

# LETTERS

## Personal visions

In regards to your article "Personal vision in Art" (Nov. 12) I was pleased to see I.E. Necakov (sic) took the time to review my Photographs in the I.D.A. Gallery last week.

I'm terribly sorry that my "conceptual" pieces were so hard to cope with. I was appalled to realize that my personal involvement with the works stands in the way of the viewer's aesthetic experience.

I'm also sorry that not only was my work inaccessible to the reviewer but also the spelling of my name.

I was glad to have my name improved, moreover, I was pleased to see that your lay-out people instantly recognized the necessity of displaying my photograph vertically rather than horizontally as I have been foolishly doing. Perhaps that is why Mr. Agnelli got a photo credit rather than I.

I truly appreciate your injection of some visual life into my dull photograph by the use of a graphic zig-zag framing device which instills a hither to unrealized aesthetic tension to the work.

Thank you for removing the blindfold from the eyes of a poor uneducated artist. Your article has opened new avenues for me and has also probably clarified my artistic conceptions for the uninitiated.

Your truly  
Maarten Laupman

## Good fellowship

Someone has to stand up for John Becker in his dispiriting fight to try to keep alive some sort of civilized standards of behaviour in this university. Howard Goldstein's letter of November 26 is one example of the self-righteous approach of someone who has nothing constructive to say.

Let me agree at once that 'collective punishment' has no place in our society, but to suggest that University security arrangements must be improved 'regardless of cost' in order to apprehend every vandal, is to live in cloud-cuckoo land — unless he proposes the cost of this to be passed on in fees (after all, the cost must come from somewhere). More importantly, the concept of the pub as I know it should be something which generates good fellowship — it

fails to serve that purpose if it has to be policed for the protection of people and property. It would be more to the point if decent standards of behaviour were vocally espoused by student leaders in order to bring moral pressures against the idiot with the spray-can, and the downright dangerous lunatic who sets the false fire alarm. Perhaps Excalibur could encourage the perpetrators to seek help from Psychological Services. No one who tramps through the garbage of Central Square or walks through the tunnels and staircases can fail to wonder whether this is a reflection of what people do in their own living space — and if it is not, why should the university suffer?

Since Mr. Goldstein's affiliation is given as 'Reel and Screen', perhaps he could start by putting his own house in order. There are often very interesting films shown on campus, but after going once or twice I found the widespread smoking so unpleasant that I had to give up going. The University grants the use of these rooms on the condition that its regulations are complied with, and this includes a regulation against smoking (for example) in Lecture Hall L. Would Mr. Goldstein go so far to abdicate his responsibility as to suggest that the University Fire and Safety Officer should identify and eject each individual smoker? And what are the student groups responsible for these shows going to do to get clean air back into their showing?

Dennis C. Russell  
Professor of Mathematics  
(Ed. note: The editors would like to apologize for the addition of the words 'Reel and Screen' below Mr. Goldstein's name. These were inadvertently added to the letter and Mr. Goldstein's affiliation with the 'Reel and Screen' had no bearing on his comments. He was not speaking as a representative of the Reel and Screen or the CYSF, but rather as an individual member of the York Community. We regret this error.)

## Dial an escort

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In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to assist the Security Department when ever possible so that we can minimize the incidences of vandalism, theft and other serious problems which have plagued our community in the past.

Magdi Younan  
Co-ordinator Officer  
York Student Security

## Thanks and more thanks

Thank you, York, for your support!

Given the inertia of York voters, it was only due to the many friends who campaigned for me that I was able to surpass the four other candidates. Thank you especially.

And, *Excalibur*, thank you for your sincere interest.

John Weston

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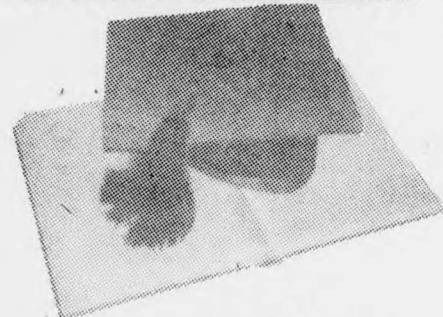
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