

# Men, women, Rill were maligned by Excalibur



Students line up in Rill's Complex dining hall.

Fair is fair. In your last issue you covered the Female Athletic Banquet with an admirably fair amount of print. I do give you credit for that, yet, I fail to see that Mr. Rill deserves the critical statements that were made about his food i.e., "...wilted salad, fishy veal parmesan and gasoline coffee..."

On behalf of the Men's Inter-University Athletic Council (M.I.A.C.), I would like to thank Mr. Rill for the fine meal that was, in my estimation, at least 2 or 3 steps up from the usual fried chicken banquet. A job well done!

Also, the printed story below the picture of Rita McMinn receiving Female Athlete of the Year had 23 out of the 28 lines on Ev Spence - Male Athlete of the Year. I'm not knocking Ev. I know him as the dedicated and super athletic person that he is, but Rita needed mention of her career here - not Ev.

I do notice that she received nine lines buried in the article on the back page. If you put her picture on the front page, put her story on the front as well. She is a Canadian record holder, but this seems to be missing in her story.

The men also had their banquet but Ev seems to have been the only mention. I trust that there must be an article to print in the next issue.

Next year I shall be the MIAC president and I hope that a better liaison and understanding towards athletics at York and Excalibur publication of such events will be implemented.

I plan to set up a review com-

mittee of some fashion to review Excalibur's sports coverage and aid all teams to obtain a fair representation of their sport. This may well be a lot of hassle to begin with but there should be something to be gained from it all.

At York we run a "total programme" in our athletics and in the past, our community newspaper seems to be the last to recognize this fact.

**Wayne Daniels**  
Athletic Banquet Chairman,  
MIAC Vice-President 1975-76

## Gay abandon

I was dismayed to see in the last issue of Breakthrough, the York feminist magazine, an article by lesbians who felt that they had to remain anonymous because they were lesbians.

Last week in Pro-Tem, the Glendon weekly newspaper, an interview with me (Gay and Public at Glendon) was published, and my name was clearly there.

There has been no hostility as a result. I believe gays' fears are often exaggerated. Let's be open about our love-life and thus provide the lead in liberation. Only then can heterosexuals lose their fear of us.

I'm sure most would agree that Gay Liberation is part of Human Liberation and it liberates everyone, not just gays. But they must be given the opportunity to get used to us, as gays and not as pseudo-heterosexuals.

So let's stop behaving like secret sexual lepers. Gay is OK. Let's all behave accordingly.

**Jim Quixley**

## Drugs sniffers

I am relieved to see Excalibur taking the initiative and spotlighting yet another injustice to the York community - Super X Drugs. Once again the reporters with noses to the prescription counters of Toronto, armed with comparison charts, have uncovered a crime so great that they will soon have us rushing to Super X Drugs for valium to calm our already pinched nerves.

I am somewhat confused as to the intent of the front-page article in the February 12th issue. Just what kind of conclusions are we to draw - that the proprietor is an entrepreneur out to rob the York community - that dreadful man, skulking behind his counter,

mixing concoctions of the worst imagination, luring unsuspecting people to sample his wares.

No doubt the conclusion to be drawn is that we should all demand free drugs, free creams and lotions and free birth control pills (probably the greatest commodity on campus). Somehow, if my nose is stuffed up, I will pay \$1.49 to unplug it, lest it drip over the pages of Excalibur (perhaps, on the other hand, it might be best to let it drip).

Having been on this campus for six years and dealing with this drugstore I have never felt "ripped off" nor have I felt that I have been paying outrageous prices. Also, and more to the human side, Arnie, the druggist, is a friendly young man who cares for people and who, at least toward myself, has always been helpful and willing.

This, perhaps, does not appease those searchers of the real truth behind orthonovum, but it satisfies me to say it (sorry Arnie, I won't need my valium now - perhaps just a package of trident).

Perhaps the person who wrote this article could invest in some Darvon, a mild painkiller. It mild help relieve anxieties over the incredible "injustices" in this world. Tell him to contact Arnie.

**Kathryn Conway Marmo**

## Counter point

This letter is in response to John Mays's criticism of the York Anti-Cutbacks Committee in the last issue of Excalibur.

As Mr. Mays stated, I did call him on a Monday afternoon at 4:30 requesting general information on how the cutbacks were affecting Calumet College. Mr. Mays rudely informed me that I had no right to request such information over the phone, and that a meeting was essential. I told him I would call him back to set a time.

I called Mr. Mays the next morning, not to ask the same question, but to schedule a meeting. I was then subjected to unprovoked abuse from Mr. Mays over my "outrageous" phone call the day before. He then informed me that the budget for 1976-77 had not yet been handed down (the general information I had originally requested) and that there was no need for a meeting.

Though Mr. Mays is very critical of our committee's alleged irresponsibility and spreading of misinformation, he seems to think nothing of a misrepresenting a single incident in order to try to discredit the only organization on this campus trying to do something about the cutbacks.

**Mary Marrone**  
York Anti-Cutbacks Committee

## Pass the torch

All year I worried about the inconspicuousness of our student councils, and now the lapse of time has provided the answer.

However, just a little thought, brings about the conclusion that a vast majority of the tens of thousands of students have not found these organizations appealing, notwithstanding the enormous sums of genuine dollars that half a dozen people toss around in these meetings.

It seems Excalibur would be providing a very real service if it attempts to determine which of these councils are in genuine demand and therefore necessary and which ones are mere bureaucratic self-perpetuating organisms.

It really does surprise me that the political aspirants do not recognize any need to modernize these organizations into more useful, appealing and attractive associations.

I get quite embarrassed to read in my college newspaper of

budgets of several thousand dollars being nonchalantly passed by a handful of people who claim to represent me and thousands of other students.

I hope that before I leave here, my campus newspaper will have successfully lighted a torch, that all students will feel proud to pass around as a symbol of a new consciousness, of the need for co-operation to successfully attack the problems of this university.

I am confident that such an awakening will almost unknowingly create efficiently run cafeterias in every college complex, with the student council's cafeteria being not the most important of its various Central Square services.

I really wonder if there is a single York Student who would not like to tune in to York FM Radio all over Toronto this year and forever.

**Clinton Spence**

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