

LETTERS

All choked up

I am writing to comment on the institution of the "no-smoking" area in the Central Square cafeteria. This is a great idea, and long overdue. It's a great relief to those who frequent the cafeteria to have one place where the assault from clouds of smoke is less overwhelming during meals.

Although the setting up of the no-smoking area is a good idea, enforcement is another matter. On every occasion that I have been in Central Square since the beginning of the school year, at least one person at my table has been smoking. Yesterday, someone was smoking a (very smelly) cigar.

It seems to me that students should be made more aware of the no-smoking area by prominent signs on every table, not just the large overhead signs currently hanging. In addition, I wish that people would be aware of the fact that the reason that there is a non-smoking section is that people really are annoyed by having to breathe in cigarette smoke when they're eating. The no-smoking section occupies only a third of the space in the cafeteria — can't we keep it clear of smoke?

Shelagh Emmott

Line up on the left

No, this is not another Marxist indictment of our society. This is a cry for justice for 15% of us who are left-handed. In York's lecture halls where desk and chair are one-piece, there is a shocking lack of facilities for those of us of the sinister persuasion. Curtis Halls I and L come to mind as the worst in this regard. Sure, it's crowded for the rest of you, but for lefties it's exquisite agony to

take notes in a cramped space where there are no surfaces that fit. I call upon the University to redress this situation and keep those of us who are "left-wingers" in mind in future. Would any official care to comment on this situation?
Darcy Cameron

Shhh! I'm learning

What is happening to this institution? I sit here in a third year Economics class, the drone of useless small talk rises to a peak as someone shouts out — "I paid to hear the professor!", "Why?" comes the reply followed by a belly laugh 200 strong.

At another point in the class the professor puts up a simple algebraic equation...and the class is panic stricken. So, up go the graphs followed by a forty minute explanation. Have we no concept of abstract thinking?

Well, we can deal with one abstract concept—love (ha, that's a laugh!)—we only know lust and who has the biggest...and who is best in...and a large false sense of security.

We mindlessly stroll the halls of the university expecting to have knowledge and intelligence rammed into our heads. It simply won't happen (as a

simple walk through Central Square will attest to). You must actively seek out knowledge and develop yourself. Don't do it because you feel you *have* to, do it because you *want* to. Many of us are just here to drink coffee with friends — and that's costly.

The fact is, my friends, that many of us are mindless. (This can also be attested to by Central Square.)

If you are at university because you feel you have to be, then you have been fooled — get a job (with or without Daddy) and leave interested students alone. Some of us are here to search and develop and you're hindering our education that I, not my parents paid for.

Take your mindless romance and parental grants (how poetic!) and leave this "social" environment for the real world.

I think you're in for a shock—but it will be worth it. Good luck.

P.S. — Until you accept these facts, please keep quiet during class.

"Better to be quiet and thought a fool, than to open your mouth and leave no doubt."

Wilde

Joel Baum

President of the Committee for Quiet Classroom Environments (CQCE)

APOLOGIES

The entire staff of Excalibur regrets the lateness of last week's issue. We would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the inconvenience this caused our faithful readers. We thank you for bearing with us and you can expect to see us on the stands every Thursday, as usual.

Another note of apology goes out to Leora Aisenberg, a long-time staff member whose Sept. 17/81 story in Excalibur concerning York's upcoming alternative film series was so badly garbled during lay-out.



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