

# Letters To The Editor

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## Student condemns dismissal of "excellent teachers"

I came to York University two years ago, full of high expectations, and quite idealistic. My time here has taught me a great deal; my "naivete" has been dispelled and I've become a realist, a cynic. The bureaucratic red tape, the indifference of some professors, and the apathy of many students provided my initiation here.

Nonetheless, hope was revived in me this year. I took two theatre electives, and found teachers who really cared. Both Allan Gould and David Watson are immersed in their subject matter and enjoy their work. This is evident from the courses I take with them. Students respond vivaciously in the seminars; it is very difficult not to respond to people with such an inherent interest in you.

Recently rumours started circulating, and I've found out that they've solidified into fact. Neither Allan Gould nor David Watson are to be rehired by the Theatre Department next year.

I am the first to profess my ignorance of the politics behind these dismissals, as I am not aware of the budget, nor am I a theatre major myself. I am, however, a concerned student, interested in the drama

studies programme.

These two teachers appear to be the mainstays behind the core prerequisite for all theatre students, the 120/130 courses. I cannot understand the rationale behind this move. Excellence is very hard to replace.

Marilyn A. Mallen

### Silly letter bias reveals editor as indiscriminate oaf

It has come to my attention that the editor of next year's Excalibur, Julian W. Beltrame, has vowed that he won't print what he calls "silly letters".

Well, izzat so? Who does this Julian Beltrame think he is, anyway? He might have the initials of John Bassett, but that cuts no ice with me, especially since the Telegram folded, proving that no newspaper is immortal in the long run (are you taking notes, J.B.?).

After all, one man's "silly letter" may indeed be another man's satirical masterpiece.

Take, for instance, the letter sign-

ed "Scott Marwood, Station Manager, Radio York" in your January 16 issue. Word has it that Marwood stormed the Excalibur offices, claiming that he didn't write the letter and that, indeed, it was a fraud.

I have to go along with Marwood when he says the letter was faked (and faked beautifully too, I might add). I've known Marwood for the balance of the year (such are the risks and consequences that one must put up with when one is a station member of Radio York) and I feel that I can personally state that in no way is Marwood of sufficient intellect and brain capacity that he could even begin to conceive such a brilliant piece of satire, let alone actually write it and live to see it in print.

The fact that the letter actually got accepted and printed as the real thing is more than ample proof that the letter's true author is a very gifted person, with a supreme talent (if I do say so myself...) and that Excalibur should be very lucky to have this person on its staff.

It's just my sincere hope that future editor Beltrame will be able to distinguish between mere "silly letters" and what I like to refer to as

"sheer and pure unadulterated genius".

Or am I being too silly?

Jeffrey Morgan

### Harbinger 'fibre' sparks fan letter

As a weekly reader of Excalibur, I would like to extend my congratulations to whoever initiated the Harbinger column. It has been consistently enlightening as well as thought-provoking. Last week's article in particular, on fibre in our diet, was really good. Kudos to Harbinger and Excalibur for a timely collaboration.

Chris Gates  
Calumet College

### Gould's lectures are unsurpassed

I am writing on behalf of a teacher whom I was privileged enough to have last year — Allan Gould.

In my university career I have never come across another professor quite like Gould.

His lectures were a multi-media presentation consisting of slides and tapes as well as an incredibly well-prepared set of notes. (Rarely does one encounter a lecturer with the notes quite so well detailed and prepared.)

Films ranging from the classics Streetcar named Desire and Marat/Sade to such fantastic and rarely viewed films as Waiting for Godot were arranged by Gould for viewing in class.

Beside the films there was a most informative weekly ditto entitled the Culture Vulture, which listed the foremost films, television programs and live theatre. It is unusual when a professor takes so much of his own time for the benefit of his students.

Gould's tutorials were just as entertaining and informative — we often acted out scenes from plays ranging from Chekhov to Pirandello.

I think it is sad when the lack of university funds causes a cutback, but sadder when the theatre department deems it necessary to eradicate one of its most interesting and hard-working professors.

Maggie Jennings-Butterfield

### Forward-looking name is needed for new holiday

The creation of a holiday midway between Christmas and Easter has been greeted with joy by both outdoor and indoor enthusiasts across Canada.

The date has been established by a committee within the Secretary of State's Department as the third Monday in February. The name has still to be decided. So far the only name that has been proposed is Heritage Day. Many do not concur with the choice.

Heritage Day is a name that looks towards the past. We already have one holiday that celebrates our heritage — Dominion Day, or Canada Day, July 1. We do not need a second to drive home the same kind of point, admirable though it is.

The name we favour is Global Day. This name is forward-looking and all-embracing. It embodies the most pressing need of the world today — an acknowledgement that unless we consider the world as one in its needs and solutions to those needs the peoples of the world will undergo much unnecessary suffering.

Lois Milani

Steve Hound

## Tranquil but cloud-speckled pepperoni reveals poverty of Aristotelian method

They tell me the sky is blue.

Could be. I had a friend once who was convinced the sky was a pizza. And why not? It might as well be a pizza as anything else.

But they told her the sky was blue, and they made her forget about her wild pizza theory.

And the world lost a great thinker. So it goes.

I took a trip a month ago to Kingston, and when I returned, I found my house was gone.

Remembering that old saying about a stitch in time never boiling, I pretended not to notice. Why, I reasoned, should I give them the satisfaction of seeing me upset?

So I started my personal campaign to clothe naked animals on campus, and bought 150 carloads of garments from the boys at your local animal clothing centre.

I decided to try a little experiment. I collared a

mangy-looking mutt near the bookstore and dressed it in blue overalls, a checkered shirt and a pair of beat-up suspenders. Then I combed its whiskers into a tiny beard, taught it to stand on its hind legs, and escorted it to your friendly Absinthe coffee house.

Just as I thought. Two girls propositioned the dog, and one guy got it involved in a heavy discussion of Malthusian economics at a corner table. The dog finally excused itself to go to the can, and escaped before I could stop it.

A friend of mine plans to rent a canoe and go through Algonquin Park copying down the songs sung by the Canadian geese during their migratory cycle.

I may join him. Or I may just crawl into my cocoon, close the zipper, and simmer with the rest of the teakettles here at York.

So what does it all prove? You tell me.

## On Campus

### SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. — Colloquium Series (Sociology & Anthropology) "Women's Studies in Sociology" — Professor Marylee Stephenson of McMaster University will talk on "The Role of Ideology in Social Movements: A Case Study of the Women's Movement" — Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross.

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — E.G.O. - Communications & Interpersonal Relationships (Centre for Continuing Education) "Encounter Groups and Group Therapy" by Tom Verry — general admission \$6; students \$4 — 107, Stedman.

8 p.m. — Lecture — on Echankar, the ancient science of soul travel — S128, Ross.

Friday, 2 p.m. — Lecture (Film) "Canadian Law as it Relates to Motion Pictures" with Garth Drabinsky who will discuss the "Law of Obscenity under the Criminal Code" and "Licensing regulations within the Province of Ontario" — Moot Court, Osgoode.

Monday, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. — Lecture (Economics, Atkinson) Professor A. Asimakopulos of McGill University will lecture on "A Kaleckian Theory of Income Distribution" — Conference Room (282), Atkinson.

Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. — Seminar (Chemistry) Dr. R.H. Mitchell of the University of Victoria will speak on "Some Recent Advances in Dihydropyrene Chemistry" — 320, Farquharson.

### FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. — Concert (Music) Percussion Ensemble with students of Robin Engelman and Trichy Sankaran — 019, Founders.

8 p.m. — Plays (Foreign Literature) an evening of short Russian plays to include "Student Life in Moscow", performed by students in AS/RUL 041; "The Honeymooners: A Country Idyll"; and "A Childhood Friend", stage adaptations by the

York Russian Drama Club — Faculty Lounge (S869), Ross.

Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — Dance (Glendon) featuring "Mornington Drive" — admission is \$2 — Old Dining Hall, Glendon.

9 p.m. - 1 a.m. — Concert (Deli Coffee House) presenting Marty Posen, a competitor in the International Bluegrass Festival, and friends — licensed and no admission charge — Deli Coffee House.

### CLUBS, MEETINGS

Thursday, 1 p.m. — Ontology Club — S174, Ross.

12 noon — Meeting (York Pension Fund) speakers are: Norman Halford of Canada Permanent Trust Company — the investment principles and performance of the Fund, Dil Juneja of William M. Mercer Limited — information on the status of the Fund and basic principles of the Pension Plan; and Charles Wakefield, Wood Gundy Limited — relative performance of York Fund in comparison with others — I, Curtis.

2 p.m. — Meeting (Political Science Undergraduate Student Union), last meeting of the year — S615, Ross.

4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. — Meeting (Philosophy) for all students interested in Philosophy courses or majoring in this area — coffee is available — Faculty Lounge (S869), Ross.

Friday, 1 p.m. — Meeting (Computer Science) "The Computer Use in Teaching Committee" will meet to discuss York Computer Services' documentation of HSJS processors, APL, and other facilities used in courses — 102, Administrative Studies.

Monday, 7:30 p.m. — York Bridge Club — Vanier Dining Hall.

Wednesday, 4 p.m. — Christian Science Organization — 030-B, Winters (Books available through Lending Library).

### SPORTS, RECREATION

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. — British Sub Aqua — 110, Curtis.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday, 5 p.m. — Roman Catholic Mass — 104, 8 Assiniboine Road.

6:30 p.m. — Women's Self-Help Clinic — 214, Vanier Residence.

8 p.m. — York Baha'i Club — informal discussion on Baha'i Faith — N501, Ross.

Friday, 12 noon - 9 p.m. — Art Sale (Fine Arts). students' work in painting, etchings, lithographs, sculptures and a variety of other art forms will be on sale to the public — Foyer, Phase II, Fine Arts.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Roman Catholic Mass — 107, Stedman.

8 p.m. — Lecture (Canadian China Society) "Is There law in China" by Professor Jerome Cohen of Harvard University — 3154, Medical Science Building, 1 Kings College Circle, University of Toronto.

Tuesday, 9 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Christian Counselling and Religious Consultation — for appointment call Chaplain Judt at 661-5157 or 633-2158.

### COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

For days and hours open, please call the individual coffee houses:

Absinthe Coffee House — 013, Winters (2439)  
Ainger Coffee Shop — Atkinson College (3344)  
Argh Coffee Shop — 051, McLaughlin (3506)  
Comeback Inn — Common Room, 1st Floor, Atkinson (2489)  
Cock & Bull Coffee Shop — 023, Founders (3667)  
Just Another Coffee Shop — 112, Bethune (6420)  
Open End Coffee Shop — 004, Vanier (6386)  
Orange Snail Coffee Shop — 107, Stong (3587)  
Osgoode Pub (JCR, Osgoode (3019)  
Normans — 206, Bethune.

Events for On Campus should be sent to Department of Information and Publications, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

Final staff meeting  
of the year  
today at 2 p.m.  
in the  
Excalibur office