

A black hole sucking time

The role of education has decidedly deteriorated. No longer do students receive the leisure time to learn. Instead the faceless pupil rushes here - there and where??? God Knows!! ... gathering information to substantiate his or her number into a forgetful computer. Quantity rather than quality becomes the essence of the game or so-called assignment. Read! Read! Read! and then write a paper. Write! Write! Write! and then be only original. My God! there is no time left to think thoughts - just Produce! Produce! and then have results.

There is a black hole in space and all my time has been sucked into this void - nothing but emptiness remains and consequently I must create form from oblivion. Isn't that ludicrous. It is like the assignment Tiddywinks (he is my T.A.) gave me last week. He singsongingly says "I would surprisingly expect yesterdays assignments, which I will give out to you at the end of class, to be handed in one week previous to this date. Have I made myself understood? This project must follow a lucid criteria. I would like you all to create a sculpture - a palpable form - from an intangible object from the natural environment. You will receive all your original ideas from secondary sources. There will be no late penalties for they are already due. If there are any questions, please see me in my office - my hours are never posted, however, there is a blank sheet of paper on my door ... you may fill in the blanks."

This seems to be the general practice at York University and I suppose this is evident in each and every University across the country. Now-a-days students are not in competition with themselves, or maybe even each other, but rather with the computers of modern day technology. We are all struggling against the race of time and the war of being filed away by error. There is such stress and pressure placed on the ambitious mind that the youthful student learns to utilize the tools of injustice - even before he learns the meaning of injustice. We have been taught Darwin's theory and practice it with excellence. Are you still with me? Or have I lost you - like Tiddy-winks lost me in his pile of abstractions.

However ... through time I suppose I will learn the wrong way to survive. That is to be fair, honest and to possess some self-righteousness. But right now I have conformed to this absurd style of writing - this absurd method of learning ... and naturally will exit this institute with a degree of "Bugger All" - having learned one major ingredient within this recipe of fast production that being, "I can not go to school and be educated simultaneously."

Wendy Michnick

Sir Bagley Sideswipe warns you all

On behalf of Sir Bagley Sideswipe, our lawyer and part-time professional bottle-opener, we must warn that we shall return next year probably here to York) and not only that, we plan to perform again. This may be in-

terpreted as a warning). Special thanks are due McLaughlin administrative assistant Molly Klein, without whose abundant help there would have been no Mac Hall performances. And of course we'd best not ignore the people who came out and sat through the various shows, without whom there would be nothing. So we won't. We hope to see the remnants of our small and faithful following (let's have it large and faithful) next year, hopefully at Burton Auditorium.

We shall preserve the sacred words "ni," "peng," and "neewum" and be spotting brain cells as long as you keep laughing.

Thanks to Excalibur for giving us a hand. Any girls out there wish to join the group? We need one. Right lads, let's have "Jerusalem"!

Mrs. Plummer's Mattress Factory
Volker Bruhn M.A. (guitar)
Jeff Hoppe Ph.D. (guitar)
Ron Lindemant M.L.A. (guitar)
Greg Moorcroft X.Y.Z. (guitar)
Steve Webb, ex. (guitar)

Holocaust not just a Jewish concern

On behalf of the Holocaust Committee of the Jewish Student Federation, I would like to thank you for your coverage of our week's activities. The committee worked long hours since October to plan the events. We had hoped to bring the subject to the public's eye, as we have felt it is not strictly a Jewish concern. We would like to thank all those who helped with the program for making our effort worthwhile. Randy Robinson

Report from BOG-rep elect

Contrary to popular opinion I am not yet a member of the Board of Governors. My election last month ensures that my name will be put forward as the prospective student rep in May. However, the Board being a self-perpetuating organization, will then vote to make me a member, or not, as the case may be. Although it is unlikely that they would ever reject a duly elected candidate it is worth noting that the Board has absolute control over its own membership.

NEXT BOG MEETING

Will be held at 4:00 p.m. April 9th at the York University Fine Arts facility at 596 Markham Street (use the Markham exit of the Bathurst station on the Bloor subway line).

Last meeting, Shawn Brayman gave notice of a motion which recommended the establishment of an open budgetary process, a freeze on firing, the maintenance of existing service levels and that the Board recommend improvements in the Gov't funding policy. The Anti-Cutback Coalition petition with over 2,000 signatures will be presented in support of this motion. You can strengthen this support by showing up at the meeting in person.

Anyone with signed petitions should turn them in to the GAA office at 129 McLaughlin College so that they can be included in the presentation.

UPCOMING BOARD BUSINESS

Will include a fee increase for 79/80, student activity fee increases, scrip increases and next

year's budget. Any student who wished to reach me concerning these or any other issues can do so care of CYSF.

LONG RANGE POLICY

The Academic Planning and Policy Committee of Senate will be working on a long range plan for the university this summer. This in effect means we will be deciding which programs and courses the university will keep and which will be cut. Whether English as a Second Language will be maintained, to what extent Glendon will be supported, whether the University should maintain counselling services and many other questions will be raised. Again I am eager to hear from as many students as possible on these matters.

ELECTION PROMISES

The current student activity fee/proposal does not include guaranteed funding but maintains a grant system. Therefore I will be researching this matter and will bring a proposal to student gov't for support either in the summer or next fall. Likewise for the Glendon Governor question.

During the summer I will organize a mail out (to students' home addresses) of information on possible strikes and about Cutbacks. Peter Brickwood

Governors miss meeting

It was bad enough that more than a year has passed since the first Board of Governor student relations committee meeting. But, to make matters even worse Shawn Brayman, one of our current Board of Governor representatives, and Peter Brickwood Student Board of Governor rep.-elect did not attend this meeting. It appeared to the out-going student Board of Governor rep., Paul Hayden, and myself that the latter two incidences are a travesty because this meeting was concerned with the student activity fees to which we all contribute.

Thank You. David W. Chodikoff
President
Council of the York Student Federation Inc.

Xcal printed abortion prop

I was present for the entire panel discussion on "Abortion—Issues" held in the Bearpit on Thursday March 1. However, Excalibur's news report on that event really left me wondering whether your reporter actually had been there to see and hear for herself what took place or if instead she had picked up a news release on it from some abortionist's propaganda organ. Whatever the case, that particular news coverage painfully and abundantly makes it clear that our cherished so-called "free" press all too often fails miserably to truly mirror our society and the public sentiment.

Readers were left the almost unavoidable impression that the audience was on the verge of stoning the Pro-Life platform. This was far from being the case. In fact, a woman who had taken a very strong stance in favour of abortion, towards the end of the discussion took the microphone and, coming very close to capitulating her previous position, congratulated the uncompromising principles of the Pro-Life speakers, encouraged

their efforts at informing the public regarding unborn human rights and solicited, and got, a small round of applause for the Pro-Life speakers.

Certainly there also were some tart remarks and surly gestures throughout the discussion but the abortionists (so-called "Pro-Choicers") got their share of these. By and large, audience participation was quite civil. It should also be pointed out that the abortionists spoke for only 1/2 hour and refused a thrice-repeated invitation by the host (i.e. myself) to engage in a meaningful debate; on the other hand, the Pro-Life speakers gave a 2 & 1/2 hour presentation sprinkled with animated discussion from the attentive and sincerely interested audience and, to any avid listener schooled in the principles of logic and rational thought, were not defeated in any dialectical interaction presented to them.

Aarne M. Sark

Zionists invited to debate

Some Zionists like to denounce terrorism. If so, then they should denounce terrorism in Toronto. When three signitors on a Non-Zionist letter in the Toronto Star of March 22nd have received threats, ranging from having legs broken (made to hemophiliac) to being killed (conveyed to Mrs. C. Weisfeld who has already had two heart attacks), then I call this terrorism.

Our letter does not itself endorse or promote terrorism and I consider such suicidal militaristic actions against civilians to be mainly useful for self-righteous fans of a former terrorist called Menachem Begin.

So, for those who actually are opposed to terrorism you have an opportunity now to be noticed. And if there is a serious Zionist who wishes to respond to our position without resorting to terrorism, then let that person agree to a debate or forfeit the right to denounce us. I can be reached through 667-2527. Abie Weisfeld
Atkinson College

"Valuable prof" should be kept on

As a concerned student in the Social Science course 180.6D, Women in Canadian Society, I would like to bring to your attention a situation which we feel is relevant both to the Social Science department, and to the university in general.

It is not news to anyone that the University is suffering from budgetary cutbacks and that much of the faculty will not be re-hired next year. This particular course is taught by four professors. The only one being laid off is the one that we feel is the most valuable to the course. Dr. Marsha Forest is a part-time professor here at York, but the time, effort, and energy that she puts into her work exceeds that of many a full-time professor. Unlike many of the administrators and faculty members who are caught up in the running of the University and in the mechanics of their courses, Marsha realizes that the students are the most important people here. She feels that she is here to teach us something, and no one can prevent her from doing that. Her students are treated as equals, their opinions

listened to and thought about, and feedback is encouraged. As a result of this, we work harder for Marsha than for any other professor. Working with her all year, and seeing education through her eyes was a wonderful experience, and we feel that it would be criminal to allow Social Science 180.6D to be offered next year without this valuable professor.

Sharie-Lynne Wolfson, and
Sheryl Ehrlick,
Anna Luca,
Linda Recchia,
Alison Japp,
De Bishop,
Tanny mendes

Another student goes to bat for Marsha

I never totally realized the value of a teacher working, living and learning with the students. I am a student in Social Science 180.6D. Like all the departments at York, the Social Science Department is suffering because of cutbacks, resulting in the lay-offs of part-time staff. Our course is comprised of four staff representatives, one course director, two full time and one part-time worker. Marsha Forest is that part-time worker. Everything she does is for the students and their benefit. Her lectures are well-prepared and she makes extensive use of audio-visual equipment and current events. When we, the students, ask questions, she is the only one who takes time to answer them and doesn't laugh at us or make us feel deflated. She is also the only one of the four that encourages class participation.

The course is called Women in Canadian Society. I think we need Marsha for such a course. The course has been nick-named the 'women's lib' course, and although Marsha represents the 'career woman' she also respects motherhood. I think we need this kind of teacher because students are susceptible to believing everything professors say, especially in this type of course. Marsha backs up everything she says with current data and research. It just seems so discouraging that the Social Science Department has to let a teacher go that takes a sincere interest in her students, especially when she is the best of the four.

Cathy Kavanaugh
Stong College

Dance council alive & well

The York University Department of Dance Student Council is alive and well and living in the Fine Arts Building. You may be surprised to hear that a dance student council exists. Well, we've woken up and are "on our toes." The students became concerned this year with many matters concerning departmental structure and communication. We formed in furor and protest on the effect cutbacks will have on faculty and therefore the creative force that is such a vital part of the department. I just wanted to let you know of our existence. Communication and student input is our main focus and we have written a constitution to secure the implementation of this structure.

Agnes Milejszo
on behalf of the
Dance Student Council

thank Doug Wise, Business Manager and Sylvia Stanley, office secretary for their support and cooperation.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as the C.Y.S.F. president for 1978-79

Sincerely yours,
David W. Chodikoff
President
Council of the York Student Federation Inc.

**Your Student Council**

I would like to extend C.Y.S.F.'s gratitude to all those individuals who helped make this year a successful one for the 1978-79 Council.

The accomplishments have been many, but only the beginning in the way of new services to be provided by the C.Y.S.F. to the York students.

Some of the 1978-79 Council activities included:

1. the incorporation of C.Y.S.F.
2. the C.Y.S.F. Movie Series
3. the C.Y.S.F. Typing Service
4. the C.Y.S.F. Bursary Awards
5. the C.Y.S.F. - College Conferences
6. the Constitutional restructuring of C.Y.S.F.
7. the conciliation and repayment of the Radio - York

University

8. the C.Y.S.F. guest speaker series
9. promotion of student services offered by the Association of Student Council (A.O.S.C.)
10. C.Y.S.F. Fine Arts Fall Festival
11. C.Y.S.F. Summer Newsbrief
12. C.Y.S.F. Women's Affairs Committee.... and much more. At this time, I would like to personally