

LETTERS

GENDER BENDER

I have sent the following letter to the Women's Centre.

I was recently quoted in an Excalibur article entitled "Connection looks for plug" (Excalibur, January 7, 1982) as saying that "The new coordinator will have to decide how he wants to spend it (money)."

At no time, however, did I intend to imply that the coordinator would be male. I have made it regular practice to include both gender terms in my conversations, yet there are times when I do slip up.

I hope this will alleviate any concerns you may have had with regard to this. In addition I am sending this letter to Excalibur to inform them of my position.

Greg Gaudet
President

Council of the York Student Federation.

published in your paper. But I do object to the title of the article. Kain wasn't "klutzy"—she wasn't *inspiring*, but she wasn't clumsy.

Why such a good critique but such an inaccurate caption?

Elaina Stanton
Dance Major
York University



Letters to the editor should be sent to the Excalibur offices located in 111 Central Square.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

Thanks for the recent review of the National Ballet's *Nutcracker*. I also saw the performance on the 26th and was really happy to see such an insightful opinion

Status of Women

The Office of the Advisor to the President on the Status of Women was established in 1975 following the Senate Task Force Report on the Status of Women to follow up on the recommendations of the Report. On July 1, 1981, President Macdonald appointed Johanna Stuckey, Associate Professor, Humanities and English, to succeed Ann B. Shteir as Advisor. Professor Stuckey's term runs to June 30, 1983. The focus of the Office during Professor Stuckey's term will be Affirmative Action. In addition, the Office will continue its updating of the 1975 Status of Women Report and its concern for mature women students. The annual mature woman student conference, "Taking the Initiative II", will take place on 13 March 1982.

The Terms of Reference of the Office of the Advisor to the President on the Status of Women:

- (1) To advise university officials and agencies regarding the status of women at York University.
- (2) to act in an ombuds capacity for matters relating to the status of women at York University and, where appropriate, to recommend action to the President or other university offices or officers;
- (3) to do research on the status of women at York University (e.g., salaries of faculty women);
- (4) to encourage research and to assist research into the status of women at York University;
- (5) to direct attention to, and further the interest of, special groups (e.g., mature women students);
- (6) to highlight issues relating to the status of women at York University (e.g., sexual harassment);
- (7) to organize and to sponsor events relating to women at York University.

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