

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity — Lord Acton

Stay away from Founders Follies

A very important article appears on page one of EXCALIBUR today. It's signed by a group of concerned individuals and we'd like to take our stand next to them in condemning the "entertainment" in store tonight in Founders college.

The whole question of the place of women in society is one which has received a lot of publicity lately although the understanding of the issues involved is something we wonder about.

The fastest growing social movement in North America over the last few years has been Women's Liberation. This fact coupled with the sentiment against the strip show at Founders demands some explanation. It demands as well the thoughtful analysis of every York student.

Women are organizing across our country to demand an end to their exploited position in our society.

What do they mean by exploitation?

First and foremost is the economic position of women in an economy which depends on pools of workers who are unemployed. Women have traditionally appeared in the labour force in times of war and emergency only to be shunted back into the home when the crisis is over.

This leaves them in the situation of being socially isolated. At least workers in the factory can interact with others in the same position. Women are atomised workers in the home with no union or organization to demand wages or better working conditions.

When women do enter the world of work they are much more likely to be found in low paying jobs than men.

This is the economic reality. It does no good to argue with the facts.

Along with the economic situation women are socialized into social roles, the most notable of which is the way they are taught to emphasize the physical — above all other aspects of their beings.

This is the basis of the uproar over the strip contest. Large numbers of women and a growing group of men are refusing to go along with the traditional roles spelled out for them.

In this particular case they are reacting to the blatant exploitation of women's bodies. Here is the frank use of the woman for no other purpose than the impersonal and crass sexual stimulation of men.

Many in the women's movement have come to the realization that their liberation can only come with the dismantling of the profit motivated society.

The strip show is a microcosm of the profit motive seemingly run wild. If the promotor can convince enough people to buy his product he can take home a bundle of money. If not he's a loser. And the product? It's the human body.

The sad fact is that this is not the profit motive run wild at all. If you're functioning in a profit oriented society then a show like this makes economic sense.

We think that the women have been admirable in their reserve.

About the only effective ways to deal with the situation now that it's here is to stay away from the show tonight and to find out as much about the women's movement as you can. We ask you to do both.



Want to do something exciting? Come and work on the EXCALIBUR, you'll find it beats the apathy hangup every time.

Letters to the Editor

C.Y.S.F. candidates

This morning we made a very difficult sojourn to the sanctified hallowed halls of the ninth floor of the Ross Humanities Building. The point of this expedition was to verify the rumored presence of a real, authentic, genuine, Bona Fide, parlor from an English country home. In other words we wanted to find out if there truly was something for real at York University.

In seeking the key to this room, we would like to extend our thanks to the helpful secretarial staff of the 9th floor who gave us a tour of the entire bureaucratic organization. Finally, as travel worn tourists, we came upon a very sincere and congenial host in the person of Mr. W.W. Small, Vice President of Administration. He opened the door for us and unfolded the history of this unique room. He also suggested that the parlor should be put to greater use and hence it would be more widely appreciated.

The massive marble fireplace (which is capable of burning real fires) along with the carved wood paneling, was all removed and shipped to York from an old English country home. It was donated to the university by the Rio Tinto Zinc company. The room is furnished with furniture of the period. In checking out the furniture we observed that the china cabinet has no china in it. And if the Rio Tinto Company can give the room to York then we decided to donate a teapot, which will be appropriate to its surroundings.

On behalf of the entire York community

we would like to invite the entire York Community to the York tea party, which will celebrate the newly donated York tea pot, in the newly found York room.

Listen with your eyes, see with your ears, and wait with your tea cup for details which may or may not follow in the EXCALIBUR.

Faithfully Yours
Shirl Kerton — Vanier IV
Garry D. Hunt — College FI

York tea party

Students voting on February 2nd for various c.y.s.f. candidates might as well have "stuck" to their common room, and not allowed any interruption in their daily existence. The majority of students on our campus will not be given any semblance of a representative student leader, irregardless of candidates.

The choice of candidates for president range from a comedian, to a very sincere socialist, to a politically naive first year student and lastly, the one they call the favourite, a social coordinator last year, yet his past performance rating is nothing better than dismal.

The students of York University deserve better, yet there seems little hope for C.Y.S.F. this year. While our cousins at the University of Toronto are fighting for parity on an academic council, a real life issue on any campus, one of the presidential candidates calls for "less politics." Politics at

this campus plays an important part in the daily life of many a student.

First year students are continually subjected to "mickey mouse" courses that provide nothing more than poor entertainment. Strong course unions could place pressure where it is needed.

Another real issue is the Americanization of our campus. "Keep it Canadian" can be more than a popular button sold by a concerned few, let us focus on specific examples of American dominance of ideas in certain courses, and the needed change will come.

In conclusion, I have mentioned only a few areas of what may be the concern of a portion of the York populace. A candidate balancing politics, social affairs, and academic awareness?

maybe next year,
Jeff Otis, CYSF rep-elect Winters.

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