

College rep disappointed

Who's to blame for Winter Carnival?

It appears that the success of the Winter Carnival this past weekend was a flop! There was about as much enthusiasm as a bag of potatoes. My comments are directed at that enthusiasm, or lack of it.

Winters College (I can only speak for it as I am a member of it) seemed to be the only participants. Both our broomball and ball-hockey teams won--by default. There were only two teams at the worm races, both from Winters. The majority of people at the earthball game were from Winters. What happened to the rest of the colleges? Why did people not participate? I believe there are a few reasons. Granted, the

weather was poor--but there were events that didn't need snow. Only one event, the snow sculpture, was cancelled due to bad conditions.

I think that a major reason for the flop was the advertising--or lack of it. I question how many people knew of the Carnival, let alone how many new what event their college was sponsoring. I feel the blame lies on the York Student Fund--the main sponsors--for lack of 'adequate' advertising. I also believe the blame lies with the individual college councils for not promoting such events and encouraging their members to participate. Our college is to blame as are the others. We were

fortunate, though, as our residence is fairly unified and our members heard about the events mostly via the grapevine.

For an event such as this, given the magnitude that I believe the York Student Fund hoped it would be, there was very poor communication between colleges to ensure its success. My thoughts are that if the job can't be done well and with the enthusiasm from the top that it needs, don't bother wasting the time of everyone concerned with a half-assed effort. The money can probably be put to better use elsewhere.

Darren Chapman
Winters College Council/CYSF

J.D.L. angered by Santos' remark

As a Jewish student at York University, I am absolutely disgusted by the remarks made by Judith Santos. Miss Santos implies by her statement, "It reminded me of the massacre in Lebanon," that it was the Jewish Students at York who were responsible for this crime.

The Jewish students at York demand a public apology from Miss Santos as her remarks were totally hearsay and unfounded. Let it be known to Miss Santos that in the last week tension between the Anti-Khomeini (Iranian Students) and the Palestinian Students have erupted, as well as the Lebanese Christian

Students and Palestinian Students.

There have also been rumblings, that it was the J.D.L. who perpetrated this crime. We abhor the method of defacing an innocent animal. The J.D.L. has a policy of face to face confrontation with its enemies, without utilizing innocent

animals to serve this end.

In the final analysis, the York Electorate will let Miss Santos know how her comments were appreciated, in the upcoming C.Y.S.F. elections.

Tzvi Ben Israel
J.D.L. Representative

No connection on Campus?

During my infrequent spare time at York, I decided to seek out some information about Campus Connection. This was partially achieved by a mini-survey which resulted in absolute disappointment. The majority of York Students have never heard of it, or if they had, they didn't know what the purpose of Campus Connection was all about and where it was located. One student that I interviewed said he had tried to phone on several occasions... but, as usual, no answer.

These results upset me tremendously. From what I understand, Campus Connection is suppose to be peer counselling for students in need of this whatever the problem may be. The "counselors" are volunteers. As a matter of fact, there were an

astounding 36 volunteers early this fall. Those students have had little or no background in counseling.

I'm appalled that a professional Institution such as York would allow these non-professionals plays their little game of counseling, especially when their supervision is almost nil.

Do we not have enough professional counselors in the Behaviour Science Building to cater to a student's problems. And why should York's funds be supporting a non-professional group? I'm very disappointed, being a professional myself, to see such an organization allowed on campus. Let's scrap it or, at least, modify it so it can be a healthy and professional service.

Don Pullen

PLO are Jewish?

It has come to my attention that many of those who support Israel call those of the P.L.O. anti-Semitic. Correct me if I am wrong, but are not the Palestinians of the Semitic racial group, along with the original Jews? I have posed this question to many of my pro-Israeli Jewish friends and I have yet to receive a satisfactory answer. Does their general ignorance reflect an unsettling inclination towards simplistic chauvinism and the accompanying flood of diatribes and half truths? I hope not.

Sincerely Kimball Price

To the bouncer at the Open End Pub on February 4th

Congratulations! You played the role of "bouncer" and its expectations very well. You successfully humiliated my friend and I by carrying out your threat: turning on the lights, closing the door, and calling York security. But for what? Just because you couldn't "peruse" our York Sessional Validation Cards long enough? I admit we gave you a tough time but you asked for it. Your partner and you joked around a bit too much. Who could take you seriously? Could you not have handled the situation a little better by not having joked around so much? Well?

Sandy Well
'Shiftless Eyes'

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This past weekend marked the first annual York University Winter Carnival. A valient attempt was made by a few to ensure its success. However, certain obstacles were insurmountable - i.e. the weather, more specifically, the lack of snow. The Winter Carnival lost much of its outdoor enthusiasm due to the unseasonably mild weather. This unfortunately resulted in the minimal participation in road hockey, broomball, frisbee football, three-legged baseball, and the infamous earthball game. Naturally, the snow sculpting contest also had to be cancelled.

Indoor events, as they usually do, gave rise to this festive event. Starting with the Pub Nites Thursday evening, the Toga Party in Bethune, and the Winter Carnival Pub in Winters, the (snow)ball began to roll. Those who weren't partying, were seen dashing through the city collecting bags from Love Craft and counting hanging geese in the Eaton's Centre for the Scavenger Hunt.

Friday evening in Stong College, the Worm Races drew a late-blooming crowd. All colleges entered a semi-live worm. A guest entry by Osgoode resulted in the only disqualification, due to an over-anxious trainer who drugged his worm.

The Grande Finale of Winter Carnival featured 'Blue Peter' in the Vanier Dining Hall. Coupled with the aquatic events, the first annual Winter Carnival came to an optimistic end.

The event was made possible through the combined efforts of its sponsors: The York Student Fund, the College Councils and Labatt's Breweries. Special thank-yous should also be directed to the Ol' Spaghetti Factory for the loan of their Earthball and to Rill Food Services for the hotdogs and hot chocolate supplied on Jac's Patio after the Earthball match.

With the experience gained by the coordinators, we would hope that

the second annual Winter Carnival will receive greater cooperation from the college councils, the student body at large, and the administration. The reputation of tomorrow lies with the spirit of today.

Thanks to those who tried...

Monica Ahrens, Chairperson,
Bethune College Council
Robert Kizell, President,
Winters College Council

Excilibur staff members are requested to attend important editorial election meeting Monday February 28 at 3 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Reader says our headlines divert attention from the news

This year *Excilibur* seems to have developed a yen for using four-letter words in headlines. Earlier in the year we had "Fucking", now "Shit".

I will not waste time complaining about their use in your pseudo-artsy rag, but I would like to suggest that the use of "Shit" in this case obscured the point of the story, namely the transposition of Middle East religious tensions to our campus, an ongoing problem far more difficult than your head suggests. Perhaps the head describes the point of the story that fascinated you as editors. Nevertheless, in all likelihood, your trivialization of the story also humiliated the writer.

Perhaps you could add "*Excilibur* shits on the news" to your jingoistic claim to being "York's Independent Newspaper". No other comment could be a more appropriate description of your treatment of the news and your donation to journalism--this year.

Excilibur remains. There is no justice.

J. Hayes

EDITOR'S NOTE

Excilibur does not use so-called four-letter words indiscriminately; in fact, such language has only appeared twice in the several hundred headlines we have printed this year. In the first case, we were attempting to reflect the style of the writer, while in the second, the word "shits" was used to show our contempt for people whose attention-getting actions takes attention away from more important news. How does placing a sheep in Central Square enlighten us about the extremely complicated Middle East situation?

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