

# Letters To The Editor

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## "Ski charter concerned only with profit"

We returned on January 4 from skiing at Mont Sainte-Anne, Quebec. Our experience was so disappointing that we would like to advise other skiers to be very cautious when choosing their charters. Our particular trip was operated by a Mr. Larry Kleinmintz but is also run under the following names: The Summit Ski Group, Associated Travel Services. The organization uses these phone numbers when no name is mentioned: in Toronto, 889-7677, 742-4497, 783-7609, and in London 432-5309.

To begin with, the buses left Yorkdale Shopping Centre late, and on one departure date took 1 hour, 55 minutes in breaks (3 stops) and on the other took approximately 2½ hours in breaks (3 stops). Already the trip had deviated from the itinerary, which only called for two stops.

### LOST LUGGAGE

Mr. Kleinmintz personally advised us to put our luggage on any bus at all, and when it arrived at the wrong hotel he denied responsibility and arrogantly replied, "You are only two in 400." At Kleinmintz's convenience our luggage finally arrived at 11 p.m. in the hotel lobby (four hours later).

The next time we saw Kleinmintz was three days later after he delayed anxious skiers who were still sitting on a bus for 45 minutes in Quebec City. This was to sell tickets for a New Year's Eve Party (further contributing to his profit) which was originally stated in his brochure as an included attraction in the ski package. If tickets must be sold this should take place on his time and not our precious skiing time.

### LATE BUSES

Buses never left on time for the hill in the morning but always left on time from the hill at night and the night skiing which was promised was never even mentioned.

When we went to settle our account on the second last day the hotel advised us that our room was vacant, and that according to them we did not exist.

Kleinmintz had neglected to notify the hotel that we were staying an additional two days, leaving us the only occupants of an entire floor, with the hotel staff unaware of our presence.

Clearly there are dangers such as fire hazards and family emergencies in not being registered guests in a high-rise hotel such as the Quebec Hilton. Due to Kleinmintz's negligence in not advising the hotel of our stay we were further inconvenienced because the hotel forced us to move eight floors for obvious safety reasons.

Finally, the itinerary stated that the approximate time of arrival at Yorkdale would be 12:30 a.m. This is clearly impossible for a bus without wings, considering the departure was on schedule (5 p.m.) and it is no secret that it is a nine hour trip (including breaks), pending perfect weather conditions.

### SKIERS BEWARE

We feel it is our duty to inform our fellow travelers of our unfortunate encounter with Mr. Kleinmintz's organizations. It is our opinion that he is truly unconcerned with the well-being of his group once they have paid their money.

May we suggest that the advertising media not accept his ads until he cleans up his act.

Wayne A. Krangle

Jane E. Stern

*Kleinmintz replies: Both of these people were on our February 1974 ski trip and were obviously satisfied since they returned on our December 1974 trip.*

*They mention many points in their letter, but ignore facts like blowing snow and icy road conditions on the January 4, 1975 return, and people requiring the buses to stop for the use of washroom facilities. Krangle and Stern only appear interested in Krangle and Stern, whereas the bus driver runs his bus in accordance with department of transportation rulings, prevailing weather and his own fatigue factor.*

*All our itineraries and applications mention clearly that the individual assumes responsibility for his/her own luggage and property.*

*At the last minute our group was given the opportunity to join another ski group for a private New Year's bash, at \$5 a head. Feeling this to be too high, I subsidized 50 per cent of the cost and offered it as an extra, over the hotel's entertainment, which anyone could have gone to.*

*Even though Krangle and Stern felt our buses left late, they never mentioned that there were other people still to get on the bus, or that they didn't ski 100% of the time while at the slopes. Krangle and Stern mention they didn't exist in the hotel's opinion; this is the hotel's fault, since their accommodation was prepaid.*

### Carter amends senate report

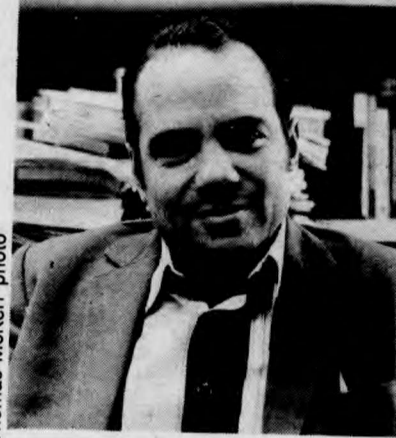
In your account of the Senate debate on Professor Cowley's motion to separate the rank of associate professor and tenure, you did not mention my amendment that would have had the effect of making this separation applicable only to those who were hired subsequent to July 1, 1975. As I stated in the Senate, since the tenure and promotion document had been sent out to each person hired by York with their letter of appointment, I believe that a person who is now on the faculty could reasonably expect to be judged for tenure and promotion under that document. I asked whether or not the document is to be considered as part of their contract with York University and if it is changed, does this change the conditions under which a person was hired?

In the past when documents have been amended by the Senate that affect faculty, it has always been the case that anything which is detrimental to the interests of the people concerned has not been made to apply. I believe, and subsequent conversations with some faculty have confirmed this, that the consideration of the rank of associate professor and tenure could be considered detrimental to the interests of people and therefore the amendment should have passed. The Senate defeated my amendment. However, as a result of a question by Dean Knittel, the university is seeking legal opinion on considering the status of the document as being part of the contract that a person has with the university and this will be reported to the Senate at its next meeting.

Walter B. Carter, Professor  
Department of Philosophy

### Literary editor makes Waves

While I have appreciated the intelligence and style of much of Oakland Ross's reporting in Excalibur this year, I must take issue with his review of the latest Waves in the December 14 Excalibur. Some of



H.A. Bouraoui

his points are well taken, but his comments on "the unsettling fuzziness of Waves' editorial policy" reveal his failure to check the facts.

He remarks that I, Hédi Bouraoui, am the foreign language editor of Waves, and that "the total foreign language content of Waves is three poems in French by H.A. Bouraoui."

### INCONSISTENCY

Is Mr. Ross's point that the editors should never publish in Waves? Or is the implication that they should not publish their work if it is of inferior quality? If the former, I detect a certain inconsistency as he devotes a paragraph to an appreciation of Robert Casto's poem, without mentioning that Casto is in fact our third editor, the English language consultant. If the latter, then I would expect a discussion and analysis of my poems to demonstrate why they should or should not have been published in Waves. Instead Mr. Ross seems to be merely shooting at random. It is obvious that he is unable to read French analytically and therefore uses my poems gratuitously in order to make a sweeping generalization about editorial policy.

### FOREIGN CONTENT

In fact, my editorial work is not limited to foreign language: I also recommend work which comes to my attention from anglophone students and faculty. The contents of any one issue, of course, are determined by the quality of the submissions we have received for that time period, from which we try to select the most promising material. If Mr. Ross had checked past issues, he would have found a variety of foreign language material. We make an especial effort to encourage work in French since Canada is supposed to be a bilingual country, but in largely anglophone Toronto we don't receive as many foreign language submissions, especially from students, as we would like. For the next issue I have already recommended two submissions in French, one from a professor at Indiana University and one from an anglophone York student.

Any literary magazine is as good as its contributors. To this end Waves welcomes and encourages submissions from as wide a variety of sources as possible. I trust that in future Oakland Ross will editorialize only on a solid groundwork of facts. May I add that, far from being a clique, the editors of Waves would welcome submissions from Mr. Ross himself, if he is interested, and from

the York community in general.

H.A. Bouraoui  
Professor of French

### Morgan's review was non-article

Too bad really, it had all the makings of a real article. Everything needed to make it work was there: the concert to report on, a piece of paper to write on and a dictionary to use as reference. What then could possibly have gone wrong with Jeffery Morgan's review of the George Harrison concert?

Morgan calls Harrison's show a "non-event" and damns him for "blowing it". But on the other hand, he lauds the guitarist for his "flawless" musical ability, "the excellent and sensitively written" music and Billy Preston's skill at crowd excitement.

What is Morgan trying to get at anyway? Like most, he mourns the Beatle myth, and ignorantly expected the quiet and sombre Harrison to electrify an audience that didn't come specifically to stamp, stomp and yell.

He makes no mention of the Indian segment of the show (except for the feedback), which we felt was one of the musical highlights of the show. It was unfortunate that it was performed in front of a few children who lacked respect. After all, it was advertised as part of the show, Jeffery!

Where Morgan and other reviewers failed, was in entering Maple Leaf Gardens with their own expectations (whether they were for a Beatle revival, hah!, or for George to transform into Krsna), and then whimpering out their frustrations when these expectations were not satisfied. We have always felt that concerts were for entertainment.

Jon Young  
Steve Hain

### Campus service abuses customer

I am writing to complain of the low level of service in the stores, coffee houses, etc. on this campus. I am getting sick and tired of bagging my own books and groceries, buttering my own bread, creaming my own coffee, etc. I think I am being abused and rooked along with other paying customers.

If these establishments can't pay staff to do the work instead of foisting their labour off onto paying customers, it's time they shut up shop and we will go somewhere else. They even have the nerve to charge more than off-campus stores.

The service in the Vanier coffee shop, particularly, is deplorable. Here no effort is made to do anything for the customer. Coffee lids are not even taken out of the plastic bags they come in. There are irritating line-ups because the customers are putting butter and cheese on their own bagels, and so on. The staff does little more than pour coffee and ring up the cash register.

As to the cafeterias at York - it is time someone reported to the health department the dirty tables, flies in the summer, overcrowding lack of organization in placing things within easy reach, especially when there are special dinners at night.

I am getting sick of these abuses, which have gone on long enough because of the passivity and timidity of customers who allow themselves to be used and abused.

From now on I'm not buying.

C. Wallace,  
Founders College.

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