

LETTERS

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Thousands of Uruguayans now live in exile in various parts of the world (including Canada) and in Uruguay itself two prisons are maintained exclusively for "subversives" — about 1,000 male political prisoners are in Libertad ("Freedom") Prison and about 350 females are incarcerated in Punta de Rieles Prison. Conditions in these prisons are widely known to be deplorable from a humanitarian standpoint and have attracted the horrified attention of human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and the International Red Cross. Only last month, the United Nations Secretary General assigned two persons to visit Punta Rieles Prison — yet 4 or 5 days after their visit, on February 11, three prisoners (Brenda Sosa, Elisa Michelini and Edith Castillo) were horribly tortured, ostensibly for having attacked a guard, and three others were badly beaten for refusing to testify against their three fellow-prisoners. The torture and beatings were supervised by an

officer Centurion. The situation in Uruguay, as exemplified by what occurs from day to day in prisons, is being discussed at the current session of the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva. Canada's representative there, Ambassador Yvon Beaulne, should make sure that this discussion is made public. Up to now it has been confidential within the Commission.

The people of Uruguay have made their will known through the same democratic process which is now being attempted in El Salvador. Having demonstrated their decision, against incredible odds, they deserve to have it respected. While the government of Uruguay appears to have no intention of so respecting it, Canada surely has a leading role to play in making clear that democratic countries will not stand by and see a people's articulated desires brutally flouted.

Committee for the Defense of Human Rights in Uruguay

WHO'S ELLINGTON?
Re: Paul Ellington's "Itching for a hit anywhere in this wide world".

Excalibur, March 11, 1982. Just who the hell does Paul Ellington think he is? Who is he to describe today's demand for music as manifested by output on Toronto's radio stations as being garbage.

The best music is the music people like not Ellington's misguided notion of boredom, redundancy, trash and creativity.

Jack M. Astaphan

A CONCERTED THANKS

Thank you very much for the excellent review (*Excalibur*, March 18) of the concert given by Professor Joan Wick Pelletier and me last week. We appreciate your notice very much.

The last sentence of that review reads, "One looks forward to the next concert." This is to inform you that the next concert will be on Thursday, April 1. I have prepared a short press release, which I thought you might possibly have room for in your next issue. It could be made shorter by omitting the third sentence (which begins, "Schumann and Clara..."). I could also give more details if you want them. Please call me if you have any questions

(extension 3420).

Again, thank you very much for your notice. I will greatly appreciate anything you can do to call attention to this series of concerts.

Hollis Rinehart

NUCLEAR FREE

We, the concerned members of York University community, being aware of the great danger of nuclear weapons, consider it paramount to contribute to the growing Peace movement both in Europe and in our continent.

We applaud the decision of the Metropolitan Toronto City Council to call for a referendum on disarmament in connection with the Municipal elections next Fall (1982). As part of that movement we propose to run a referendum in our University in order to declare the campus area a Nuclear Free Territory, i.e., we declare our whole-hearted opposition to the production, stockpiling or dropping of nuclear (or any other kind) bombs on our territory.

Let us add our name to the growing list of names like London, Wales, Amsterdam, Athens and many others, that

have already been declared Nuclear Free Zones.

Sto[th]is Stathopoulos
Chairperson,
York University
Association for Peace

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to your participation, the food boycott on March 4, 1982 of Stong, Founders and Winters cafeterias was extremely successful. It is estimated that only 30 people ate in all three cafeterias. (97.5% participation.)

The boycott focused attention on the food problem to the senior administrative staff of the University. Ross Dawson, manager of ancillary services said that "the boycott was good because it shook things up". Also, Vice President Small agreed with our position by saying that "things (immediate price increases) could have waited".

Due to the increased awareness created, a sub-committee of UFBS has been created to look into possible inefficiency of operation at Rill food services.

As you might already be well aware, several of us have been involved in drafting a report concerning food services at York University. This report is ready and will be available to you soon (please come and see me at CYSF for a copy). The Board of Governors is having the student relations committee, chaired by Lino Magagna, look into the report.

I will be looking forward to further addressing this issue with your report.

We've only just begun. Remember, the force is with us.

John Chang

DORIS NOT DISSATISFIED

Re: your article "Campbell wants new party" (28 Jan. 1982), Ms. Campbell did not express dissatisfaction with Doris Anderson at all. She expressed dissatisfaction with the decision to run such a top-notch candidate in what was essentially a throw-away race in Eglinton riding. Ms. Campbell, indeed, stated her extreme admiration for Doris Anderson.

J. Stuckey

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Excalibur has provided training for hundreds of aspiring journalists. Our alumni have become editors, correspondents and reporters for major newspapers and wire services.

Even with a volunteer staff it costs a lot of money to produce a good newspaper. In the past six years operating costs have increased fourfold while student council grants have dropped. In 1976 CYSF budgeted \$26,000 for *Excalibur*. This paid 60% of our operating costs. In 1980-81 they gave the newspaper \$6,000 which covered only 6% of expenses. The previous management responded by borrowing money from the administration. This worked for a time, but two years ago the university administration demanded a return of the loan. For the past two years we have been forced to drastically curtail expenditures as we had to both operate the newspaper and pay back our debt, currently \$22,000. The university administration has been sympathetic and flexible in their demands; they say that they appreciate the importance of *Excalibur* but so far they have not supported us financially.

Under our new manager we have been successful. *Excalibur* now raises 80% of its revenue from advertising. This year we have been able to expand our low-cost printing and typesetting service which has been widely used across the campus. However, we must turn to the York Community to pay their share towards our newspaper. Last year *Excalibur* received contributions from CUEW, YUFA, Bethune, Calumet, Osgoode, Glendon, Winters, Founders and CYSF. Some Colleges could afford \$2,000, others \$100. All contributions were appreciated.

This year we are especially in need of additional funds to help pay for the replacement of worn equipment and to sponsor staff training programs.

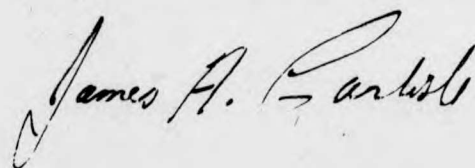
I would be pleased to attend meetings of any campus group if you would like a more detailed explanation of *Excalibur's* situation. Call me at 667-3800.

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I would like to thank those who have already shown their support.

Sincerely,

James Carlisle
Chairman of the Board
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