

## Reader says Women's Centre breeds mistrust between sexes

Editor:  
Deirdre Morrison's letter reacting to the recent assaults on campus could not have better shown the failure of the York Women's Centre (YWC). Morrison points out that the Women's Centre protested only the assaults on women. Indeed, as Deirdre Morrison points out, men are no safer than women on campus. Yet still the YWC seems only to recognize the threat to women.

Every York student has portions of their fees given to fund the various centres on campus. Therefore the YWC is funded by women and men, and should not entirely ignore one sex in lieu of the other.

In a previous letter Cal Bricker noted that "their (YWC) policies serve to separate the sexes and breed misunderstanding." The YWC have by their actions at the rally shown this to be true.

The way to eradicate sexism in our society is not to, as the YWC seems to suggest, separate the sexes. But is rather to approach problems together so that interaction and co-operation can serve to break down barriers between sexes, and lead us to a better society.

—Chris McBryan

## Funding required to solve safety and security problems

Editor:  
In recent weeks there has been a great deal of publicity about the security system at York University.

The problem is being addressed in various ways including a forum on higher quality of York security. The concept stresses such ideas as more security funding and better lighting.

Several problems are inherent with our security system and it is in the best interest of the York Student body to become informed.

After interviewing several York security officers I am told that their job is to "observe and deter." In essence if you are being mugged it is not up to the security to help you. Furthermore, the structure of the security is dispersed in such a way that, while security is providing 'escorts' much of the University is left unattended (especially parking lots). One guard stated "we must have escorted at least 5,000 students

since January 86."

Ideas on how to cope with this ever escalating problem are at hand. Some suggestions extend from the buddy system to the community laborer's working off their punishment by serving the school. However, the major solution lies in more funds being allocated for security.

—Karin Barry

## Reader appalled over 'efficient' escort service

Editor:  
In addition to the security problems on campus the past couple of weeks, here is another example of how efficiently Mr. Santarelli's security and safety services office runs the student Escort Service. If one looks at the posters around campus about the Escort Service, the service operates from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily. However if an escort is needed after 1:30 a.m., the student is out of luck because the escort service does not take any more calls past 1:30 a.m.

I would like to ask Mr. Santarelli whether this is an oversight on his part or just another example of our highly efficient Security and Safety Services.

—Mourad Mardikian

President,  
Founders College Student Council

## 'Lack of money chief cause of underfunding'

Editor:  
Regarding "Classes to be cut to protest underfunding" in the October 9 issue; despite Mr. Gerard Blink's comment that the real problem (with current funding of post-secondary education) "lies in the lack of political will to raise funding for post-secondary education" the real problem is lack of money. In the budget for 1985 the provincial treasurer forecasted good growth for the Ontario economy. Despite this he forecasted a \$1.5 billion deficit. If you have to go into debt in a year when you predict a high income you are in trouble.

In this position if you demand more money for university education you must decide to cut spending in another area. Which will you choose, the six or so different types of welfare, pollution control, road maintenance, high tech development, the legal system or something else.

Ordinary mortals realize that when their normal spending exceeds their income that they must cut back; stop spending on some items. This

obvious solution seems to be beyond our elected representatives. Are you sure you want to support people like that?

—David Pengelly

## Alumni has fetish for fishwrap

Editor:  
Paulette Peirol, Lorne Manly and all the people who put together the Fishwrap 20-Year Special Edition and Reunion: Thanks.

And congratulations, for showing that a small idea hatched in a cloakroom can lead to an institution at York in only 20 years.

—Ross Howard  
Excalibur 1966-1970

## Reader advises 'Yaksters' to do it yourselves

Editor:  
Oh, jeez! Here we go again!

Disgusted with the lack of a good literary magazine on campus, Michael Redhill and Lesley Bourne are putting out *Yak*, a new arts and literary periodical (*Excalibur*, Letters, Oct. 16, 1986). Sounds like a fine idea.

But here's where it gets dicey. These would-be editors haven't gotten the submissions to put out the mag yet, but they state, "York has the talent to fill 70 pages of lit magazine." How do they know? And why 70 pages? Why not 12 really good pages, for example?

They go on to write, "Regardless of our money situation . . . we are going ahead with the editorial half of the magazine." And then, at letter's end: ". . . York has the talent to produce an excellent magazine and we hope to get the support from the powers that will determine whether or not we'll have the opportunity to prove it." So, if they don't get the student council bucks, they don't put out the mag.

Haven't they seen that money does not make a good lit mag. It's good writing that counts most. This mystification of publishing—that makes people think big money is needed to make a good mag—has gotta stop. Do the *Yaksters* want to put out another *Writ/Waves/CVII/Scrivener/Existere/Exile/et.*—big and glossy and about 10 percent interesting?

The most exciting and influential literary magazines since the mid-'60s have been put together on budgets that wouldn't buy a case of beer: the early issues of *Opal L. Nations' Strange Faeces*, Nelson Ball's *Weed and Hyphid*; bpNichol's *grOnk*; Jim Smith's *The Front*; and most

recently, jwcurry's *Industrial Sabotage*. These are the mags that challenged and continue to challenge the status quo. And some of the most important writers of our time have been published in them.

So, Redhill and Bourne, stop running around looking for other people's money. Pull 50 bucks out of your own pocket and head out to the nearest good xerox shop. Footing the bill yourself will ensure a better magazine, less stupid politics and more interesting presentation. And you can do it tomorrow.

—Stuart Ross  
Editor, *Dwarf Puppets On Parade*

## Excal unjustified in excoriating Existere

Editor:  
It certainly is a shame that there was no second issue of *Existere* last year—and it may have been irresponsible of the editor, Peter Alexander, not to return manuscripts to contributors—but the tack Paulette Peirol takes in her story on all this is fairly close to libel. This is a bit more serious than the non-appearance of a literary anthology that *Excalibur* loves to excoriate as worthless anyway.

The story says "*Vandoo* staff moved into *Existere's* old office last summer and found receipts for pizza and alcohol. The college council was apparently unable to contact Alexander concerning the receipts." What's this *apparently* stuff? If you're going to imply Alexander was ripping off Vanier students you had better seek out the complete story or not publish one at all. Perhaps the complete story is there after all: "[*Existere*] realized after their September audit that Alexander was never reimbursed for party expenses." What a shame. Now half your story disappears.

As for your editorial's reference to Alexander's "disappearance" from York, may I suggest another word? Graduation.

—Steve Payne

## CYSF director elaborates on drinking problem

Editor:  
I would like to respond to your excellent editorial "Raising the Age of Majority not the answer to the problem." While I agree with the viewpoints presented, there are a couple of ideas that I would like to add.

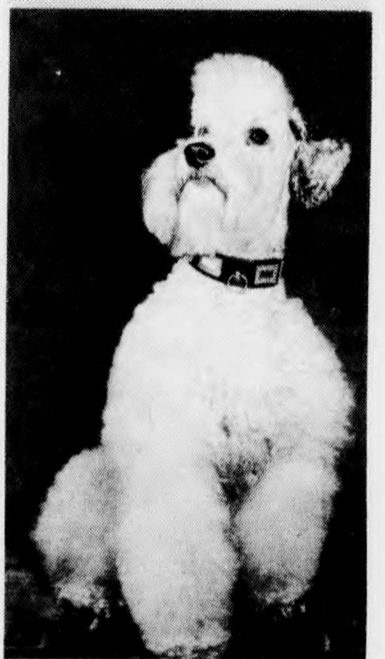
First of all, while the problem of

drunk driving is indeed a serious one, I think we should be increasing the emphasis on other negative effects of over-drinking. These include vandalism, acts of violence, injuries, and health problems which occur when students over-indulge. These problems are particularly bad on a university campus, where many students think it's OK to get smashed as long as they're not driving.

The only way we can fight the raising of the drinking age is to demonstrate that we can handle alcohol responsibly. As university students, it is our duty to take a leading role in showing that alcohol is something that can be enjoyed without being abused.

—Adam French  
Internal Affairs Director, CYSF

## Know Your POODLE



All poodle puppies seem resistable.

Exercise great judgement in choosing a poodle, because the one you are about to choose is going to take over your family.

The first night he'll be homesick. He'll whimper. If he doesn't, he's not a poodle.

To avoid 'accidents,' keep him in a cardboard box. If you want to move his box into your bedroom the first few nights, do so, but do not let him into your bed.

'Accidental Poisoning'—Don't lose precious time taking him to the vet. Continue your Bridge game. It's simply Natural Poodle Selection.

# PHOTO CONTEST SERIES & CHANCE TO DISPLAY WORK

RULES & ENTRY FORMS  
AT  
102 WINTERS COLLEGE  
EXTENSION 3888

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION

is having a

**UJA  
OPEN  
HOUSE**

OCTOBER 29, 4-6 p.m.  
in the JSF Portable

**COME MEET PEOPLE &  
GET INVOLVED IN  
THE CAMPAIGN**

Refreshments will be served.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
Julia 635-2883 or Shari 736-5178

**SCHOLARSHIP/  
LOANS  
available**

for graduate study  
in preparation for

**Executive Positions  
in  
Jewish Federations  
in Canada**

A new program with the Faculty of  
Social Work at the University of Toronto.

**For more information contact:**  
Council of Jewish Federations, Canadian  
Office, 4600 Bathurst Street, Willowdale,  
Ontario (416) 635-9567 or your local  
Federation or Community Council.