

# Correspondence

## Alive and Well

As the former owner of Dawn's Secretarial Service, I wish to set the record straight on items represented as fact re: CYSF budget meeting minutes printed under the title "Harbinger Safe for Now".

The business known as the "CYSF Typing Service" was never owned by the Council for the York Student Federation, and also, according to John Becker, has never paid for the use of the room known as 105F.

Room 105F was rented on October 3, 1978 by Rick Neagle for \$130/month until December 31, 1978. The business is registered as Dawn's Secretarial Service though the sign on the door of the room says "CYSF Typing Service" with "a division of Dawn's Secretarial Service" in small print on the bottom as per our leasing agreement with the CYSF.

After this time (Jan. 1979), I bought out my partner Rick Neagle. A new contract for \$200/month plus 3 percent of the gross income per month was drawn up, not for \$200/month only as stated in the above-noted article. I felt the rental was unfair, but it was not possible to negotiate the price at that time.

The reason that no funds have been paid to the CYSF since June of 1979 is because there has been no rental agreement signed. I felt that \$200/month was more than sufficient for the use of the room. The CYSF had suggested 5 percent of the gross which would be approximately \$292 a month based on \$70,000 gross income per year. As we were trying to run a service that the students could afford, this rental was totally unacceptable. It is true that the

typing service ran into some financial difficulties, but this was only because of low prices, not because of "inefficiency". This error has now been corrected and the pricing is still extremely comparable to professional typing services which charge \$18.00 an hour and up.

In summary, let it be known that Dawn's Secretarial Service, known on campus as the CYSF Typing Service, is an independently owned and operated business and through no assistance from the CYSF it has and will continue to survive.

Dawn Morrissette

## 'Speck in the eye'

Since Mr. Alexander Duncan gave every sign of being extremely disappointed when he failed to obtain a full-time position at the Bookstore some time last spring, it is difficult to believe his recent comments (*Excalibur*, Nov. 1) are devoid of prejudice.

For the record, therefore, I would draw your attention to the following:

- 1) In the past we have been open and flexible when it comes to accommodating, so far as possible, reasonable suggestions that help us reflect the academic environment the Bookstore serve. In my opinion, we continue to remain so.
- 2) It has never been my intention to do away with the Feminist Studies section. Mr. Duncan's understanding in this regard is quite inaccurate.
- 3) Our employees, by and large, are very helpful and constructive people, whose main concern during working hours is doing a credible job. If our employees have in any way given

Mr. Duncan the erroneous impression of their being lazy or incompetent, let me reassure you, they are nothing of the kind. The very opposite. They perform many thankless tasks with a great deal of dedication. The cumulative performance of the Bookstore over the long run is one that does them honor.

4) Our electronic filing system, though far from perfect, is one of the best in the business. Our manual files are functional and very adaptable. I believe Mr. Duncan has had some familiarity with both of these. If I'm not mistaken, he may have said a good thing or two about the staff, during his tour of duty here.

5) Mr. Duncan's generalization regarding sins of hostility, petty jealousy and contempt is less than fair, particularly to him - a case, perhaps, of the speck residing mostly in the beholder's eye?

R. Barreto-Rivera  
Director  
York Bookstore

## 'Support GAA'

This letter is to express our support for the Graduate Assistants' Association (GAA), in their current round of negotiations with the administration of York University.

YUSA understands only too well the situation that the GAA has been forced into. The GAA broke off talks and requested third party assistance from the Ministry of Labour only after it became clear that the Administration would not continue to negotiate without that pressure. As with YUSA, the GAA may well be forced to threaten the withdrawal of services, i.e. strike action, before the Administrat-

ion will negotiate seriously with them.

We consider that the contract demands of the GAA are just demands and we deplore the Administration's tactics in forcing a confrontation.

We urge that all members of the York community join us in supporting the GAA to ensure that a fair and reasonable settlement is reached.

Lauma Avens  
President, on behalf of  
the YUSA Executive

## Bum Rap

I find it disturbing that an *Excalibur* photographer was conveniently sitting opposite the ACSA office with a pile of *Excalibur* issues placed in an unauthorized location.

Unfortunately, it was I who removed these copies of *Excalibur* (along with other publications and pamphlets which had no reason for being there) when the photographer supposedly took a photo.

This incident would have been dismissed from my mind, if it were not for the fact that shortly thereafter, the Editor of the ACSA Balloon (Roman Smilka) had informed me that hundreds, possibly thousands, of *Excalibur* copies had disappeared across campus. He also stated that the photo would be published along with a story suggesting that I had disposed of them.

I question how Mr. Smilka could have known of the photographer's presence, and that I was the object of his interest in such a short interval of time.

I recognize your concern over the disappearance of this large number of copies of your

publication (if in fact occurred), but I categorically deny any knowledge thereof.

D. Bloom

## Writer Zaps Tap Rap

I'm not one to fight fire with fire, yet Simon Scillaci's inaccurate and unjustified attack on myself and *Excalibur* cannot be disregarded or easily forgotten. The comments he made regarding my November 1 'Free Speech' article entitled "Tighten the Tap" are unfortunately not true. Perhaps this is because he has obtained his "facts" second hand. In any case, Tap 'n Keg's manager is sadly mistaken.

Claiming that I never spoke to Steve Campbell, Tap 'n Keg's programs committee chairman is not only an incredible insult but is totally absurd. Our telephone conversation late in October is by no means a figment of my imagination. If Campbell is so scatter-brained that he can't recollect it, then what in God's name is he doing in such a responsible position? Furthermore he should be mature enough by now to come to his own defense.

I am not, and never have been, a tale-bearer, scandal-monger, tell-tale or gossip. I do not chatter, I merely inform. And I am not a liar. Now put that in your pipe and smoke it.

Evan Adelman

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That's the problem. It's not that he sets out to drink too much, but once Danny starts he often forgets he has a limit, and then it's too late.

Danny would be wise to see a doctor, except he says it's just a phase he's going through. His work hasn't suffered yet. But if Danny doesn't change, it soon will.

And, no, Danny won't make it.

Yes, he will.

Danny's a brilliant student. There's no end to what he wants to learn. Yet Danny's no hermit. He really enjoys a good time.

One of the things Danny's learned at university is how to keep those good times good. When he drinks, whether it's beer, wine or spirits, he knows his limit and he respects it.

Another year or so, and Danny will be working in a field that's fascinated him all his life. He wouldn't risk spoiling the opportunity for anything.

Yes, Danny is going to make it.

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