

# Editorial

## Milking between legs is not recommended by many goat theorists

"The successful dairyman must be a gentle-man," said the late Hugh Van Pelt.

Thoughtful consideration of the livestock being handled is the first requisite of success and with this, almost anyone can succeed with dairy goats. In our mind there is no doubt whatsoever that a new goat tip guide is needed. A very large number of people are now keeping goats mostly because of the milk shortage throughout this university, and because they have discovered how good and how nice goat's milk is when properly produced.

So, *Excalibur*, in its neverending quest to serve the community it supposedly represents, is proud to present your holiday guide to goat-keeping.

The primary object of a dairy goat is to produce milk. The easiest position in which to milk a goat is to place her on a milking stand about 18 inches high. The system in vogue in some countries, of milking from the back, has an obvious disadvantage for sanitary reasons and no apparent advantages. The Maltese Method of crouching behind the goat and milking between her legs is also not recommended.

The art of milking is not in any way difficult, and once the theory is understood, practice soon makes perfect. And remember that in milking, as in all other dealings with goats, politeness and quietness are essential. For goats respond readily to kind treatment.

One should also be aware of the four golden rules of milking: Speed, Gentleness, Quietness, and Regularity. One of the most common faults to be seen in milking is a vigorous, jerky, up and down motion of the hands and forearm. This must be avoided. A very slight and gentle raising of the hand immediately prior to each production of a milk-jet is permissible, and will be found to make for a greater quantity of milk from each squeeze. All shouting, singing, banging of doors, dropping of buckets, and rough pushing about of the animals during the milking is prohibited.

One of the fundamental axioms of horse husbandry is well expressed in the statement "A horse is no better than his four feet." Translated into terms of the goat breeder it is: "A doe is no better than her two teats."

The udder of a doe is an abnormally developed gland, the result of centuries of careful, selective breeding. It is subjected to great physical strain, with small opportunity for rest or repair. The great development of this organ and its complexity are reasons why, when a disease or injury is observed, it is advisable to undertake treatment only under the advice of a qualified veterinarian.

With these incredibly helpful tips, you should have no problem enjoying lots of goat-milk eggnog this festive season.

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## Letters

### Student Centre will not detract from colleges or quality of education

Editor:

The letters submitted last week by Ms. Scott and Mr. Armstrong condemning the Student Centre initiative have provided us with a welcome opportunity to address serious misconceptions about the project. It would seem that the premise of their argument is that the funds that would be used to build a sorely needed student centre at York should be applied to enhancing the library system, improving academic space, and increasing salaries to professors and staff.

Without doubt, the library should be improved and we need more academic space. But these are responsibilities of the Administration and the provincial government, not students. The majority of financing for the centre will come from us, the students, though an annual levy. This is how such facilities have been constructed at major universities in Canada.

I wonder if Ms. Scott and Mr. Armstrong are aware that it would be illegal to take that same money raised by a student levy and apply it to academic facilities. That is why we pay tuition. We should not be required to pay more for the short sighted policies of the government over the last 10 years.

The other major misconception of theirs is that a student centre will destroy the college system at York. This is not the case. If they had seen any of the reports we have distributed to student governments and associations, they would know we want to enhance student life at York and to complement the existing college communities. That is why we have been consulting with all college councils directly, that is why all the residence colleges have established groups to make submissions to our committees, and that is why we have invited a number of college council presidents to sit on our committees.

A Student Centre at York will accomplish so much. Eighty per-cent of York students commute, yet there is little offered here specifically for them. A centre will provide a place to go between classes to relax and get away from that abomination, Central Square. We'll bring good quality food services on campus along with a large pub where we can hold decent concerts and dances. Clubs, both academic and cultural, will have space in which to organise and will no longer be crammed into tiny portables and inadequate offices. We can also develop our own affordable word-processing centre and photocopy service.

Just look at every other university in the province: see what they have

and you'll see what we lack. York deserves a student-controlled Student Centre. What we need are students with vision to ensure the future at York is better.

—Robert Castle  
 Student Centre Executive Assistant  
 Gerard Blink  
 President, York Student Federation

### Silver does not see essential distinction between two groups

Editor:

This letter is in response to Mr. Silver's Nov. 27 letter entitled "In response to JFJ, Levy shows great hypocrisy." Indeed this letter is very interesting as it begs the question, did Mr. Silver actually attend Mr. Levy's address which took place Tues. Nov. 18 in Curtis L at 3 p.m.? One would hope that he did (after all, he did spell Larry Levy's name correctly and he did know the topic of Larry's discussion had something to do with Jews), yet this seems to be the only accurate information he relays about this speaker and the subject on which he spoke.

To begin with, Mr. Silver's argument of "There are all sorts of missionary groups around the world who concentrate on specific cultures and peoples. So what's the big deal if there's one more targeting Jews?" is infantile to begin with. It's like arguing, why bother to save one starving child when there are millions more who are starving? Aside from this defeatist approach, Mr. Levy's speech was meant to educate the audience on a missionary group THAT MISREPRESENTS ITSELF, namely the Jews for Jesus. Mr. Levy did not discuss those groups which acknowledge their desire to missionize and deal with the community in an "up front manner."

Instead, Mr. Levy centred his discussion on a group that HIDES behind a veil of Jewish symbols, professing a belief in Judaism in public, while clearly stating "Judaism is a false religion" in their internal documents.

Really, Mr. Silver, where did you get the notion that Mr. Levy wants to convert Christians to Judaism? The purpose of Mr. Levy's organization, JEWS FOR JUDAISM is to educate Jewish kids on the deceptive groups that claim to be the "true face of Judaism," NOT to convert Christians (incidentally, Judaism does not believe in missionizing to others of different faiths!).

Indeed, Mr. Silver, if you'd like to know what Judaism REALLY is or if you'd like more information on JEWS FOR JUDAISM (or if you'd like to see for yourself what the real, unmasked JFJ say) why don't you stop by the JEWISH STUDENT

FEDERATION and consider the picture—after all, you don't want to be considered a hypocrite, do you?

—Ronda Drash

### The name's the same views are different

Editor:

Would you please clarify to your readers, in particular those who I wish not to unjustly offend, that in the November 27 issue, a letter to the editor entitled "In response to the JFJ, Levy shows great hypocrisy" was written by an individual other than myself, who maintains the same first and last name.

This letter is not the first time a controversial piece by this person has been published. Last year I submitted and had published several articles by various college papers. This other individual also had several articles published. I summoned the assistance of the *Vandoo* editor to help me locate this individual and correct the misrepresentation which had surfaced. Unfortunately, my plea was ignored. I did not pursue the issue with a passion because the articles were not of a prejudicial or radically controversial nature. Now, with your assistance, I wish to have my name cleared of the disgrace with which it has, I pray unintentionally, been smeared.

I object to the incomplete and inaccurate report as presented by this fellow who signs by the same name as I. He infers that Larry Levy, an ex-Jew for Jesus member "is now . . . trying to convert Christians back to Judaism." This statement is incorrect. Larry Levy is providing a community service, relating his own experiences, to Jews who are being and have been accosted by these masqueraders of Judaism, these instigators of anti-semitism.

As a member of the York Jewish community this is an issue in which I refuse to have my name misrepresented.

—(Daniel) Robert Silver  
 Director, Founders College  
 Games Room & Lounge

### Silver should call me a "totalitarian wimp to my face," Reader

Editor:

One of the characteristics of totalitarian entity is its use of distortion in disseminating information. On the same point, hypocrisy may be defined as engaging in some despicable activity that one haughtily accuses others of engaging in. Daniel Silver, in his letter to the editor of the *Excalibur* (Nov. 27) falls into both

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