Girls frustrate men at fun evenings

Stag banquet could ruin women's status

By MARGIE WOLFE

Off-color stories and questionable language will make up the program of this year's men's varsity banquet. That was the reason one of the members of the Men's Inter-Collegiate Athletic Council gave for barring women from the traditionally mixed evening.

Last Tuesday the MIAC invited the Women's Athletic Council to their meeting for the purpose of "discussing" why the men had decided to have separate banquets. However, the discussion proved not only to be redundant but ridiculous as the men were determined to outlaw the women.

At the meeting the men tried to set forth a series of reasons for the split. What it all seemed to come down to, however, was the almost unanimous belief that the presence of women at past banquets frustrated the men.

The male athletes would be intimidated, in that they felt they could not tell a certain type of story or use a "let it all hang out" vocabulary if the girls were around.

It seemed to be the consensus among the MIAC members that this was all an integral part of a fun evening.

What this reporter together with several of the other women at the meeting could not understand was why the men needed this specific evening to let out their inhibitions. These fellow who have the desire to trade anecdotes with their teammates can get together on "a night out with the boys" on any of the other 364 nights of the year or even following the formal banquet itself.

The MIAC session was precipitated by a letter from Council of the York Student Federation members Karen Hood, Paul Axelrod and Carolyn Fowler to John Fitzgerald, president of the men's council, in which they told of their disapproval and displeasure at the news of the segregated banquets.

After hearing the letter one MIAC member asked why the women wanted to come to "their" banquet anyway. Nancy Green, the WAC president, quickly pointed out that the banquet in past years had not been a men's affair with the women just tolerated guests, but that they were varsity dinners to acknowledge both men and women athletes equally.

Then a member said that because of the women, last year's banquet stretched out unbearably. However this reporter remembers suffering through men's football and hockey rosters and coaches affectionately relating anecdotes about each and every player, while no one was listening or interested except maybe the subject of the tale.

Fitzgerald then said that actually the main reason for separate banquets was that the men were really just not interested in what girls were getting what awards and that they believed the women probably held the same attitude about their male counterparts.

However valid this point may be the decision for duo banquets is undermining all the work done in establishing women's varsity athletics on a par with men's. In segregating the dinners the stature of the women's affair will most definitely suffer.

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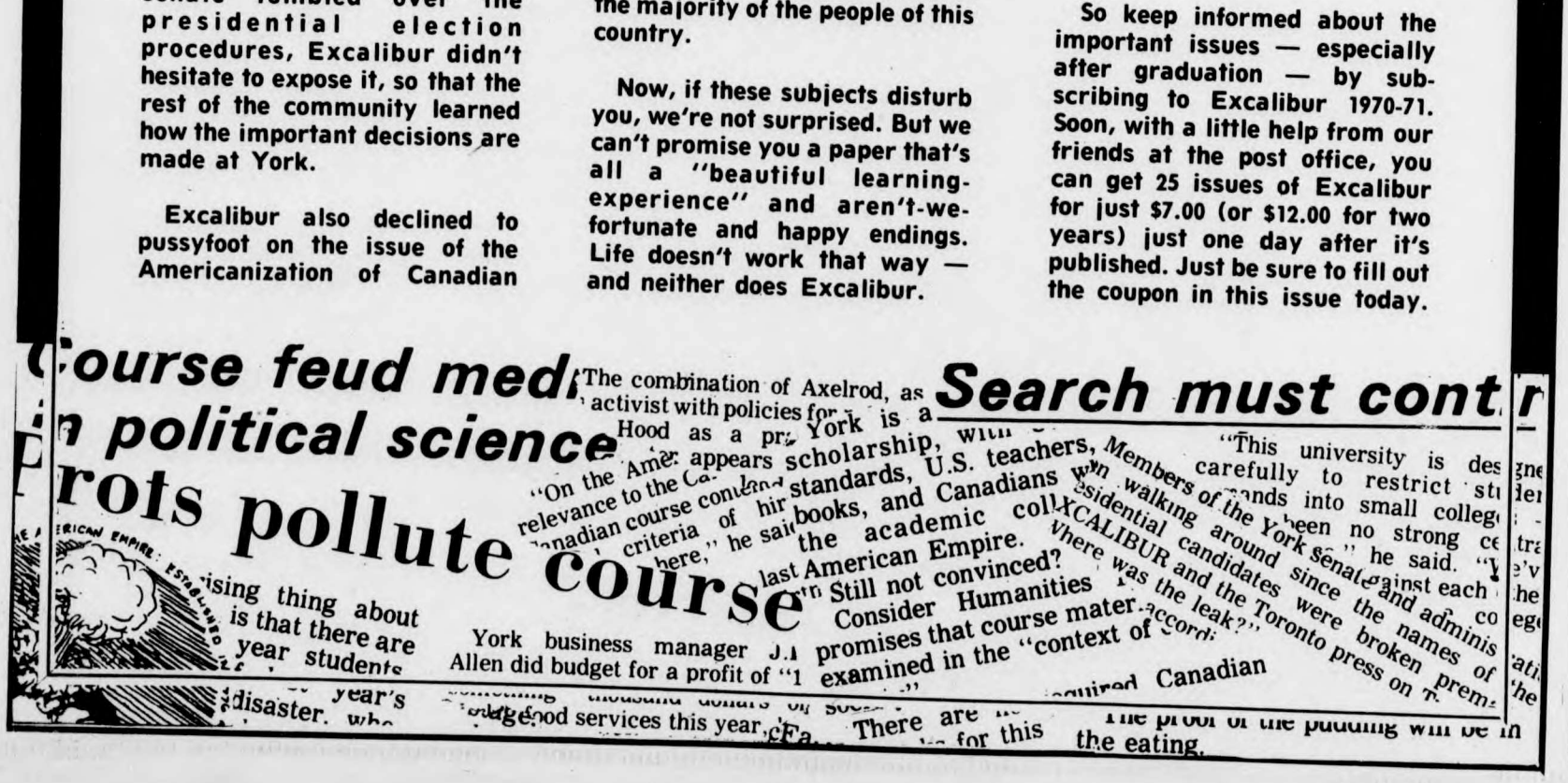
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Volleyball girls 4th in tourney

The women's volleyball team placed fourth out of 11 at the OQWICA tournament in Montreal last week.

Carleton came first, Waterloo placed and Montreal showed.

York seemed to be on a losing streak at first, losing three games straight to the University of Montreal team and then losing the next three straight games to Waterloo.

But in the games against Laurentian the York women held the advantage with their excellent spiking and setting. York won the match three games to one.

The match against Carleton's team was a complete loss for York's girls, but they picked up later and completely dominated the play in the match with the University of Ottawa team.

York 5th in CIAU

The volleyball Yeomen finished fifth in the national CIAU championships in Winnipeg Feb. 21. The team won the OIAA finals at York Feb. 13, beating Waterloo-Lutheran in a best two out of three match.

The University of Montreal volleyballers are the new national champions. The University of Winnipeg team placed.

WAC elections

Nomination forms are available from present Women's Athletic Council members in Tait McKenzie. Nominations close March 10.

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