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tem; it is the same old complaint about them having problems in learning English and assimilating! If Mickle and the writer of the article know anything about Hong Kong, then they would have realized that the explanation about Hong Kong visa students being susceptible to stress because of their difficulty in learning the English language and assimilating into Canadian society is far from the reality of these students' background and present situation. Most of them already knew the English language and were familiar with the western culture and lifestyle before they entered into Canadian universities (given the fact that Hong Kong is a British Crown Colony where English is taught in the schools as early as grade one and that western values and institutions, whether ethical, religious, political or those of the popular culture, are already integrated into the culture in which Hong Kong students grew up.)

If there is any validity to the claim that Hong Kong visa students are suffering from great stress leading to "psychological impairment," it is surprising that your article did not even mention a very real factor of their stress—the atrociously high amount of tuition fee our system requires them to pay, which is five times higher than the fee Canadian students pay (not to mention that Hong Kong currency is about five times lower than the Canadian currency).

—Marlon Lo

Legal prostitution guffawable: reader

Editor:

Thank God I missed the "Take Back the Night" rally. Though I do agree that many issues today are of special concern to women, I'm exasperated about a few. Namely "discriminatory laws," as stated in Julie Robinson's article (Sept. 25). It says that these laws "were challenged . . . prostitutes rights movements calling for legislation to legalize soliciting." What? Why? So more of these people can clutter our streetcorners? So more women can be depicted as low-lives? So more of us can be afraid to walk down Yonge St.—afraid of being assaulted by a hooker lurking in a storefront for being on *her* turf? No thanks. Like the saying goes, "If you wanna dance, ya gotta pay the band"! Why should soliciting be legalized, oh great feminists? Would it be beneficial for we women in general? Or just to those who choose to ignore the law, ignore moral judgement, ignore self-respect, human decency and the future? Would legalization protect them from those evil "men" that pay for their bodies? Lets not cry and weep and rant and

rave about men. Maybe when *women* stop prostituting *themselves* in the form of strippers, pornographic movies and magazines and hookers, men and all women will be equal.

Soliciting is never merely sex for money. It breeds drug dealing (should female drug dealers be protected from those "evil men" too?) disease, decaying neighbourhoods, family destruction, and basic decline of society's values. Prostitutes rights movements are ridiculous contradictory concepts, which will hopefully be guffawed out of any legislation.

—Jennifer Padale

Fac.-Ed. senators get shortchanged

Editor:

I read in *Excalibur* (Sept. 18, 1986) Reya Ali's suggestion that the Faculty of Education would lose one student senator this academic year. Significantly, Mr. Ali knows that the Faculty of Education has contested this issue and therefore he might have reflected the uncertainty inherent in the final distribution of seats.

More importantly, Mr. Ali might have set the record straight. Student senator seats are distributed according to the student enrollment of the previous academic year. According to the York University *Fact Book*, 1985/86, the Faculty of Education is the third largest Faculty in terms of FTEs and FFTEs (don't let those fancy acronyms scare you—it's just universitese for the equivalent of full-time students). Yet, the distribution would allocate a number of student senators less than other Faculties which are undeniably smaller.

I am confident that the Student Senator Caucus will support the Faculty of Education in this discussion, simply because the numbers tell the story. Perhaps we'll be lucky enough to have Mr. Ali "on-side."

—Wayne Burnett

Slogan smurfisized by upstart staffer

Editor:

I must say that I agree wholeheartedly with Gerard Blink in regards to the CYSF motto for 1986-87: "Up York," with its colourful diversity of subtle (and not-so-subtle) connotations is, indeed, a "fine slogan." Much as the Smurfs have transformed their own appellation into a multifunctional interjection of infinite meaning, so can "Up York" be used to characterize the unique experiences of all members of the York community.

What better way to describe the singular and spontaneous eruption of one's stomach after consuming campus food; not to mention the

earnest discourse held with a sympathetic toilet after 'one too many' at the favourite college pub.

Then again, there is always that desperate feeling one experiences at exam time when one hasn't studied (invariably having engaged too often in the above-mentioned activity): Q. "How's the studying going?" A. I'm really Up York, man!!

And of course, the inevitable reply in any number of up-Yorking situations when the use of a strong expletive is in order: "Sorry, no diploma until you pay that 20 cent Library fine" "Up York, York . . ." (side-ways, for extra effect!).

One can always find a list of Up-

Yorking campus events in the classified section of the latest *Excalibur*.

Sports fans will never be at a loss when describing the last York basketball victory to friends: "The Yeomen held the Upper-York throughout the whole game."

Socializing in Central Square with the economic elite (they have to be if they can afford to ruin clothes by sitting on the floor), it can be said that one is "rubbing shoulders with the Upper-York of society."

Many graduates refer to their sojourn at university as a "very Up-Yorking experience."

This excellent choice of motto is designed to serve the needs of the

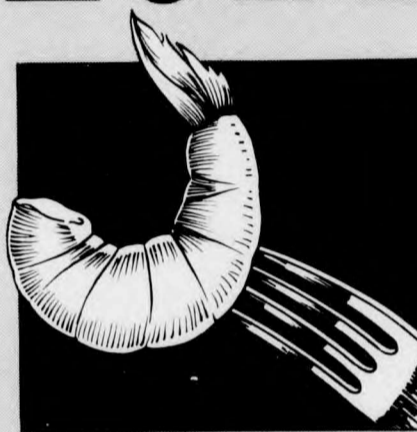
entire York population, even Glendon College: Q. "Pardon moi, ou est le CYSF?" A. "Up York . . ." (points towards Downsview).

But I think I've made my point. The fact remains that the CYSF, with this winning phrase, has once again proven itself as an integral force behind the promotion of campus solidarity.

In closing, I would like to direct a suggestion to all those tittering skeptics lurking behind the *Excalibur* door: in the words of a weekly column that appeared in the said tabloid during the 1975-76 school year, "York You, Buddy!"

—Zena McBride

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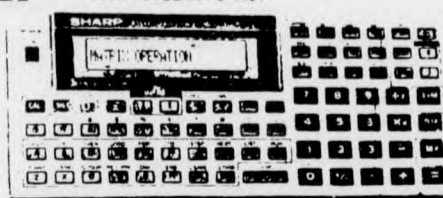
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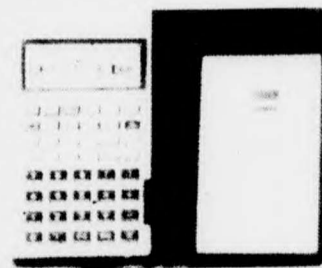
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