

Editorial

Football team's character shines through in last minute victory over U of T Blues

No cheering in the press box. It is a maxim long-respected among sportswriters but one that was thrown out the window at last Thursday's York/U of T annual grudge match.

The writers covering the game, who usually are copiously taking notes and emotionally detached from the proceedings below, were as rambunctious as the field-level spectators. Any outward veneer of objectivity was stripped away, allowing a rare display of instinctive enthusiasm in the press box.

Along with over 10,000 other fans, representatives from York and U of T cheered for their respective teams' successes and grimaced at their failures. Quietly at first but once the game entered the fourth quarter, caution was thrown to the wind and the press box inhabitants were standing after every play, straining to see the exact outcome of each run, of each pass, of each kick.

York had seemed invincible heading into the locker room at half-time with a commanding 17-5 lead. But U of T slowly climbed their way out of this self-made hole, seemingly moving the ball at will against a shaken Yeomen team. You could sense the deflation of the York supporters' hopes as the game dragged on. And when U of T scored with two minutes to go in the game York fans sank into a stony silence while Blues supporters danced with delight.

But just a few moments later the roles were reversed. A third and 10 dump pass from quarterback Adam Karlsson to running back Terry Douglas magically transformed into a touchdown. Pandemonium erupted in the press box and otherwise sane people began screaming and jumping for joy.

Clichés quickly sprang to mind. It ain't over till it's over; snatching victory from the jaws of defeat; how the mighty have fallen. But no matter how it's phrased U of T was defeated at the hands of the perennially denigrated York—an insufferable loss of prestige for the haughty institution.

This is the third year in a row that York has beaten U of T after over a decade of losing. Only three years ago this paper called for the dismantling of the football team following yet another humiliating season, but under the able tutelage of coaches Frank Cosentino and Nobby Wirkowski, York's football programme blossomed. Even in this rebuilding year the Yeomen have a chance to make the playoffs, thanks largely to last Thursday's win.

The character this team has shown is a testament to the coaching staff and the players themselves. In a year when success was not expected, the Yeomen have refused to passively accept the fate normally reserved for a rebuilding squad.



Letters

Reader's letter on security rally misguided

Editor:

In response to Ms. Morrison's letter in the October 9 issue, I wish to point out that the protest rally organized by the Women's Centre and myself, was originally born out of our anger and frustration at yet another attack against a woman on campus. Unfortunately, Ms. Morrison's criticism of the protest seems to be based on her own misinterpretation of what was, in fact, vocalized. Obviously, she failed to hear the Women's Centre representatives voice our concerns regarding not only the attack on the woman student but also the assault involving the man. In addition to this, Ms. Morrison disregarded the information sheet handed out at the rally which stressed that, "Safety at York is everybody's right."

While I naturally agree with her statements in regards to better lighting, visible security, etc., she is entirely wrong to state that "Men really aren't any safer on campus than the women are." Security is both a male and female issue and true, men are not always safe on our widely-spread, dimly-lit campus; however I would like to remind Ms. Morrison that generally speaking, men are not raped nor do they experience the fear of rape or the limitations that such a fear imposed upon one's life, either on campus or in society at large. Men are attacked but rarely on the basis of their sex.

Both distressing incidents are cause for outrage and protest and bring light to the overwhelming need for an upgrading of security. Perhaps if men did organize a rally against assaults on campus, safety and security would not be perceived as strictly a "women's issue" nor would the Women's Centre be falsely accused of "polarizing the sexes." (It may be interesting to note here that we *did* in fact ask some individual men in the crowd to speak out.)

I would like to invite Ms. Morrison and all concerned members of our York community to attend the

Forum on Security, October 21, 4-6 p.m.; Curtil L. I also wish to thank those who supported the rally, signed the petition and especially, I appreciate the women and men who collected signatures on their own incentive and time.

Catherine Lake
Director of Women's Affairs
York Student Federation

Editors of new literary magazine welcome works

Editor:

"Who has the incentive to carry a first class literary magazine through?" We do.

York has the talent to fill 70 pages of lit magazine, but there is no longer an attractive outlet on campus. *Existere* has proven itself to be irresponsible & uninteresting and in its wake it has left a vacuum. We are the editors of a new art & lit magazine called *Yak* and we are feeling the powerful draining influence *Existere* has had in the form of pessimism for a new & better magazine. Campus funding bodies are reluctant to fund another because they have been burnt by the mismanaged *Existere* & the wholly embarrassing *Fuck Poetry*. *Excalibur's* Oct. 9 issue finally gave this problem the space it deserves. There is the need and the room for another art & lit magazine at York & we are working very hard to get it off the boards. Regardless of our money situation—we have requests pending at seven councils including the College Arts Board and CYSF—we are going ahead with the editorial half of the magazine. We hope York writers & visual artists will use *Excalibur* as a forum to voice their desire for a fresh creative outlet. And we hope to receive their support in the form of submissions which can be sent to 610 Vanier Res. or 104 Old Colony Rd; Willowdale, M2L 2K2. In the event that we get no funding, all submissions will be returned as long as they have been accompanied by a SASE. We regret we can't return submissions otherwise.

We believe strongly that 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.

—Michael Redhill
Lesley Bourne

Bricker should 'show sensitivity' to women's issues

Editor:

In the last issue of the *Excalibur*, it was ironic to see Cal Bricker's letter to the Editor (p. 6) right after a report on yet another indecent assault that occurred on the campus.

Bricker is angered by the women-only policy at the drop-in Women's Centre. He sarcastically asks,

Am I to understand that the "environment" at York harbours a large number of males who systematically engage in "harassment and sexism against women" to the extent that women require a safe haven to interact?

Although the "number of males" is probably not large, the answer to his question is, unfortunately, yes. If, as Bricker suggests, he is interested in "positive change for women on campus," perhaps he could start the ball rolling by showing sensitivity to the reality of women's situations. Here in North York, we are faced weekly with the sobering news of violent crimes committed on women because they are women. The assault on a York student was just another

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This Week's News Tip: In a recent study, it was discovered that newsprint lined in litter boxes is carcinogenic. Further testing confirmed, however, that newsprint itself is harmless and very useful for kindling.

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