

# Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity  
—Lord Acton

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## Harbinger should not be left dangling in financial noose

There is a rather crude catchphrase on campus which states simply, "If you're bleeding, you go to Health Services; if you're pregnant you go to Harbinger."

While the phrase is a gross oversimplification, it highlights the fact that the two organizations cater to totally different needs, and complement, rather than conflict with, each other.

Health Services is the local doctor's office, where broken legs can be treated while the ambulance is summoned and where shots and vaccinations can be doled out.

The Counselling and Development Centre, a team of about 40 secretaries, counsellors and administrators in the Behavioural

Sciences Building, offers therapy and sensitivity group programmes for persons having difficulties communicating and relating to others.

But for the student who needs a hand controlling his drug use, tips on birth control or abortion referral—questions he or she might hesitate to ask the local doctor—the answer is Harbinger.

Aside from sex and drug information, the clinic handles legal and medical referral, housing and transient information, academic and family counselling, employment information, and general referral to social service agencies throughout

Toronto.

This September, Harbinger received 492 counselling and 154 administrative contacts, the busiest single month since the information and referral centre began compiling statistics in January, 1971, when it went by the name of the York Student Clinic.

Obviously Harbinger serves a necessary function and has sufficient clients to justify its existence. Its main stumbling block at this university has always been financial.

Last year, CYSF gave the clinic \$5,500 and the university granted it \$4,800 to cover the rent for Har-

binger's office in Vanier College. With the money, they paid \$7,640 in salaries for a full-time co-ordinator and part-time help. They also ran up a lot of debts to the university.

This year, with two full-time coordinators, Harbinger is requesting \$18,160, including \$15,600 for salaries. It has received just over \$2,000 from various student councils, with the notable exception of the CYSF.

A committee has been set up to examine the health services situation on campus. Both the head of Counselling and Development and of Health Services have already said

Harbinger is offering valuable service. Presumably, the committee will reach a similar conclusion: that Harbinger should continue.

Fine. Harbinger should be given a seal of approval as the official York "student clinic" and as much money as it needs to operate efficiently for the year.

If we agree that Harbinger is worth having, we shouldn't keep it dangling on a financial noose. The administration, CYSF and the other student councils—all those who receive money destined to promote the students' welfare—should support Harbinger fully.

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Excalibur still needs photographers,  
typists, and writers of all kinds.



### Opinion

## Sports must foster York spirit

By STEVE HAIN

Pride.

It's a small, inoffensive word, but one that encompasses another small, overwhelming word; spirit.

Simply, spirit is the drive, the motivation that enables an individual, or group of individuals, to perform or help to perform, at or above the normal level.

More comprehensibly put, it was the influence that brought the Leafs an unexpected Stanley Cup in 1967, a stunning World Series championship to the New York Mets in 1969 and the factor chiefly responsible for Joe Namath's dissection of the Baltimore Colts on a snowy battlefield in 1968.

It's also the element that is most blatantly lacking in the halls and on the grounds of York University, where the day students are more content to run home to their all night telephone talks and mind expanding stereotypes than to involve themselves in any of the worthwhile activities on campus.

Where individuals throw jam instead of footballs, run through halls pitching furniture instead of basketballs in the gym; all in an effort to tone their 'classroom athlete' muscles and to develop their armchair athlete mentalities.

Where the outlet for ego gratification, CKRY FM, attracts 70 participants, while the commitment-making members of Excalibur can be counted on a person's fingers and toes.

Where Family Compact college councils pirate student funds, for whatever reason, and their students accept it because that's the way it's always been.

And where athletes bemoan the lack of supporters to cheer their efforts one week, and then the next go out and get nipped in the bud 90-15, in a game where the

"score was not indicative of the action."

To lend support to a team it must warrant supporting, and not be a showpiece that goes through the motions and lets out a weak squeak of being school representatives.

A representation of the university certainly, but representatives they are not.

When you become a representative you assume certain responsibilities to the agency you represent, to the people that surround you, and to yourself.

The integral component of those responsibilities is pride. If a team member lacks pride in himself, his respect for those he plays with and for is diminished; and his focal point shifts from his athletic performance to self-induced feelings of persecution.

That's when players bitch about only 400 fans — in a stadium that seats 33,000 — on a holiday weekend.

Surely the money spent in erecting stands and developing the pitch we already have here at York.

Admittedly, York's short history does not lend itself to the tradition that is evident at Queens or Western or University of Toronto.

But a start has to be made somewhere. York is a university community and not an extension of your local high school, where machine gun fire through the halls after 4 p.m. will meet with no casualties.

And until the people become involved in this community, the product it turns out will be classified as mugwump intelligentsia — (a mugwump being a bird that sits on a fence with its mug on one side and its wump on the other) — and not competent individuals prepared for everyday interactions.