Let courts decide if Scotton was libelled, says Stuart

an excerpt from my student han- page.

I was very honoured that the dbook article, York Students and editors of Excalibur saw fit to place Politics, on last week's editorial

"historical note" neither attacked

This was done in a rather poin- nor defended Anne Scotton or dering if this was libelous", was tless way unfortunately: the myself. But then again the very cute and coy and it filled up statement, "we were just won-

space. Perhaps that is purpose enough for Excalibur these days.

Anyway my evaluation of Anne Scotton's behavior in last year's CYSF election is, I think, correct and it will certainly be interesting to see the response.

In my view this year's CYSF, as publishers of my article, should be prepared to help Anne Scotton get whatever response she sees fit to make, distributed around the York community. I'm sure that Excalibur, Radio York and a number of Scotton's friends will be eager to assist her in this.

My article certainly hits pretty hard at her. This would not have been done but for the cynical, arrogant way in which she dismissed all questions of the right or wrong of the near destruction of last year's election, when she was in office.

Whether the article is libelous or not is for the courts to decide. It is up to Anne Scotton to decide to take the matter to court or not. My guess is that she won't want to have the story of last year's election and the question of her involvement in it, read into an official record.

But if she sues, we'll both have a fight on our hands.

Paul Stuart

An oasis?

In its active concern about services at York, CYSF as yet seems not to have mentioned a major offender: Oasis. For on-campus apartment residents, especially those without a car, this is the only store in the vicinity close enough for non time-consuming grocery buying, e.g., picking up milk or bread.

Oasis presently charges six cents above supermarket prices for a quart of milk, yet they buy from the same dairies. It is frequently out of stock on staple items, especially bread, and adequate "freshness control" on the items it does have seems lacking.

In general its stock consists of already overpriced premium brands, which are further overpriced by Oasis, as has been documented in the past by Excalibur. What I find most depressing is the apparent reluctance on the part of the operators to provide service, a telling example of which has been their refusal to sell TTC tickets because there is not enough profit to be made.

Yet, Oasis is the only store on campus which is open evenings and weekends, when the York bus service does not run and when one is most likely to want to take the TTC.

I could probably go on forever with complaints about Oasis, but I think the picture is clear: what we have is a poor excuse for a "convenience" store, whose operators, taking advantage of their captive market, are apparently uninterested in providing a real service to the York community. I am sure many people besides myself would welcome an improvement in this situation. How about it, Dale Ritch?

Evelyn Wollis

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