

Donato rids Central Square of off-campus papers over Xmas

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Off-campus publications were cleared out of Central Square over the holidays by CYSF president Peter Donato who said he would like to see more people reading York newspapers.

Donato said he cleared away all copies of the *Metropolis* and any other off-campus newspaper he found. He said he cannot recall whether or not he removed *NOW* magazine.

"When students go home at night, they shouldn't be picking up *NOW* or *Metropolis*, or at least they should have a better chance of picking up a campus paper," Donato said. He added that the papers are put on the ground and make a mess that is a problem for caretakers cleaning Central Square.

Donato feels *Excalibur* should have a say over who is allowed to put papers in Central Square because it is the "official student voice" and because Central Square is private property and should be under *Excalibur's* jurisdiction.

"I want to see someone control [off-campus newspaper] distribution and the most logical people to do this would be *Excalibur*," he said. Donato also feels *Excalibur* should be getting money for allowing these papers on campus.

Donato said other universities in Canada have only the campus newspaper available free on campus.

"If you only allowed people to pick up a campus newspaper then I'd think that we would have a lot more student awareness," he said. "If [off campus newspaper] distribution is controlled, the pickup of campus media will increase."

"There should be some restrictions placed on outside papers to help [*Excalibur*] and other campus papers," he said.

Donato said the publication Campus Canada sent the CYSF letters asking permission to set up stands in Central Square and he thinks other publications should also get permission.

Cora Dusk, director of student affairs, said she has not received any complaints recently about free newspapers on campus and that the papers are not normally

challenged unless they cause a fire hazard, contain racist material or are causing a cleanup problem.

Barbara Rowe, administrative assistant for business operations, said that papers need permission from business operations to distribute on campus and that *NOW* and *Metropolis* do not have permission while the *Star*, *Sun* and *Globe* all do.

She said *Metropolis* and *NOW* would not have any problem getting permission to distribute on campus if they were to request it. She also said Donato had no right to do what he did since off-campus papers are not his responsibility.



CYSF president Peter Donato.

"I don't see why there isn't room for all kinds of expression at York University," she said. "What [Donato] did smacks of censorship. How do I know that he just didn't like the magazines he threw out?"

Metropolis associate editor Angie Baldassarre said her paper has a totally different focus than most campus papers and the decision to allow off-campus papers to distribute at York should be made by the entire student body. She said Donato should have phoned *Metropolis* to recover the papers instead of throwing them out because they cost a lot of money to produce. "I don't believe that any one person who represents a body of people should do something like this," she said. "I think that's something for the student body to decide."

NOW editor and publisher

Michael Hollett said he was not aware that permission was required to distribute on campus but that his paper would apply for permission as soon as possible.

"Donato hasn't spoken to us and informed us of any regulations we're not complying with," he said, adding he is "disturbed" by Donato's actions.

"I don't ever feel comfortable when a student politician or any politician acts unilaterally. I'd like to know if he has a mandate from the CYSF to [remove the papers]."

Excalibur editor Nancy Phillips said the newspaper is not in competition with *NOW* or *Metropolis* because their focus is different from *Excalibur's*.

"Throwing out the newspaper was an act of censorship. I believe that students, and anyone else, have a right to read whatever they want," Phillips said.

Assistant editor Heather Sangster said, "Donato is showing contempt for the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Who does he think he is?"

Lexicon editor John Montesano said he would like to see a central location where all papers can distribute and where all campus papers would have a box. He said he is not against *NOW* and *Metropolis* being on campus as long as business operations monitors the situation to make sure only approved papers are on campus and there is no mess.

He said that the provost's office should pay to implement the plan.

CYSF to take abortion stand

by Susan Vanstone

Despite internal conflict, the CYSF has passed a motion to take an official stand on abortion. If given approval by the Board of Referendum, the CYSF will hold a plebiscite on the issue and support "the side which the students they represent the feel is correct."

"It's my own baby," said CYSF external commissioner Brian Archdekin. He explained that there were two reasons he presented the motion to the CYSF. "First, it's a student and human

Concerns expressed over proposed AIDS policy

by Nancy Phillips

Controversy about York's proposed AIDS policy continues as the university moves closer to its implementation.

A draft of the policy was approved by the President's Policy Committee November 28. A letter from Bill Farr, vice-president (finance and administration) states the Committee agreed to an ongoing review of the policy by the Presidential Advisory Committee on AIDS.

Various constituencies on campus are dissatisfied about a "need to know" clause, which states that information about a person with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection will not be released to "members of the university including members of the university administration (academic and non-academic) except in cases where the information becomes necessary for purposes of their administrative responsibilities, and normally only after the express written consent of the patient."

Among those with reservations about this clause is Brian Abner, chair of the York University Faculty Association (YUFA). He said he doesn't believe the administration has fully thought through the implications of the clause, such as the ethical responsibility of medical professionals to keep such information confidential. He wonders if a doctor working on campus could be classified as a member of the administration and thus be required to divulge infor-

mation under the rules of the AIDS policy.

Education Projects Coordinator of the AIDS Committee of Toronto, Ann Marie Wierzbicki, wrote a letter to YUFA outlining her concerns. She asks, "... if we only 'normally' obtain the written consent of the patient what constitutes abnormal and who gets to interpret it?" She told *Excalibur*, "In my opinion there are no situations, especially in an administrative situation, where anyone needs to know [without] the express written consent of the patient." The clause "leaves so many loopholes it's ridiculous."

Ron Kelly, chair of the York Council on the Prevention of AIDS (YCPA), said if the clause is not changed he is "intending to challenge the legality either through the courts or the Human Rights Commission, whichever route is the most plausible."

Kelly is also angry as the YCPA was not given a seat on the Presidential Advisory Committee.

Chair of the Committee, Provost Elizabeth Hopkins, said, "I think there are a fair number of people who don't have a problem" with the policy. She said the Committee, in addition to finalizing the content of the policy, will decide how it will be implemented, the educational process and how to deal with complaints. She hopes the policy will be operational by the end of this term.

Farr said he hasn't changed his mind about the policy. He supports it the way it is.

affairs issue, and second to clarify the political views of the CYSF toward certain issues. [The CYSF] should represent and take the students' view in student affairs through a referendum," he said.

According to Archdekin, the format would be similar to Queen's University's two-part student referendum on abortion conducted in October. There, students were asked if they supported the recriminalization of abortion, and then if the central student government should take an official stand on the issue.

CYSF president Peter Donato does not agree with Council's decision. "Nobody on the CYSF is behind it. It's not a priority. I don't see the purpose, and it's not worth the time, money and energy." He questioned whether students would want the CYSF to use these resources for the referendum. "A lot of students may not care. They may get more [interested] in the health plan since it's more personal. It's a federal issue like free trade and the Meech Lake Accord.

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Massacre shows men use women as scapegoats

by Ira Nayman

opinion

Life doesn't always give us what we want. It's a sad comment on human nature that few men are mature enough to accept reality: that the bad things that happen to them are mostly their fault. Or, worse: nobody's. Men today need scapegoats for their alienation and perceived failure.

Because seeking scapegoats is an act of immaturity, an act of emotional weakness, such people find their scapegoats in those they believe they are stronger than. Very generally, women fulfill this role for men. This isn't only because men, on average, are physically stronger than women. The proliferation of images of women as objects of men's sexual desires leads many men to fail to acknowledge, much less respect, women as autonomous beings, with goals and needs of their own. By denying women their humanity, men set up the psychological table for women's abuse.

(Although a small number of women vent their anger on their children, their response to pain and frustration is more often to turn it inwards. The same ideology that promotes male aggression promotes female passivity and submission. There aren't enough strong, independent, self-respecting role models to show women a different way. Thus, the female response is drug addiction, particularly

tranquilizers and alcohol, and stress-induced physical ailments like ulcers.)

So. A man goes on a rampage at the University of Montreal, killing 14 women and wounding 12 others with a semi-automatic rifle. Newspapers label the act "senseless." So called "normal" people shake their heads sadly when told how the killer calmly separated many of his female victims from the men in their engineering class, then slaughtered them; how can we possibly hope to understand such deranged behaviour?

It isn't hard. Marc Lepine's impulse to gun down "feminists" he believed to have ruined his life is the same one that causes men to tell misogynist jokes. It's the same impulse that makes men believe that all women want sex from them, that if a woman says no, the man is justified in forcing her. It's the same impulse that causes men to make crude and embarrassing remarks about the anatomy of women, whether they know them or not. It's the same impulse which men use to justify beating their wives.

It's the impulse to exercise power over those you believe to be weaker than yourself.

For Lepine, women were clearly a scapegoat for his inability to succeed in engineering. But, Lepine's personal psychology did not arise in a vacuum. Like all of us, he was a product of the forces of the society around him. Those who would prefer to see his horrific act as an isolated incident removed from its social and political context would do well to remember that Lepine himself shouted that his victims

were "a bunch of feminists" before gunning them down, that he carried a list of fourteen prominent Quebec women, presumably with the intention of killing them. If Lepine meant his actions to be political, how can we treat them otherwise?

A couple of years ago, a study stated that over one million women, greater than one in eight, in Canada will be physically or psychologically abused in her lifetime. Over one million women. It is inconceivable that anyone could remain immune to the suffering the war of the sexes is causing, to the fear that many women live with so much of the time, to their stories of violence and degradation. But, many people do.

After the incident, male students at the University of Montreal pointed their fingers at female students, forming a gun with their hand, and went "bang." Although the primary actor in this story, Marc Lepine should not be our only object of disgust and outrage.

Few men will do what Lepine did, although many will engage in acts of violence against women. But, it is time society recognized that the conditions exist in every man that, under the right circumstances, could unleash a killer. We must reduce the misogyny, weaken the impulse to violence, deny the conditioning that imprisons so many people.

Ultimately, the war between the sexes is one which neither side can win.