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members of the fascist right. I trust that the irresponsible and shallow research that went into Mr. Doucette's article does not imply a similar fate.

Sincerely,
Stanley R. Barrett
Professor

**Today
at 4 pm**

Perezosa has Glendon's support

Dear Chief Rodent Officer:

We, several students at Glendon Campus, respectfully submit our ballots to your mascot election.

As you can see, they are all for the perezosa. We felt the perezosa best represented the bilingual nature of Glendon College. This is very important to us.

As well, we feel that not having a photo taken with Prince Charles is of utmost importance to the integrity of a candidate. The chipmunk, we have heard, has on several occasions been seen in the company of Charles and Di; but not being conceited, "arrogant or obnoxious," he of course

would not mention this.

The fish is a sexist slob, despite the capability of alliterating!

The pelican is disrespectful in threatening to eat the fish.

The mouse was a close second to the perezosa, but we felt the fixation with cheese was to his/her detriment.

The bear didn't have good enough looks — she looked, shall we say, "drawn." Any animal who can't show up to have a photo taken doesn't deserve to be offi-

cial mascot.

So, as you can see, the perezosa is the obvious candidate. In spite of the requirement that a CRO be impartial, we hope that you will break this rule and join our campaign.

Yours respectfully,
Some Glendonites

Thursday
Staff meeting at **4 pm**

letters

First House criticizes Excal article

Dear Editors:

With regards to the article on First House in the March 6, 1990 *Excalibur*, the members of First House would like to express their concerns about the article's accuracy.

First your statement that "the telephone has been used as a place to urinate, and urine has been left in bottles all over the floor" is a mark against the whole house in general, whereas only two individuals were involved. There were not bottles "all over the floor" but rather two or three small bottles of urine. This

entire disgusting situation was taken care of within the House, with House members cleaning up the urine themselves, and it has since stopped.

Second, the statement, "Residents of McLaughlin College are living under intimidation from residents of its second and third floors" is ridiculous. Granted, there may exist to some an irrational fear of such a large group of closely-knit males, but this fear is unwarranted. There has never been, nor will there ever be, any physical harm to any resident student.

Third, we have a problem with the resident tutor's statement that he "alleges that the First House... is responsible for much of the damage in the building, but this cannot be proved." We find it disturbing that *Excalibur* would print such a bold, slanderous statement.

We were also disturbed that *Excalibur* chose not to mention any of the good things First House has done, and is doing, for the McLaughlin community.

What about the Kids' Day Programme we initiated years ago that has now evolved into a residence-wide event? What about the foster

child drive we started for the residence (we now support two foster children)? What about our involvement in: college council — a chairperson and 10 councillors in the last three years, residence council — two chairpersons, athletic council — three co-ordinators and 10 representatives in three years, athletics in general, food drives, blood drives, college orientation — three co-ordinators, Mac's Well Coffee Shop — two managers in three years, Dyna-Macs Weightroom — two co-ordinators in two years. . . . (The entire list is too long to mention in this letter).

We believe *Excalibur* readers should get the whole truth about First House before making any opinions which might be detrimental to this great college and residence. We must assume by the article *Excalibur* does not agree with this philosophy; that only the negative things make a good story. What a shame that the media can only concentrate on the bad without the good.

Sincerely,
The Socket Hockey All-Stars
First House, Tatham Hall

opinion

to protect those few individuals who do damage the building, and offer a conciliatory internal rebuke to those individuals.

The problem is the university administration cannot prove who is causing the damage and therefore cannot lay charges, and subsequently cannot remove the few offenders.

First House persistently has prohibited the administration from prosecuting the offenders, and yet they scream when they are told they will not be allowed to return as a house next year. It seems logical that if First House refuses to work with the administration in removing the few bad individuals, and yet they cannot deal with them through their internal methods, the whole house must accept responsibility for the actions of those few individuals causing damage.

First House alleges they have never damaged the elevators, yet when *Excalibur* asked, at the meeting, "Were you guys involved in the damage?" there was dead silence. One individual quietly said, "[It] has never been proven." *Excalibur* clarified that was not the question. After the question was repeated there was dead silence again. One person then offered a quiet "no."

Excalibur asked individuals from the floor about damage to the elevators, and received replies ranging from a grin and a slight nod to shrugs of complete idiocy.

First House has two argu-

ments in its favour; the first only slightly. First House members state they do many positive things for the McLaughlin community. They are heavily involved in the college council, residence council and athletics. First House also supports two foster children. These and other activities are very beneficial, yet offer little justification for their destructive actions.

The second argument in favour of First House is that their complaints against residence tutor Sean Squires have gone unnoticed. Regardless of whatever First House has done, they do not deserve the treatment they are receiving from Squires. First House members are the first to say they are not innocent and neither is Squires, and yet members of First House are the only ones catching the blame.

For the record, *Excalibur* interviewed president of First House Mike Skinner, McLaughlin residence tutor Sean Squires, provost Beth Hopkins, and also attended a meeting with residents of McLaughlin College. In total, interviews lasted for over six hours and four and a half hours on tape.

It would seem that First House has the potential to provide much benefit to McLaughlin College, yet its internal method of dealing with problems is failing. If only responsible characters had worked to achieve a level of sanity on the floor, First House would not be in its present position.

Excal reporter responds

by David Tompkins

Concern has been expressed about the accuracy of statements in the March 6 article in *Excalibur* entitled "Mac residents living under in-

timidation."

Sean Squires, the resident tutor, has accused First House of being responsible for much of the damage in the building. This damage includes \$3,800 to the elevators, broken furniture, broken windows, a broken sink

on another floor, both First House telephones ripped off the walls and the "infamous" urine bottles.

First House alleges they fix whatever they break, or they pay for whatever they break. They maintain a code of silence

SUMMER RESIDENCE 1990

The deadline for York students' priority for Summer Residence is Monday 2 April 1990.

York students interested in applying for positions as Summer Residence Dons are requested to submit a resume and covering letter to Master Fred Morgan, Room 205B, Norman Bethune College no later than 9 April 1990.