

## LETTERS

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share your concern that females be ensured access to all programs and facilities for academic courses, leisure activities, and athletics. Perhaps, by responding to the concerns about female discrimination you outlined in your letter, I can clarify some of the issues:

**Squash Court Bookings:** You are correct in stating that squash court bookings are made one day in advance; but, if openings exist, reservations can be made for the same day. Having two bookings lists would cause confusion about which times were already reserved. Of course, it is not necessary to visit the counter *outside* the men's locker room to get information re: court bookings. Information can be obtained by using any phone on campus, including the one in the women's locker room (call 7206). One centralized control room for both locker rooms would solve this problem.

**Women's locker room door lock:** Several years ago, women using the Tait McKenzie building requested that a lock be installed on the north entrance in order to curtail the unscheduled visits of nude males sprinting through the locker room. So far, nude women jogging through the men's locker room has not been a problem.

**Locker space** — I agree that it is difficult to play a good squash game with clothes lining the court walls. We would hope to be able to provide all users of the building with locker, even if only for day use. Unfortunately, only 5,413 lockers are available for the 35,000 students, 800 varsity and Physical Education students, 6,700 staff, and 2,800 faculty on this campus.

It is unfortunate that you experienced difficulties in the Tait McKenzie building. I assure you that it was not a matter of discrimination; but rather, a case of a poorly designed building and inadequate facilities. This building was con-

structed in 1968 as Phase 1 of a 3-Phase project, but since the other phases were never completed and the university population has increased fivefold, the facility strains to satisfy the needs of the York community. Regardless of these difficulties, the staff of the Tait McKenzie building are always eager to serve the 70,000 students, staff, and faculty who use the building annually.

Suzan, I hope that some of your concerns have been answered. If you are still not satisfied, please feel free to contact me at the Tait McKenzie building. We would hope that all users of our facility would enjoy their recreational and athletic pursuits.

Yours truly,  
Frances Flint  
Acting Coordinator  
Recreation York

## Escalators only down?

Editor,  
Upon reaching the fourth floor of Scott library, I reflected on what a pleasant ride the escalators provided. After studying for several hours, I contemplated my journey down to the cafeteria to ingest some caffeine.

While descending, I noticed I was walking down stairs — not the lazy man's invention called the escalator. Why, I ask, do these escalators go up but not down? Is it because York wishes to promote their students experience upwards and not in the down position?

I think not. A sad miscalculation is the only answer. Funds must have simply run out.

I demand the resignation of the idiot who made this mistake. I am proud of my laziness. I would never have rode up the escalators knowing that I could not ride down.

Please, York, will you please install some more escalators.

Long live all escalators. Long live laziness.

—With a complete lack of energy  
Heini Manouche

## YORKDEX

York student population in 1987/88 (all sessions): 43,829

York student population in 1960: 73

Total population at York in 1987/88: 49,800

Number of full-time librarians at York in 1977/78: 40

Number of full-time librarians at York in 1987/88: 37

Percentage of full-time librarians at York who are female: 78

Total number of unreserved parking passes issues from July 1/87 to June 30/88: 9,684

Total number of parking spots on campus: 7,921

Number of fines levied by Parking and Security last academic year (Sept.-April): 35,000

Amount of fines collected from July 1/87 to June 30/88: \$130,000

Minimum fine the North York Fire Marshal could issue York for cars parked in fire routes: \$50,000

Approximate cost of constructing a single parking space: \$1,500

Percentage of students who voted in *Excalibur's* referendum last week: 1

Percentage of students who voted in CHRY's 1987 referendum: 2

Percentage of students who voted in the 1988 CYSF elections: 3

Percentage of students who voted in the 1987 Student Centre referendum: 7

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