

# Correspondence

## "Shocking omission"

For the first time in the three years that I have been at York *Excalibur*, York's community newspaper, refused to publish a meeting notice of the York NDP club. This shocking omission occurred in the Thursday October 2nd issue. I almost broke out into hysterical laughter when told that the official reason was "lack of space". After all, this article was less than five lines in length! A staff member even had the gall to say that there was no room to complain as the York P.C. Club's article was also omitted. I knew that political involvement in our society was frowned upon by certain groups (including the staff of *Excalibur*) but to not even have the decency to print meeting notices for two very active political groups on this campus is disgusting. Cynics might even argue that the work of omitting two political parties was done by supporters of a third. But I would never accuse *Excalibur* of being large of small liberal.

The saddest part about the deletion was that news of Alderman Mike Foster's visit to York campus (he spoke at the club meeting) was denied to members of the community who might have been interested in what their alderman has to say as we move towards the next municipal election. When speakers have the decency to come onto this campus at the invitation of students then the *Excalibur* has a duty to inform the community of the coming event.

The York NDP club will fight any attempt by *Excalibur* to censor its views. Unlike some clubs on campus we are able to post notices of our meetings and not rely on *Excalibur*. What worries me is the question of whom this so-called newspaper will delete next from its pages. (Remember, we're talking about five line meeting notices, not lengthy articles.) I would like to remind *Excalibur* that the 85 or so

members of the York NDP Club (I'm sure that the P.C. club has a similar membership) contribute financially to the newspaper. If members of the Club cannot read of its meeting notices in their own newspaper I see no reason why they should continue to contribute to it. It demands an apology from *Excalibur* for its deletion of the York NDP Club's notice from the October 2nd issue of the paper and seek assurance that it will not delete notices of meetings of any group on campus in the future. The need for information to be given to the members of this community is too important to be roadblocked by the *Excalibur* staff. The paper is printed to serve the interests of the students.

Tim Gallagher

## Waves replies

In reply to "Waves roll out" by Frank McGee, Oct. 2/80 issue of *Excalibur*, I will clearly state that on the hot summer day when I and others carted the 40 boxes that comprise the WAVES office off campus, the only huffing and puffing was due to physical exertion.

My decision to leave York University was neither a hasty one nor an undiscussed one. For six months letters, notes, meetings and telephone calls flowed between the WAVES editors, President Macdonald's office, Chairman of Liberal Studies at Ontario College of Art and others.

At present our greatest benefactor is the Ontario Arts Council, but we have a second request before the Canada Council. WAVES is deeply thankful to those supporters and subscribers who sent in extra dollars (up to \$100 from their private bank accounts) in reply to our fund raising drive.

When Waves began in the days of easier cash flow in the early 1970's, York University was very supportive. I and my other editors are grateful for that generosity. I and my other editors are grateful for that

generosity. But now WAVES is a half time occupation to run aside from the editing concerns for someone, and if I am to pay for secretarial/administrative help, it will be at my address.

Also nearly 50 writers and readers from coast to coast wrote letters to us and the Canada Council with support and praise. This generosity is delightful in our current economic recession with its many attendant problems.

So please do not print any further articles about my non-existent anger towards my supporters at York or about the lack of nation-wide confidence in WAVES.

Bernice Lever



## Unions speak

We, the Executive Committees of the undersigned unions and student associations representing the employees and students at York University, would like to express our concern that once again the York Administration is negotiating in a manner which has led not only to the breakdown of negotiations for two campus unions, but a potential strike situation as well. It is no accident that the unions at York University have repeatedly had to turn to conciliation, mediation, and strike votes in order for the Administration to begin serious discussions on such basic issues as job security,

wages, and working conditions. We deplore such a strategy of negotiations as being unfair to the York Community as a whole and a real hardship to the employees at this institution.

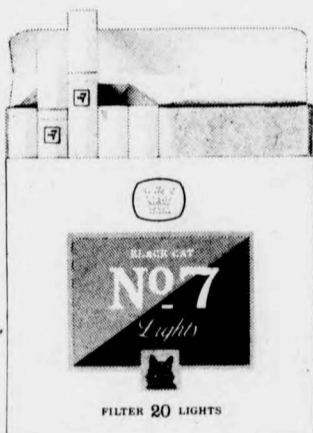
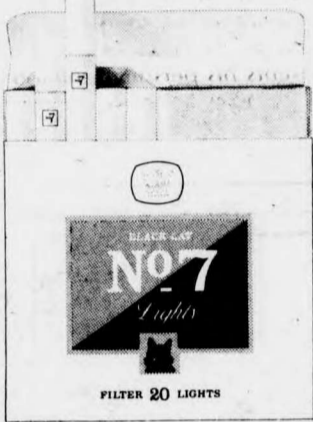
Moreover, we would like to express our support of the two unions currently facing breakdowns in their negotiations: the York University Staff Association (YUSA), representing support staff, and the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW), representing part-time instructors and teaching assistants. Both YUSA and CUEW have filed for "No Board" reports, and will be in a legal strike position sixteen days after these reports are signed by the Minister of Labour. We maintain that their proposals are not only reasonable but necessary for the well-being of the University especially in a period of budgetary cutbacks and significant increases in first year enrollments.

We support YUSA's and CUEW's attempts to achieve their proposals, by a strike if necessary; and we urge the York Community to join with us in our support in the event the employees represented by YUSA and CUEW must strike to win their demands.

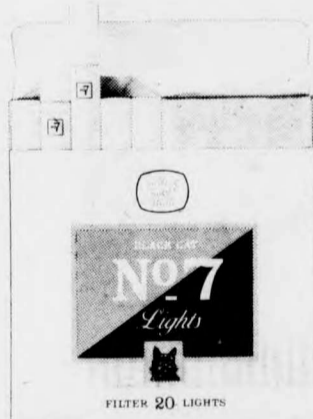
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York University Faculty Association  
Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1356  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
Student Strike Support Committee**

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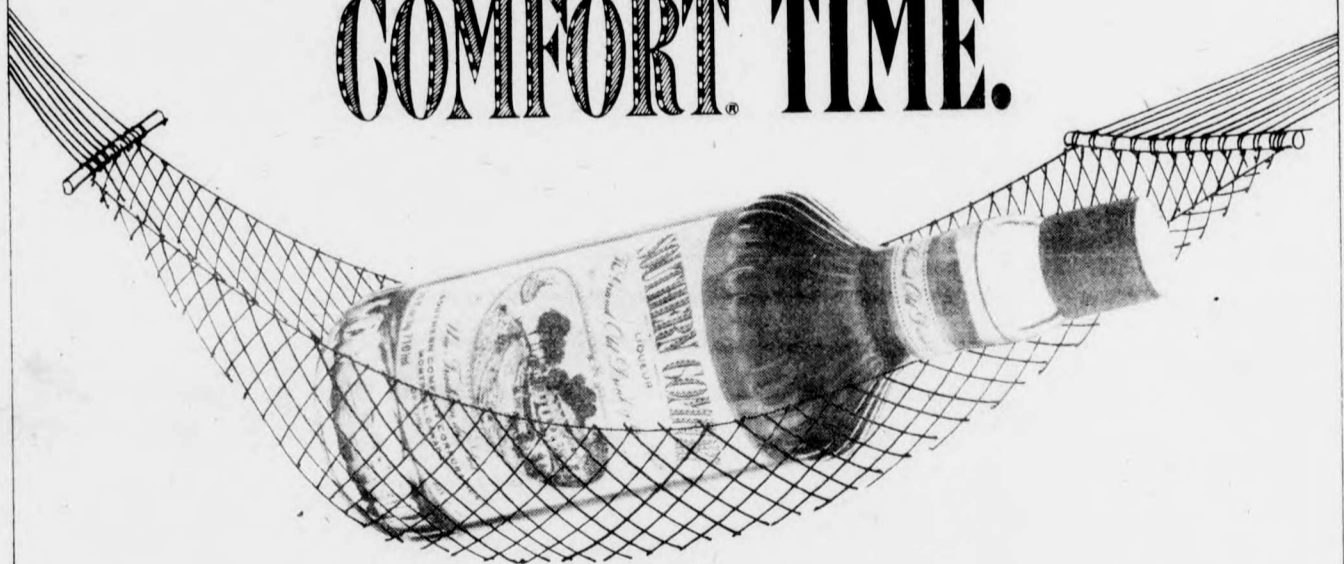
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