

the race is on

There are six candidates running for president in this year's CYSF election. Several *Excalibur* reporters wrote a set of questions and each candidate was given half an hour to answer as many of them as possible. Some people got through more questions than others, but all were able to express where they stand on the important issues concerning students and York's student council. Their interviews have been transcribed and reprinted in this issue.

Excalibur would have published the platforms of all of the vice-presidential and both of the Board of Governors candidates, but many people either missed the Monday noon deadline or neglected to submit a platform at all. Therefore, the candidates whose platforms you read here have already begun to prove their responsibility.

Lots of rumours started flying very soon after the candidates were announced last Friday afternoon. There have been rumours about the current CYSF, the candidates, and even rumours about how the campus newspapers will handle the election. Almost every one of them has been proven to be false. We urge all of the candidates to stop wasting time worrying about what others may or may not be doing, unless it involves blatantly unfair campaigning. Concentrate on the issues and direct your attention to York students.

Excalibur (to dispel one rumour) will be endorsing a candidate for president. The endorsement will be displayed on *Excalibur's* front door today before 5:00 p.m. and will be published in next Tuesday's issue.

We would like to wish all of the candidates good luck and look forward to a clean, well-run election.

HEY!

We've gone twice weekly and boy, do we need newswriters!

Just drop by our offices and ask for Dan or Sue and pick up a story.

So don't be shy.

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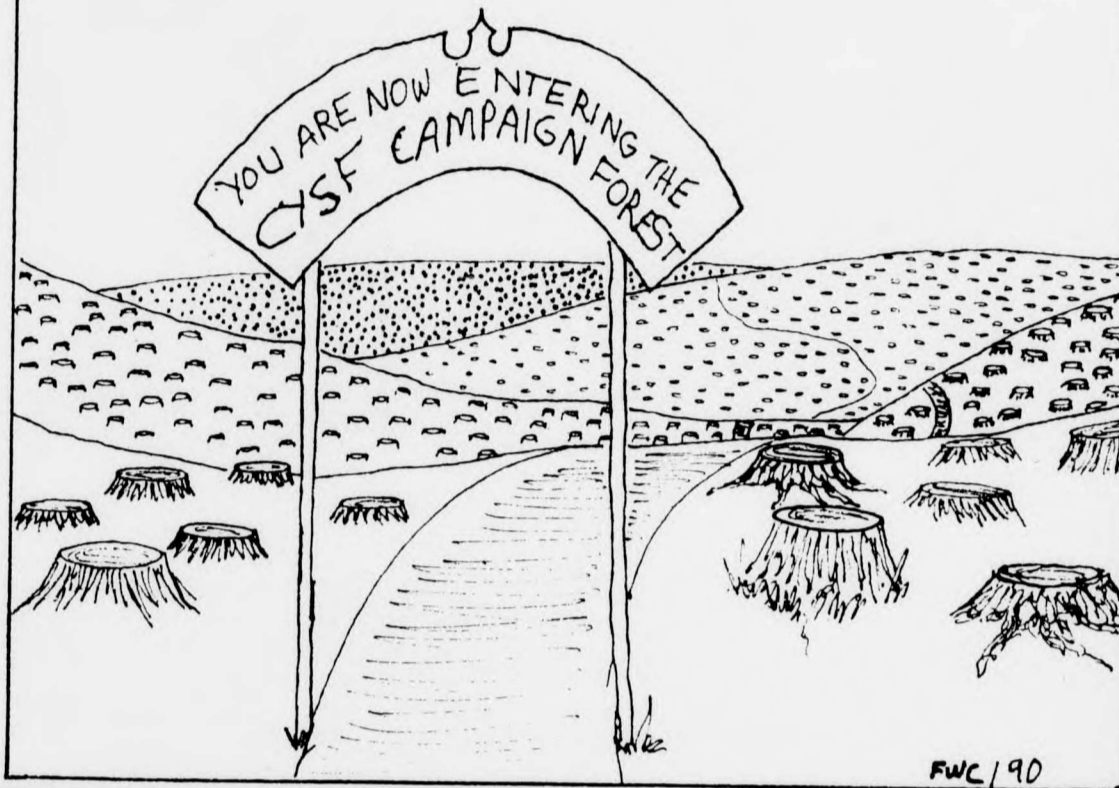
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letters

Decline in quality the result of publishing *Excalibur* twice a week

Dear Editor:

Ever since *Excalibur* has gone to two issues a week, there has been a serious decline in the overall worth of the publication. When I first read that *Excal* would be published on Tuesday, I looked forward to it. January 30 came, and I was quite disappointed (like many others). Only eight pages? Only three letters to the editor? No classified section? What's the point?

Since then all the issues look the same. What happened to the colourful front pages? No more humorous drawings with eye-catching titles? Everything seems monotonous black and white.

I no longer look forward to the thick Thursday issue like I used to, for the simple reason that it doesn't exist anymore! The Thursday issue is as thin as the Tuesday one. I now consider *Excalibur* in the same category as the simple college newspapers scattered around (and cluttering our) campus. This is definitely not meant to be a compliment!

What is one to read when he or she has a few minutes to spare before class? Does one have to pay the exorbitant amount of 35 cents for *The Toronto Sun*? Let's hope *Excalibur* improves soon so this absurd style of life never takes place at York!

Dan Williams
First year student, Arts

We will publish, space permitting, letters up to 500 words. They must be typed, doubled spaced, accompanied by the writer's name and phone number. Libellous material will be rejected. Deliver to 111 Central Square during business hours.

Free up space for JJ's typing service

Dear Editors:

It has come to my attention that when the proposed renovations of 4 Assiniboine Road are begun in May, JJ's Typing Service will not be given a new space/lease on campus. Considering the service is a badly needed one on campus it seems preposterous that the typing service's needs, i.e. unused square feet on campus — of which there are many — cannot be accommodated.

I think that this problem is similar to other issues on campus. The university is physically, externally, being dressed up for visitors with new buildings, nicely cobbled stone paths, newly planted trees. But at the level where the students have to function, security is still inadequate, cars still speed on campus roads, and washroom doors are still broken, etc. etc. The university's main thrust is promoting the York University Development Corporation, together with its massive building projects, without any interest paid to the quality of student life within the buildings.

There are hundreds of students who use and need the service's efficient and accurate services. I find it hard to believe that with all the new building on campus some new space has not been freed up.

J.L. Fraser

Popichak playing into propoganda

Dear Editor:

Re: Steve Popichak, "Would York take Hitler's money?"

While we condone Mr. Popichak's denouncement of the Sasakawa affair, we are disappointed in his insensitive comparison of Nazi Germany to "Arab extremist" to drive home his point. One wonders why Mr. Popichak chooses to use so called "Arab terrorism" as a comparison to actual Nazi terrorism.

Is it due to the fact that he wants to gain popularity and acknowledgement among Zionist supporters at York by playing on cheap propoganda? Or, is it because of his lack of knowledge on Middle East issues? To associate a whole population in the Arab world to the Nazi regime is, in fact, spreading racism and distorting historical facts. It is also a sign of ignorance on his part.

We would like to invite Mr. Popichak to attend Professor Edward Said's lecture on Peace in the Middle East (March 31, OISE Auditorium, at 8:00pm), to gain much needed insight.

Rima Masri
Sawsan Farah

