

## CUEW urges Arthurs to reconsider scholarship

The following was sent to York president Harry Arthurs from the Canadian Union of Educational Workers, Local 30.

Dear President Arthurs:

We would like to draw your attention to a policy motion which was passed at our last General Membership meeting regarding the so-called "Graduate Fellowships for Academic Distinction." Please note that we do not consider the cosmetic name-change to be an acceptable solution, and we have committed our union to disseminating information to eligible students about the source of the funds and their role in Sasakawa's personal legitimization project.

WHEREAS chronic government underfunding of Ontario universities increasingly forces graduate programmes to rely upon non-government funding to provide adequate student financial assistance, and

WHEREAS to be consistent with the goals and aims of the university and its commitment to the broader community, the acceptability of funding from non-government sources must be assessed in light of their moral, social and political implications, and

WHEREAS Ryoichi Sasakawa remains a self-declared fascist whose documented activities show contempt for the principles of freedom and tolerance, and

WHEREAS the recent agreement to conceal the source of the funds through a cosmetic name change to the scholarship fund makes no difference to the substantive issue.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUEW/SCFTE, Local 3 will work to inform both current and incoming graduate students of the source of the funds, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUEW/SCFTE, Local 3 reaffirms its commitment to adequate government funding for accessible post-secondary education.

We urge you to consider the extent of the constituency represented by our members, and hope that this will lead you to reconsider your position on this issue.

Sincerely,  
DL Simmons  
Secretary

## Reader quite happy to be different

Dear Editor:

Thanks for "The Human Condition" in the March 15 edition of *Excalibur*. It's a great step towards increasing the visibility of lesbians in the York community.

However, in the writer's attempt to shed some light on lesbianism,

she seems to have fallen prey to a tactic common among liberal heterosexuals: to promote the view that gay people are just like straight people, except of course, for how they express their sexuality.

Well, many lesbians and gay men are no doubt just like straight people — some are even Tories! — but many of us are quite happy to be different. The writer may not be a militant, hairy-legged, phys-ed major, but what if someone is? And who is she or anyone else to say that's not sexually attractive or to isolate her because of what she is? Straight people will have to accept us how we are — in all our diversity — otherwise it's not acceptable.

In the meantime, we will have to continue to fight to make a social space for those of us who do not look like or have sex like what is considered the norm (the norm of a homophobic, sexist, racist and money-grubbing society. I might

add).

So, on behalf of all the shaven-headed, leather-clad dykes and the effeminate, punk-rock sissy boy faggots, let me just say: we are proud to be queer!

Sincerely  
Someone you would expect

## Cycling article neglects helmet information

Dear Editor:

Being an avid recreational cyclist, I was pleased with the front page coverage devoted to the sport in the March 15 issue of *Excalibur*.

Although it was a generally informative article, it neglected to mention the one cycling accessory all cyclists should have: a helmet.

Modern helmets are neither heavy nor uncomfortable in warm weather. Granted, helmets do cost money, but the benefits of an intact skull outweigh this. It takes only one severe crash to pulverize the sharpest of minds. Almost all of the cyclists I know own and use helmets. Personally, I'd rather wear a helmet than risk scrambling my brains on the bumper of some Mack truck. I wouldn't ride without seatbelts, jump out of a plane without a parachute or go to bed without a . . . er, you get the idea.

The article in question also neglected to mention that affiliated with the CYSF is the York Cycling Club. (Here comes an unabashed plug). The club has both on and off-road cyclists of all abilities and both sexes.

Anyone interested in joining the club for hard core road training, gonzo mountain biking or relaxed spins, can contact the York Cycling Club through the CYSF. Give us a call even if you just want more information on the topics covered in the March 15 issue of *Excalibur*.

Alan Choi  
President,  
York Cycling Club

*Excalibur* has received many letters to the editor without phone numbers. We regret that we can't track you all down, and so we will not publish your letters.

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