

EDITORIAL

Don't worry be happy

What's all the crying about anyway? These days, beatnik activists with their protest placards and peace parades remain completely unaware of what has made North America great.

It's as if they've never heard of the struggle for freedom and democracy as they persist in calling out their insipid slogans and writing their bleeding heart editorials.

And what have these nouveau-anarchiste been led to believe? They'll tell you the Gulf war is unnecessary and inhumane. An example of inane willingness to go to war should someone trample the delicate toes of U.S. interests. A murderous policy implemented by a country eager for cheap oil. A failure of politicians and their diplomacy. Madness . . .

But don't you believe it — you who have faith in the principles of the red white and true!

As the realists say: No pain, no gasoline. Onward to Kuwait liberation. Saddam's decimation can only bring peace and stability to the Middle-East.

Let's face it: a competent U.S. military will uphold international justice as it has done before so meticulously in Panama, Nicaragua, Chile, Cambodia and other American stomping grounds.

Frankly though, it chills my heart to see these students demonstrators. Heavens knows they've got essays to complete, tests to prepare for and potential employers to impress. Yet somehow, they seem eager to postpone their education to light candles, express their growing fear and anger and generally make a nuisance of themselves to the law-biding, war-supporting general public.

Really folks, wake up. It's a shame the way so many of you are wasting your time, but I guess we were all once young and impulsive. Aw hell, you kids go on, have some fun, would ya?

Perhaps the worst of all are the aging hippy profs. It's really surprising to see the 60s left-overs directing students toward civil disobedience, instead of teaching them the skills of getting ahead.

And really there's no need for the din. Tuck away your bad memories folks, President "read-my-lips" Bush promises no new Vietnams and very few casualties. He's promised.

So now I've spoken my peace. The pinkos will call me a redneck, but that's because they can't recognize a patriot when they hear one.

After watching the play-by-play war action on TV with some beer and pizza nearby. My conscience remains clear. Hell, this war will even top the Super Bowl. As long as I have gas to drive to the beer store.

Correction

In last Monday's issue of *Excalibur*, we incorrectly stated the amount of the Goods and Services Tax. The correct amount is seven per cent.

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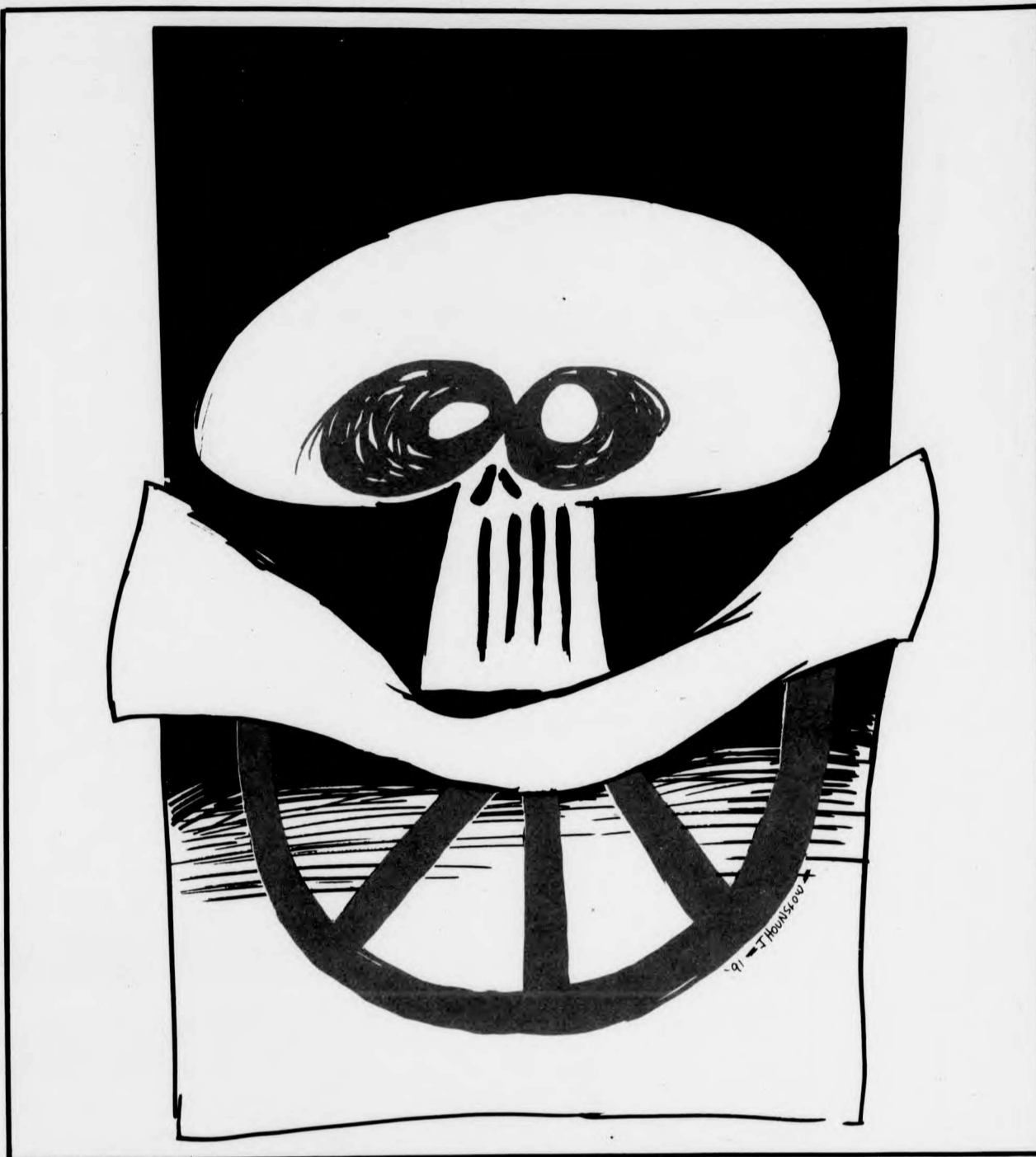
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Offensive schedule

To the editor,

This is a copy of the class schedule that was attached to the door of our classroom. With the anniversary of the Montreal massacre and the current situation regarding women's rights, this sort of propaganda is alarming.

I am requesting that you print a copy of this in *Excalibur* and comment on this type of harassment. Please request that an investigation by security and the people involved with printing these schedules is undertaken to possibly shed some light on this slander.

Thank you,
Name withheld at editor's discretion

Support for Gulf troops

To the editor,

I used to wonder, around the same time each November, what would happen once all of our veterans, who had fought so hard for our freedom in the two World Wars, finally died. Would we still remember, or would we forget them, like a single poppy lying in the road the day after Remembrance Day.

Now I think I finally understand. We must all stand together, black, white, pink and blue and cast aside our differences. We must become one nation, in the truest meaning of

the word — Canadian! And support our men and women in the Persian Gulf.

Oh, it is not the issue, that would be much too easy. What is at stake is a way of life we all hold so dear. We know the word simply as freedom.

So let's stand together hand in hand and be proud to be over there that we are behind them and realize what they stand for. For they are my brothers and your sisters, our sons and daughters and every Canadian's children.

Let us raise our hands to show support, because God knows, they'll need all the help they can get, lest we forget . . .

Malcolm Thomas

Centre backs membership

To the editor,

We feel, as a women's collective, that it is our responsibility to officially publicly indicate our position in the current web of tumultuous politics commandeering our university.

As a service to the York women's community, we are funded by students, and thus we have a vested interest in ensuring that the political climate at York enables us to effectively and efficiently perpetuate our service and programs.

We find our position potentially threatened by those individuals that have tried to discredit our current student government and the democratic referendum postulating that the YFS should opt for neutrality in "sided issues."

We, at the Women's Centre, have experienced and suffered first hand

the denigrating effects of a paralyzed "non-political" government. Women's issues, racism, homophobia, tuition hikes and budget cuts go unaddressed, unchallenged, and unchanged. A "non-political" policy is politics; perpetuation of the status quo is a traditionally conservative and viable politics.

We assert that the York student population was not intentionally misled, that last year's YFS government largest voter turnout in York's history) ran on a platform of advocating OFS/CFS membership, thus they are, if not *obligated*, justified to fulfill their promise.

To nullify this democratic process on the justification that the opposing side was weak, uncommunicative, and ultimately unsuccessful is to not give students credit for their critical skills and force them involuntarily to suffer the costs of another referendum.

We are especially concerned with the multiple reported discrepancies about "creative" solicitations for signing the anti-referendum banner. We urge all students to recognize that the purpose of this petition is explicitly to *nullify the results of the old referendum and hold a new one*, not a protest of racism, or tuition hikes, or any alleged "illicit" OFS/CFS practices.

Please be aware that any information implying that our collective is somehow in support of or in association with this petition or any individuals related thereof, is erroneous and misleading.

The York Women's Centre maintains its support of York's membership in OFS/CFS as determined by the initial referendum.

by consensus,
the York Women's Collective