

Letters to the Editor

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The Compromise

Canada, you buxom bitch,
Your sons claim
You've been raped by the U.S.
Don't they know in every rape
the victim expresses
5% of willingness.
In your case it was probably more.
Not that I'd call you a whore,
but flaunting huge tits of timber,
rich holes of uranium,
moist oil fields,
How could you expect
your southern insatiable paramour
to let you be?
In rhythm to your hysterical glee,
your urgent breath
his paper green genitals promise
to love you to death.

Kenneth Sherman
McLaughlin I

Listener cynical about RYFM on cable

Sir:
Radio York has finally made the "big time." What a development!

Steve Harris, station manager, appears to believe that, "Our lives are here and we will necessarily reflect that in our content." Yet he made moves involving training of announcers to "an acceptable level of competency," and changing programming for "a balance that will have something satisfying for the greatest number of listeners."

I suppose that the new studio costing up to \$35,000 also reflects the lives of Radio York's personnel on the York campus scene.

These new projects imply the graduation of Radio York to the bigger, and more professional circle of radio stations. When 180,000 homes tune in to York University on 97.5, do they want to accept the material, or will there be 'pressure' for more popular and 'relevant' programming.

I have one more suggestion. Change the name to Rogers Radio (York) Limited.
Jake Atteslander,
McLaughlin I

York must solve 'towing away' question

I am very concerned with the problem of "towing-away" discussed by Ron Lieberman in your March 5 issue. I have observed several such incidents and this is my impression.

1. It is often difficult to decide whether a car is parked illegally (blocking access) etc., and the sole judge of this appears to be the security guard on the scene. I saw a girl's car being towed away from the west entrance of Vanier College on the evening of March 5 and she did not appear to be parked in a reserved spot, or blocking the entrance. The security guard utterly refused to discuss the matter, and was, in fact, quite discourteous.

2. I wonder, (and perhaps someone can put me straight on this) whether when a person enters York University property he is compelled to obey the bylaws of the university. If this is not so, I would think that this matter is solely an antecedent of the Howson case mentioned by Lieberman, and that in fact York Towing is guilty of theft while York and its security officers on the scene are at least guilty of Counselling an Offense (s.22 of the Criminal Code.) As a matter of interest, the young lady in question phoned the Metro Police to report the theft of her car — but they refused to intervene in the matter — the question of the validity of civil and criminal law at York.

3. On the same evening several cars were removed from the southwest corner of McLaughlin residence. These cars were neither blocking an entrance or an "emergency route." No signs were posted where they were parked and the spaces were not reserved. I suspect that this is indeed a "fire route" to the south side of the residence, but I am not sure of this — and how indeed is a non-resident of the York community ever going to guess the ins and outs of all of the "designated" and "non-designated" areas upon which he can or can not park? (Especially if they are not all marked.)



open the door, and I question whether this was, in fact, not illegal.

4. I also noticed (and cannot see any reason for) two men from York Town trying to gain entrance to one of the cars they had in tow. (I presume that the steering had been locked — in an attempt to guard against theft.) They appeared to be employing some pretty violent means to open the door, and I question whether this was, in fact, not illegal.

The parking problem is critical at York, and in the past, some pretty hazardous problems have been occasioned by people inconsiderately parking their cars. On the one hand, however, we have critically few parking places and on the other a security force which seems to be bent on removing cars from anywhere it considers "out of bounds". It appears that students (and indeed anyone else parking at York) has no recourse when he is "towed-away".

I think that the parking bylaws at York are there to serve a logical and reasonable purpose, and that they should be exercised in a reasonable and legal way. The towing fee should be paid each time by York and the student should be billed for it as any other York traffic violation.

I believe a test case is inevitable (as it was in Toronto several years ago) — much to the detriment of the good name of the university. The only solution I can see is that if "illegally" parked cars must be towed away then York should maintain its own auto pound and towing service on the campus. The bi-party contracting question can then be worked out among ourselves. (Does the university have the right to tow away a student's car to its pound?) The university of Toronto seems to have solved its parking problem — but the University of New York at Buffalo has been the scene of some pretty bloody clashes just over this question of "towing away". Something must be done now.

Pat Finnigan,
McLaughlin College

Bus. student upset at Moral Crisis

Sir:
There is a book, Moral Crisis in Management, required for a course taken by third year undergraduates and fifth year (graduate) students in the business program. There are only two copies of this book available in the library, yet the professor and author, Dr. T.A. Petit, refuses to place these two copies on the reserved list. He claims we should purchase the 170-page book at a cost of \$4.35 in the bookstore instead. I protest that we be

forced to purchase any book simply to support the author's royalties.

How moral is Dr. Petit being in this case?

Pat Savin,
Vanier III

In an interview Tuesday Petit said he didn't recall ever being asked to put the book on the library reserve list.

He said there are about 200 students in his third year course. Moral Crisis in Management is the only required text on the course.

Petit makes a royalty of 10 cents on every book sold. — ed.

Reader complains about 176B disruptions

Sir:
I have been very annoyed by the amount and quality of publicity and criticism given to the course, Natural Science 176B. As a member of the course, I have many times been astounded by the disruptive conduct of the students in the class, and even though I sit in the front row, it is almost impossible to hear. Most of the students are not interested, and are taking the course only because they must take a nat. sci. course, but this gives them no right to distract those who are interested.

As for the group which wishes to invite a Marxist to discuss pollution, please enlighten me — I was not aware that Marx was a natural scientist. These students merely wish to discuss the emotional social and political issues which one can read every day in the newspaper, and not natural science of the subject. This is not a social science course on contemporary issues — it is a science course! Also, one can not make a very rational criticism on the subject if one does not even understand the scientific aspect!

As for Polonsky's comments in the March 12th article that "Professor Katz, the present lecturer, is having to teach very advanced scientific stuff to freshmen, and it's way over their heads," please enlighten me again! I have had no science background, and I fail to understand what is so difficult in comprehending, for example, air pollution disasters, how water is tested, etc. Also, our exams have been very fair, no technical questions have been asked.

Of course, improvements could be made in the course, such as more films, guest speakers, etc., but the vast negative generalizations, some by those who aren't even in the course, are in my opinion, false.

Christy le Roij

Library staff have no stand on wages yet

Sir:
In your article on the meeting held recently to discuss the formation of a staff association for York University, it was incorrectly reported that the library staff association "has no wage grievance."

The situation in the three university libraries is as follows. We are in the midst of an evaluation process which is being conducted by the university personnel department. This evaluation, which for the first time will clearly define job classifications, will not be completed for at least another month. We understand (as was the case last year at Petrie) that new job classifications will mean new wage scales. Until the evaluation is completed, therefore, the Library Staff Association feels it would be foolish for us to make any comment on wages.

It should be pointed out that the personnel department plans to evaluate the remainder of the university staff in a similar manner.

Gary MacDonald,
President,
York University Libraries
Staff Association

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