

EDITORIAL

Excal's democratically written editorial, folks

Why don't you just go and blow it out of your nose, you miserable excuse for life. Given this, we as women and as friends of women should make voodoo cookies. The mule infested headlight withered so gently and yet the fragrance made this ostensible and ludicrous.

In reality, editor-in-chief James Flagal is best friends with Oliver North, and North is said to have tremendous influence over the editorial content of the paper. But if the image of Montgomery Clift *did* appear in each classroom, lecture hall and office on this fine campus, we at *Excalibur* would be happy as scampering chipmunks.

And the science department is continuing its research into the correlation between multiple births and the frequent use of edible bubble bath, especially banana flavoured. "But we just don't have the funds to do anything like that," replied Arthurs after leaving the Zanzibar. It's ironic that no one discovered the collection of Karl Marx nudes in Ayn Rand's closet until now.

AAAAAAArrrgoooo! If Arthurs thinks he can get away with this, he's got another think coming. It is of main consequence that the university's up-beat policy designates only one pond for the campus landscape.

The present administration is still riddled with inefficiencies and it is time for some resignations.

It's a long way from the unfinished Marxist airstrips of Grenada to the cluttered halls of Central Square, but each of us at York is firmly bonded by the knowledge that we stand beneath the reassuring shadow of Harry Arthurs, and of H. Ian Macdonald before him. Les Habitants sont la!

Water is completely underated as a beverage. Isn't it time we started hanging people again.

The bill forbids the use of any visual medium for erotic purposes. If I have to sit in another tutorial while an overweight professor belches lox, coffee and cigarettes all over me, I think I am going to throw up. The collection of paddle handles being stored in his bottom drawer cannot be given a suspicious eye too quickly. The middle of a flood is just a ridiculous time to go swimming.

To maximize one's score on the law school admissions test, one should take acid immediately prior to entering the test centre. In a satisfying, violent impulse, the young turk thrust a rock at the Fine Arts Building, gracefully shattering the complex's pretensions of modernity.

Nursery school is a great institution and should be embraced by all. Who in the hell cares whether nuclear disarmament occurs with a pennant on the line. "Ha, ha, ha, ha," said the idiot.

Let the sun shine down on the faces of the ignorant masses as the warchief chants ancient tribal prayers while tiptoeing in his underwear. In the event that democracy does fail in the region there will be few alternatives to the present regime.



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Geraldo Rivera	David Dollard, Deborah Dundas, Jeff Shinder
Serial Killers	James Hoggett, Garry Marr
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(... and Liz Flagal as Mother Theresa)	
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JOE NIFTY, 23, A MARXIST WHO WENT TO UNIVERSITY ANYWAY. HIS HOBBIES INCLUDE DRIVING A VERY EXPENSIVE CAR, BETTE DAVIS MOVIES, AND BREAKING INTO PEOPLE'S HOMES TO SMASH THEIR BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN RECORDS.



MARY WORM, 25, A FEMINIST WHO BELIEVES IN EQUAL PAY FOR MEN. HER HOBBIES INCLUDE READING JUNG, PLAYING CHESS AND SWILLING BOURBON WHILE AT THE SAME TIME RECITING THE GIRL GUIDE PLEDGE UNTIL SHE THROWS UP.



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LETTERS

We will publish, space permitting, letters under 250 words. They must be typed, triple-spaced, accompanied by writer's name and phone number. We may edit for length. Libellous material will be rejected. Deliver to 111 Central Square during business hours.

No sympathy for plagiarist

I would like to respond to the article, "Student tells consequences of academic dishonesty," which appeared in the Nov. 26 issue of *Excalibur*. In the article, the student claims, "I thought that the paper I originally wrote for this assignment was of very poor quality . . . I placed a tremendous amount of stress on myself," (whatever that means) "and there were also some problems within the family. SO I BORROWED A PAPER FROM A FRIEND." He then snivels on, telling us how distraught he was when finally caught: "For a period of 10 or 12 hours I was sitting at my desk just thinking about the mistake I made and the consequences it's going to have for the rest of my life."

If your purpose, dear fellow student, in revealing this to us was to dissuade the student body from plagiarizing, then your article is of some merit. However, if you are looking for sympathy buddy, forget it!!! As students we all experience varying degrees of stress, we all are not always satisfied with the quality of our papers, and we all have family problems. Yet we manage to cope without resorting to cheating. Is cheating part of the high standard you claim to set for yourself? If you truly are the straight A student you portray in your article, how then could you be so dumb as to jeopardize your future? Society should be thankful that you will be denied access to law school. You've proved yourself capable of cheating under stress, so who's to say you wouldn't as a lawyer "borrow" funds from some unsuspecting client or company?

When I read your account of how you grovelled in front of your prof

for a chance to prove yourself, and then proceeded to Dean Traves' office to snivel further, I thought I would blow my cookies. If you would have spent 12 hours improving your work before the paper was due, you could have avoided the 12 hours of self pity after the crime. As an honest student who for the past four years has consistently handed in quality material despite various "stresses," I cannot sympathize with you one bit. I guess I'm from "Bloom's County." Grow up Buddy! Cheating is not on!

Simon Lerner

Smith reveals ignorance

Editor:
Mr. Jim Smith's ad hominem attack on Liberty Coalition reminds me of the saying that, "he who has nothing to say shows his intelligence by saying nothing." Unfortunately, Mr. Smith chose to speak.

Liberty Coalition exists to engage in intelligent discussion with those supporting their arguments with facts and evidence. Obviously, anybody resorting to baseless insults and libellous falsehoods is unable to carry on this type of discussion. This, too, is unfortunate.

Your sincerely,
Greg Hopper

Get serious Mr. Pengelly

Editor,
I am writing this letter in response to the uninformed, incoherent "Media are socialist" letter by one David Pengelly in issue 12 volume 22 of *Excalibur*.

Mr. Pengelly should learn a few things about writing if he ever wants to be taken seriously by the people he

wants to reach. Firstly, stick to one point only if your space is limited (such as in the case of an editorial letter). Brevity avoids confusing your reader and allows you the chance to support your argument, thereby giving it credibility.

In your letter David, you touch on: a definition of socialism; Russian politics; use of force by the government and the ethics surrounding it; laws and their purposes and use by the government; and finally end your letter by asking your readers to oppose socialist demands and social imbalance by joining or forming a charity because socialism has proven itself to be awful. Come on! Your original argument was that the "media are socialist." What exactly do you want to say?

Secondly, if you wish to discuss politics in a subjective manner such as you did in your letter, you must back up your statements with solid proof—not speculation and personally biased misinformation. I would like to clarify a few misleading assumptions that you made in your letter and shed light on your poor form of presenting your argument.

To begin, who complained that the media are socialist? And, have all reporters accepted socialism? (I think not). Next point: your reference to our society being a warring camp of pressure groups is correct. But you imply these pressure groups are bad. Wrong. Have you ever heard of the pluralist theory of democracy? Pressure groups and lobbying are 100% necessary for a healthy, modern democracy and in theory have no real place in a socialist government.

Finally, regarding your original argument that the media are socialist: wrong again. I would like to share with you and *Excalibur's* readers a few quotes from *The Mass Media and Politics: An Overview* by Frederick J. Fletcher (Associate Professor of Political Science, York

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