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form letter, is usually personal with written comments by whoever returns that particular manuscript.

Secondly, while Joyce Zemans had a hand in releasing funds to us, it was Birgit Languish's advice and support that was especially important.

Generally, however, Peirol's feature on the lit explosion was articulate and well-researched and I enjoyed, for once, a review that was mostly a celebration rather than an attack on any of the efforts that have surfaced this year.

I would also like to add that *Yak* is not accepting any more submissions for its spring issue. At this writing, we have received in total over 250 pieces of writing and visuals. We will publish April 2. Thank you *Excalibur* (and York) for your support!

—Michael Redhill
Yak Magazine

Existere review needs clarification

Editor:

Re: "New Rags, Mags and Chapbooks Join *Existere* on York Literary Scene" by Paulette Peirol.

Those of us involved in Vanier College publications were, on the whole, quite pleased with the Arts Feature "New Rags, Mags and Chapbooks". However, there are a few points that need clarification. The cartoon in the latest issue of *Existere* was drawn by Clark Hoskin, not Hodgkin. Clark is also the new editor of the *Vandoo*. A similar error was made later on in your article. The art design for *Existere* was the responsibility of Jean-Guy Brunet, not Runet. We find this error on your part to be quite ironic considering you were criticising Jean-Guy for dropping the "l" from Shel-

don Inkol's last name.

Although these complaints may appear to be trivial, these people put a lot of hard work into *Existere* and at least deserve to be recognized for it. It is hard to believe that you can't properly spell the names of people who appear in the credits of a magazine you are reviewing.

Nevertheless, we are generally pleased that *Excalibur* has devoted a substantial amount of space to publications coming out of the Vanier College and Residence.

John N. McKay
Chairman,
Vanier Board of Publications

Student encounters bullying tactics

Editor:

This matter occurred on the morning of Tuesday (March 10) at approximately 10 o'clock. I was contemplating parking my car at 'DD' lot. To my disappointment, I was turned away, along with many others, upon reaching the entrance?

Making a quick observation across the car-park, I was able to see some empty lots, of which I presumed must be available for parking purposes. I was puzzled and insisted on an explanation pertaining to the above action. Instead of granting me an explanation, the middle-age, female parking attendant started raising her voice and pointed me to a sign marked—"LOT FULL!?" As if this was not enough, she had to challenge me to lodge a report against her if I was not satisfied. Is this a civilized way of conducting oneself while on duty? Are we (drivers) not reasonable people whom she can count on to reason with?

Such derogatory mentality and bullying tactics would be accepted readily in a dictatorial society, but what a surprise to see it being prac-

tised here. I am most frustrated with her unreasonable irresponsible and incompetent attitude towards work and would not hesitate to suggest to the relevant authority that some form of "Public Relations" be taught to her, lest more aggravation be suffered by other unsuspecting drivers!

—Terence Teo

Racist graffiti part of deeper problem

Editor:

The racist, sexist and particularly brutal graffiti in several of York's (men's) washrooms lately angered and startled me enough to write to *Excalibur*. This may seem a trivial matter, but I think it is symptomatic of a deeper social problem.

It may be that such emotionally-charged graffiti are to some extent "outlets" for a person's problems and frustrations. But never-the-less, their words reflect strong prejudicial thinking. I would like to challenge their "authors," as well as others with similar views, to reach out, beyond such hatred and cowardice, to talk, reason and understand with others in York community and elsewhere.

Granted, we all have, to some degree, our prejudices and stereotypes—mostly, I think due to a tendency toward laziness; to simplify our worlds and not sufficiently challenge views we have acquired. But such above-mentioned extreme prejudice, is not only harmful to oneself, but adds another portion of hate and pain to other undeserving individuals. Hopefully, with genuine effort and empathy such negatives can be broken down—revealing people with pretty much the same, needs, fears, desires, vulnerabilities, and hopes.

—Brian Keith

Founders common room 'trashed'

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When asked if disciplinary action would be taken against the trio, Meininger again offered "No comment," but he did say that "the University has to be mindful of protecting its integrity and protecting its liquor license."

Two days later, in another alcohol-related event, amid allegations that the Founders Common Room was "trashed" during the victory party for the Student Centre,

Meininger denied that there was any excessive damage, "just a couple of cigarette burns in the rug and the spilling and spraying of beer and champagne." Meininger added that it was a good victory party but that "there was nothing in the way of willful damage."

Founders College Master Arthur Haberman also stressed that "there was no serious damage." Meininger is now awaiting the cost of the clean-up from Founders.

Review Committee needed for Security

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ter of *personal choice* as to whether or not the security staff will intervene. To compound this question of personal choice, the staff are greatly discouraged from taking immediate action due to the factors of: no equipment, no partner, and no adequate training, all at the security staff's personal risk.

In lieu of the above information it is advisable that the following recommendations be considered to ensure that the York University community receives adequate security:

- 1) A review committee with student representation and an administrative overseer should be established to examine the Department of Security's mandates and procedures.
- 2) Peace Officer status be given to trained individuals with training based on Ontario Police Commission guidelines, consistent with York's commitment to racial and ethnic relations and with a knowledge of the issues of sexual assault/harassment.
- 3) Under the recommendation that they become Peace Officers, the

equipment issued to security officers for detaining arrested individuals should be handcuffs.

If the above recommendations are implemented one would expect to find increased protection for faculty, staff and students; increased morale in the Department of Security as proper training and an increase in power would protect them in doing their job; and lastly a review committee would be able to improve upon already existing university rules and regulations and ascertain where change is needed.

In conclusion, it appears to us that the Administration has forgotten that we as staff, faculty and students pay our union dues, fees, etc. and are entitled to competent security.

We have had enough of Administrative Control; we have had enough of Administrative lies and silence on security. Let's shed our security blanket, face the truth and act to ensure that we, as members of York, will receive our basic human right to proper security.

York Administration has a moral, legal and financial responsibility to its Community.

Let's see concrete, positive and responsible action.

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