

editorial

nice jacket and tie, AE Pi

This week men from Alpha Epsilon Pi have been given all of page six to defend the institution of brotherhood. Unfortunately, they have not managed to changed our minds.

We have no doubt that AE Pi is involved in worthwhile community service events, encourages academic success and dresses nicely (see Allen Madonik's comment). We also believe wholeheartedly that no hazing is taking place.

We would like to point out, however, that no member of AE Pi has categorically denied Jeff Leibovici's allegations about hazing.

On November 30 *Excalibur* reported that Leibovici, last year's pledge master, alleges that hazing took place at AE Pi. He claims that in 1987, when he was a pledge, potential brothers were made to do "physically tormenting activities" and "emotionally disturbing tasks." He said he witnessed a pledge throwing up as a result being blindfolded and forced to eat a ham by-product while being told it was dog food.

Excalibur reported that, "Earlier this year, the chapter was under suspension for incidents of hazing during Leibovici's term as pledge master." No one from AE Pi has denied this in any of the submissions we have received.

Contrary to Anthony Morris' claim that we have "taken the word of Mr. Leibovici at face value and . . . based an entire slanderous article on his personal feelings, without any search for the true and actual details about the alleged incidents," the article was thoroughly researched.

Excalibur has been aware of these allegations for at least a year. Last May Leibovici approached *Excalibur* about doing a story, but we decided to wait until the matter could be thoroughly investigated. Those interviewed for the article besides Leibovici include master of AE Pi Steve Offenheim, 1987 master Mike Kemper and national director of services for AE Pi Andy Borins.

Borins said "questionable activities" may have been going on for up to two years prior to last year's suspension.

Aaron Tornberg questions the newsworthiness of the article. He says, "If these events ever occurred, they occurred in the past." Aside from the fact that happening in the past is a fundamental nature of news, we believe that these allegations must be exposed, especially in light of the CYSF's limited support of Greek organizations. Several members of the CYSF belong to fraternities, which is an obvious conflict of interest. A politician could lose his or her job if caught voting on an issue that could lead to personal benefit.

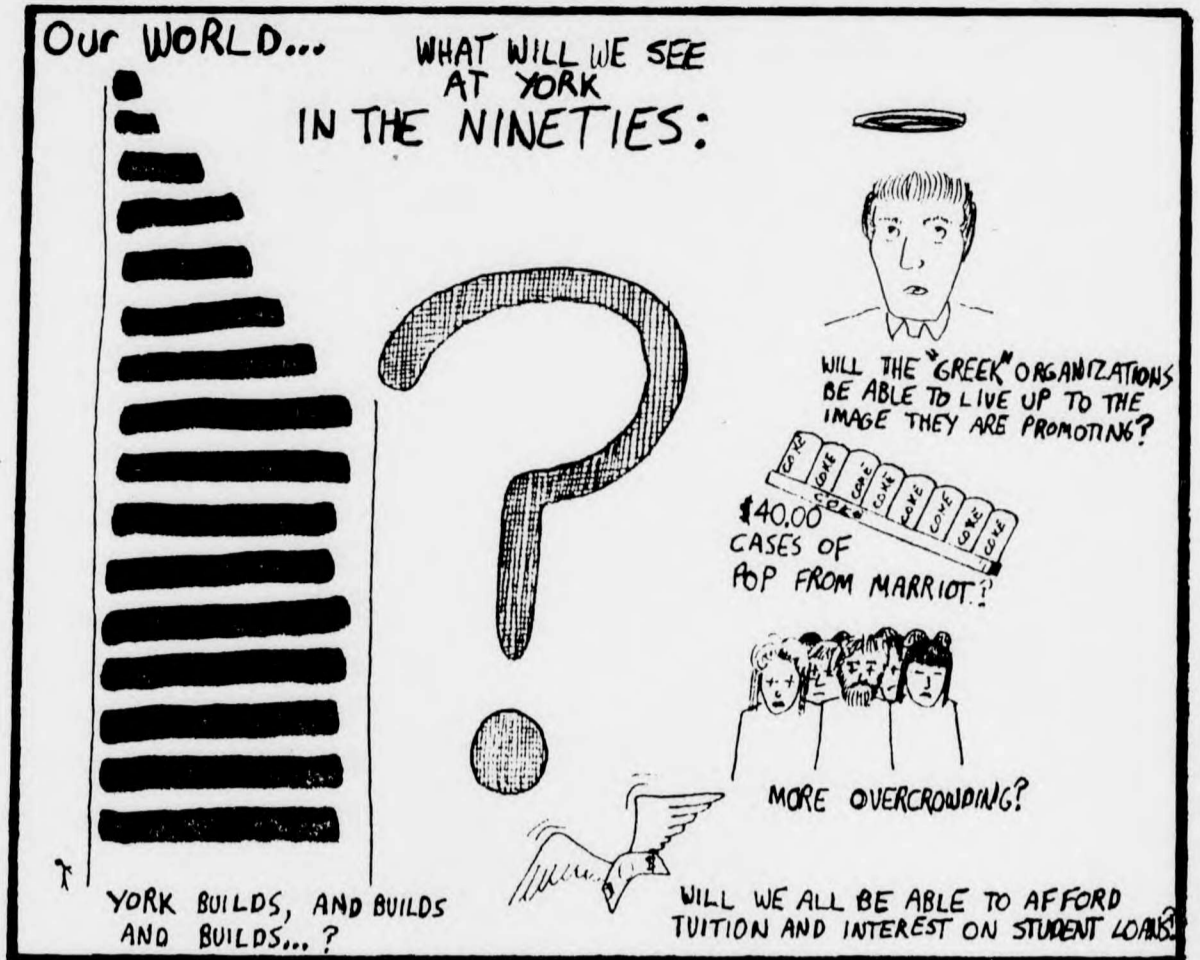
We would also like to point out that no sorority sister has sent *Excalibur* anything to support fraternities. Curious.

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letters

Students must end administration monopoly

Dear Editor:

For 27 years, York University has been run largely by "experts" and professional administrators. From time to time, students have been "consulted," or allowed limited representation. But the unspoken assumption was that the administration knows best — students

Late exams create Xmas inconvenience

Excalibur received this letter after our last publication deadline; however it remains relevant.

Re: an open letter to the president of the York University Senate.
Dear Mr. President

This letter is by way of a protest to the late date of the final exam for PH 2100.03af. The date assigned to us is 21 December, 1989. We feel, for several reasons, that this date is ludicrously late.

First and foremost of the reasons is the length of time before our last class, and, hence, our last chance for review, and the exam. Our final meeting of the term is December 6. Our exam is 15 days later. While we understand that studying is expected, the material is quite difficult, and leaving it for two weeks means that it will necessarily become stale. We fear that our grades are liable to suffer as a result of this delay.

Secondly, there are those among us who wish to or have to travel during the holiday season. Either family is abroad or vacation opportunity beckons. For us, the late exam means spending sometimes large sums for a relatively short family visit.

Finally, we have all worked hard this term and feel we deserve as long a break as those of our fellow students who won the "exam-date lottery".

Surely there are ways that the exam period can be compressed. None of the signers below are concerned about having more than one exam on a given day. Sometimes, in the real world, which we will soon face, numerous deadlines can pile up. We might as well get used to it.

Michael Gilbert and 49 others

being too young, immature, uneducated, etc. to exercise real power. The time has come to change that once and for all.

It is clear that York is in a crisis. But our overcrowded classes, libraries, cafeterias, sporting facilities and corridors are not accidental. They are the cumulative result of many years of "expert management" at the students' expense but without real student input.

The Central Square tables fiasco is just one example. The administration was aware of the fire safety problem since 1987, but it chose the cheapest way of dealing with it — ignoring the law. Apparently, they believed that they were doing the students a favour by letting them continue using the tables. This was supposed to be temporary, till the Student Centre got built (with student money . . .) to accommodate much of the traffic and club activities.

But in two years since the 1987 Fire Marshall's warning, a better solution was possible. Central Square corridors could have been widened by moving some of the glass partitions deeper into the courtyard (overhang roofs already exist). That would have cost the administration some money, though . . . So they never asked the students about it.

Similarly, Osgoode Hall students and staff continue to have the threat of asbestos hanging

(literally) over their heads. And there is still no proper lighting in many places on campus. What is the administration's response? Right! "No money."

Safety is not the only problem. Tuition fees (going up), class size (also going up), food (??) services, funding for the CYSF and other student organizations (where is our money?!), use of campus facilities (nobody asked us about paying for college common rooms!), enrolment procedures (voice non-response), green space (where are the trees?!), planning of future campus buildings (who needs an entry pavilion anyway?! — in all these areas, student interests have been compromised. We believe that unless students gain control of the decision-making process, the "expert administrators" will continue to make critical decisions at our expense and run this institution to the ground.

We say that enough is enough! Vague calls for "more consultation" just won't do. The students must demand majority control of all decision-making bodies of York University. This must be our goal in future protests and negotiations. A university run by the students and for the students — now there's something worth fighting for!

Sincerely,
Danny Zabelishensky
The York University Greens

Words of wisdom for driver "X"

Dear Editor:

I would like to use your paper to pass on a message to the driver of a small sedan XSV 861 which nearly ran me over at a crosswalk at 4:30 p.m. on November 21, because he failed to slow down. When he finally stopped, he swore at me for being on the crosswalk.

"You should take an immediate driver education class, to learn not to drive so fast, and to look out for crosswalks. You should seek immediate counselling to deal with your anger because swearing at someone you have nearly killed is no way to deal

with the situation. You should take some longer term therapy to deal with your immaturity."

Your readers might also like to know that York University Security claims to have no authority to take action to deal with dangerous driving on campus, and was unable even to release the name of the driver of XSV 861 to me so that I could speak to him personally. For this reason I have had to write a letter to your paper to contact the unknown driver.

Yours sincerely
Diana Lary
Professor