I, Curtis

12:15 p.m. — Dean's Colloquium (Administrative Studies) "Canadian Federalism: Current Conflict and Future

Forecast" by York's President H. Ian Macdonald — 038, Administrative Studies

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — International Women's Year: Lecture Series (Arts, York Colleges) "Mesopotamian Ideas of Creation" by York Professor Maynard Maidman — Junior Common Room, Bethune

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. — Demonstration (Music) of improvisation in South Indian Music featuring T.V. Sankaranarayanan (vocal), M. Chandrasekharan (violin) and T.K. Murtha (mrdangan) — 017, Winters

Friday, 8 p.m. — Concert Series (Fine Arts) an inter-media performance series featuring dance, art, music, theatre and poetry — F, Curtis

8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) Fellini's "Amarcord" (English sub-titles) — general admission \$1.50 — K, Curtis

Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein" (Gene Wilder, Marty Feldman, Cloris Leachman) — general admission \$1.50 — L, Curtis

Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) see Saturday's listing at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 12 noon — Concert (music) featuring world-renowned English tenor Nigel Rogers, accompanied by Bradford Travery (harpsichord), in a program of Italian monody and English and German songs — F, Curtis

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Thursday, 4:30 p.m. — Monthly Meeting of the Senate — Senate Chamber (S915), Ross

Friday, 9 a.m.-12 noon — Career Information Day — organized by Statistics Canada for graduate or graduating students in the fields of mathematics or statistics — 032, Administrative Studies

9 p.m. — Badminton Club — First meeting, to discuss rules and plans for coming year — interested persons unable to attend are asked to call Peter Tryfos or Mrs. Williams at local -3032 - Upper Gymnasium, Tait McKenzie

Tuesday, 12 noon — Integrity Group — a newly-formed, loose association for students which will meet each Tuesday (same time, location) to present and discuss a

variety of topics — for further information call Greg Martin at 661-1449 — N802, Ross

SPORTS, RECREATION

Saturday, 2 p.m. — Football — York vs. McGill — York Football Field

MISCELLANEOUS

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. — ATKINSON COLLEGE CONVOCATION — to be held at the podium level between Scott Library and the Ross Building (in case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held in the Tait McKenzie Building) — Dr. George Ignatieff, Provost of Trinity College and former Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree; Dr. Ignatieff will deliver the Convocation Address

5 p.m. — A bust of Dr. Norman Bethune will be presented to Bethune College by the International Nickel Company of Canada Limited and C.P. Air; the bust was sculpted by Mr. John McCombe Reynolds, a Fellow of Bethune College. Present at the unveiling will be his Excellency Chang Wen-chin, Ambassador of the Peoples' Republic of China in Canada, and by the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada. The presentation will take place in Bethune College Courtyard.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Roman Catholic Mass — 107, Stedman

COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

For days and hours open, please call the individual coffee houses:

Absinthe Coffee House — 039, Winters College (2349)
Ainger Coffee Shop — North Entrance, Atkinson (3544)
Argh Coffee Shop — 051, McLaughlin College (3606)
Atkinson Coffee House — 024, Atkinson (2488)
Atkinson Pub — 254, Atkinson (2489)
Coc & Bull Coffee Shop — 123, Founders College (3667)
JACS — 112, Bethune College (6420)
Normans — 201, Bethune (3597)
Open End Coffee Shop — 004, Vanier College (6386)
Orange Snail Coffee Shop — 107, Stong College (3587)
Tap 'n Keg Pub — 114C, Bethune College (3597)