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New Church of Tac offers feline absolution

In keeping with the wave of new movements and organizations inundating society these days, a large group of people seeking a more satisfying religion have founded 'The United Church of Tac'. There are essential differences between this new Church and some of the older, more conventional churches around. Rev. Biff Skinner was gracious enough to tell Excalibur what some of these differences are.

Excalibur: Who or what is Tac?

GODS AND CATS

Skinner: Tac is an arbitrary entity much the same as God. The early Christians spelt dog backwards and came up with 'god', whereas we have simply spelt cat backwards to arrive at 'tac'. In any case, Tac is our God.

Excalibur: Does the Church use any form of Good Book or Bible?

Skinner: Yes. Most of our readings are from the New Testiclement, a sort of King James' version of National Lampoon.

SELLING POINTS

Excalibur: What would you say are some of your Church's more admirable characteristics?

Skinner: Well, we don't tell our members what they can or cannot do; we don't hold services on the already most boring day of the week; we don't wage war with other religious denominations; we don't regard livestock as sacred, even though we aren't starving; and we don't horde vast amounts of money while millions of our faith remain poor.

Excalibur: Does the Church believe in Satan?

Skinner: No. We have a form of sacramental confession we call 'Disclosure'. Members of the Church may do anything they please as long as they come and tell us about it. The Church absolves them from any immoral act or sin to which they confess. It's somewhat voyeuristic but it virtually eliminates any need for Hell.

Excalibur: What are the views of the Church on sex and abortion?

Skinner: We believe sex to be for purposes of procreation only. However, we do condone abortion so it's rather a 'have-your-cake-and-eat-it-too' maxim. We like it.

Excalibur: Does the Church take any stand on drug abuse?

Skinner: To a degree, yes. We feel

that drugs, when used in moderation, can be very beneficial. We do, however, condemn the misuse of drugs; things such as shooting 'Midol' or snorting 'Preparation H' are indeed frowned upon.

Excalibur: Your Church doesn't seem to take itself very seriously. Just exactly how many members do you have, anyway?

Skinner: Well, at present, we have about 300 members with seven

awaiting resurrection. Marian, our token virgin, makes two, and there's one other guy who can't join until he sells his cross.

Excalibur: Oh God...
Skinner: No, Tac.

More letters

Library needs fitting sanctions

Regarding library sanctions, Excalibur reporter Oakland Ross last week presented an article which was biased towards a con-sanctions status. A concurrent article, in Excalibur (which no author seems to take credit for), elucidated this position, as well as commenting on the "blunder" of the student senator caucus.

This "blunder" is a direct function of the unreactiveness of the student senate to oppose such sanctions, which would agree with Excalibur's view.

The validity of this is based on the proposed statistics, that only two out of eight members present supported opposition to the motion. Reference to where this data was obtained is not given. Anne Scotton and Keith Montgomerie voted against the sanctions motion, as I did. My reasons for a negative opinion are similar to the feelings of Excalibur.

This was a topic in which all votes, whether pro or con, were equally justifiable to each individual and the group they represent. This was not a situation in which a bloc vote would have occurred, as was evident.

What should be focused on further is the deletion of library use to faculty offenders; this sanction I can

agree with. But the "scare-tactic" of the library committee to withhold degrees to graduating student offenders is unwarranted, and relevance is questioned.

I am sure that if the library committee would utilize a little more cognitive potential (which I am sure they have), a more appropriate negative reinforcer might be found (if they are sure that this is what's needed).

There were matters in which the majority of student senators did agree. One example was the student proposed amendment, which specified that not only Ph.D. students, but post-graduate students as well, should be allowed to apply for an extended loan period (as was proposed by the library committee).

If I may be allowed to paraphrase Sid Kimel's words, it looked like the student caucus had taken the senior administrators under its wing, for the amendment passed without further hesitation.

If the York University community newspaper, Excalibur, is to contain student bias (as it should or else I wouldn't have written this letter,) it should allocate it only to those sections of the paper which deal with such opinions.

Paul R. Sanberg

Ed: The "concurrent article (which no author seems to take credit for)" was in fact an editorial, positioned on the editorial page. Excalibur's figures on student voting on the library sanctions motion were provided by student senate caucus leader Alan Cox.

Lies and errors in CKRY story

I would like to ask Excalibur to improve the quality of their product.

Last week's article on Radio York contained numerous examples of statements which were taken out of context, blatant errors in research, quotes from very unreliable sources, and lies. This is the type of irresponsible journalism which has given Excalibur the reputation as one of the worst campus newspapers in the country.

Also, I would appreciate it if your editorials could be a bit more intelligent. Regardless of the fact that the laissez-faire coalition which you were backing was soundly defeated, it is none of your business to editorialize on another student organization. Maybe you like running Excalibur in a non-professional manner (which was vividly evident from last week's material) but don't ask other people to be the same.

Once again, kindly watch the content of your articles before you get hit with a legal suit.

Bill Eggertson
Radio York

Editorial sword pierces student

It seems to me, after reading last week's editorial, that you are out to sway the voters of the radio station to one side, that of the underground 'do-as-you-please' side. In my opinion, it seems that the radio station is not as it is made out to be.

First of all, I don't see how you can say that a student radio station or newspaper is not a training ground. (Ed: The editorial said "not only a training ground...")

If you are able to use an alternative method to gain experience, it is better than having to go to some academy which rips you off for a grand and you are at the same place you should be, and would be, if you had used the student method.

If an unstructured system were instituted, I'm sure that all you would hear would be the type of thing you would hear at a high school radio station: long dead air pauses, uncued records and ramblings on for long periods of time.

I feel that you, for the last few weeks have been down on Radio York, and I feel that they deserve better treatment. I also have a lot to say about the campus newspaper "a sword in my side".

Ian Wasserman

READING WEEK

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Feb. 16 - Feb. 22

- charter bus - hotel 6 days
- 5 days tow pass - transfers
Quebec Hilton or Lowes Le Concord
\$104 (4 per room) \$111 (triple)
\$124 (double)
Motel de la Capitale
\$103 pp (2 per Room)

FREEPORT

- flight - hotel 8 days, transfers
\$235 with Kitchen
\$275 with breakfast & dinner daily

NASSAU

- including 2 meals daily
& deluxe hotel \$279.

JAMAICA \$335 with meals

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A student researcher named Sue,
While studying on-campus brew,
Says the trend is now clear
To a beer without peer,
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