

editorial

Athletics enters era of excellence

In the past, athletics at York University have achieved moderate success. However, this particular sporting season has stood out like no other. Never before have York teams and individuals excelled on such a consistent basis. Where previous success had been concentrated in the lower profile sports, this year York has also assumed a dominant role among higher profile athletics.

Right from the outset, increased support from the university administration set the stage for successful football and hockey programs. As a result, the football team qualified for post-season play for the first time in our history. York's Ice Palace is now home to the country's finest men's university hockey team. With all due respect to every York athlete, one cannot ignore the tremendous impact of Yeomen football and hockey. These sports are in the limelight of public attention and serve to fuel the engine that motivates all varsity athletics. This season's accomplishments of York's various athletes and teams are far too numerous to mention.

This year York athletics have led the university out of the shadow cast upon it by our major rival to the south. A season of 'Bluesbusting' has removed much of the inferiority complex that the university had long suffered from. Apathy, once running rampant through our halls, is now slowly beginning to dissipate, and York athletics are largely responsible for this rising spirit. A feeling of pride now pervades our modest campus.

Amidst all the euphoria surrounding athletics, York University is showing no sign of losing perspective. York's success in the sporting arena is no threat to the pursuit of academic excellence. York University is a stalwart example of the integration of academics and athletics.

This year's success is indeed a shining tribute to the athletes, coaches and officials of York University.



letters

YSF boycott helps students

Editor:
Excalibur's editorial writer assumes that YSF is interested in changing CYSF. The objective of YSF is to act as the vehicle for the voices of isolated individuals who would otherwise not be heard. Over a two-day period 500 signatures were collected in support of the CYSF election boycott. This petition reflects the growing dissatisfaction of a segment of the student body at York. It is just the tip of the iceberg. The aim of an election boycott was to create visibility for the invisible 85 percent of the York student population. YSF is not out to undermine CYSF but to force them to accept the reality that they do not truly represent the student body at York University. It is the responsibility of CYSF to contact students and find out what they're thinking. YSF is making that job easier. The election boycott is just one step in the process towards making students' views known.
 —YSF coordinating committee

Riha puts ghost to rest

Editor:
 Here I am, once again trying to clarify my political involvement in York U. I will not begin by criticising or ridiculing particular individuals, corporations, or "newspapers," for their bewildering interpretations. I will also opt out of using sloganistic propaganda to get a point of view across to the reader.
 I must refer to the *Excalibur* editorial in the March 14, 15 issue. I have noted that my name has been referred to several times in articles and editorials. This fact puts the "ghost" contradictions to rest.
 Given that my presence is real here on campus, I wonder how *Excalibur* claims that YSF (which I am a member of) didn't run because they don't have student support, 1) they offer nothing in the way of constructive suggestions 2). To respond to the first statement YSF will give *Excalibur* a complete list of all those who boycotted CYSF elections. The total number will speak for itself, as far as YSF support is concerned for this particular event. Hopefully *Excalibur* will not come up with a "good" excuse to discredit (sic) those who are dissatisfied with the existing bureaucracy. To answer the second statement *Excalibur* only need look at their pre-election issues.
 I have actively given suggestions to any interested individual who wants to

improve student's conditions here at York. There also exist several allegations which claim that we, or I have "copped out." My dear friends, I am still here writing, contributing, and demanding, in the interest of student rights. The day that I stop these functions, I will respect your right to make this obvious reactionary statement.

When *Excalibur* claims that YSF has nothing to answer to, readers begin to understand the meaning of political immaturity. YSF has and will answer to all students, newspapers, and administrative institutions. We are answering to you right now! The term "cop-out" is a direct and profoundly grotesque allegation towards me and the YSF. Cop-out means to give up and leave quietly. YSF is here, alive and well. We are functioning, and we do not foresee stopping to represent students for a "higher goal", such as a resume.

If you have any knowledge of political strategy (which I expect you don't), you will understand that one has a choice. (a) to work within the present structure, (b) to work with the students and their interests. Last year I attempted method (a). I admit to believing that change would be inspired within the system. I learned my lesson. This year we chose strategy (b), which has proven more effective thus far. I am surprised that *Excalibur's* political experts could not appreciate this simple choice. Before I sign off, good luck to Reya and his brand new CYSF "cast." YSF hopes that Reya and his mates can get CYSF out of "reverse gear," and are able to fulfill their impressive promises.
 —Alex Riha
 Member of YSF

Connor thanks Carmen for lending a hand

Editor:
 Betty Connor wishes to thank the part-time student Carmen who helped her to her feet when she slipped on the ice near the bus shelter on February 19, 1985 at 4:15 p.m.
 He was kind enough to take me to security nearby and saw that I was in good hands before departing to his classes. I would have written to thank him myself but my arm had to be operated on and I omitted to take any information that would enable me to contact him.
 Betty Connor

The bearded one thanks support

Editor:
 To all who have heard me out, quoted me correctly, helped me out and/or otherwise supported me in my bid for the CYSF President's position... I extend a heartfelt thank you.
 —I remain respectfully,
 Ted Christensen
 concerned student

Escort service inefficient

Editor:
 I think that it might be enlightening for those who haven't had the pleasure of using the York Security Escort Service to read an account of my recent trip from the Post Office to Vanier College.
 I am a student at Glendon Campus but find the Scott Library more helpful for my courses. It is convenient for me to come with a friend who takes an evening course and meet her after class. As her class ends at 9:30 and I am not familiar with the main campus, I called Security to escort me.

At 9:10 I called Security from the Post Office. At 9:15 I embarked on a journey that took me from the Ross Building to the Graduate Apartment area to drop off two people already on the van. We picked up to more people in the area and returned to the Ross Building to drop them off. Now we continue our sightseeing past Winters, McLaughlin and Founders Colleges. (As you might have noticed I have yet to reach Vanier.) But at 9:40 (30 minutes from placing my call) we arrive at Founders College near a half constructed building.

I enquired as to whether we had reached Vanier College to which my driver replies in the negative. My lovely driver then informs me that I will have to take another van to the college. Needless to say, I was taken aback and convinced the driver to drive down the loop to take me to Vanier to arrive at 9:43.

The Security Service at York is service we cannot do without. But if this service is to be effective we have to convince people to use it and have faith in it. How much faith can someone have in efficiency like this. And how many people can afford to spend 30 minutes for what I am told is a ten minute walk at most.
 —Janice Barrett

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