

Overwhelming response to prof's plight

This letter is to inform Excalibur readers of the quick results of a letter of mine published in the March 31 issue: "Student Defends Prof., Wants Him Rehired". Both undergrad and grad students have shown an overwhelming response. The ensuing details prove that I have a huge backing.

To restate the issue, Dr. Nestmann will not be rehired in the fall because the Faculty of Science is not interested in his research specialty, genetics.

We, the students, feel that his position should be renewed in accordance with "The Senate Committee on Tenure and Promotions" (1971). Dr. Nestmann's term of work should be renewed on the basis that he is able to take "information and synthesize it into coherent structures of knowledge" and most importantly, communicate it to his students.

A petition was circulated in class with over 150 signatures, stating, "We, the undersigned, students of York, think that Dr. Nestmann should be rehired in his position at York. We feel that he has been an excellent professor and a good communicator in his field, and should be rehired on the basis of his teaching merit."

The grad students organized an "April Fool's Save Earle Day", presented as a farce, but motivated out of deep feelings of concern.

It is my understanding that the problem regarding Dr. Nestmann is not a question of merit but a question of finance. It is money that prevents him from being rehired, and the students suffer. The faculty only gets excess money from the government for more research. Monies are for research, and we have enough geneticists.

It is doubtful whether Dr. Nestmann would accept another position similar to his past one-year contracts of excessive work loads, no job securities and no promise of tenure.

Maybe the grad students have a point: "Can we really save Earle or anyone else with his merits?"

Audrey Maenpaa
Calumet College

No alimony for Quebec says Bell

This country of ours is in deep trouble, and the impact of those problems will be felt by those of us leaving the womb of the university in the next few months. Apathy is a luxury we can no longer afford.

The Toronto Star reports that 32 per cent in Quebec want a "sovereign Quebec with economic

association with English Canada". Given that almost a third of the province is English [sic] and therefore likely to leave after the implementation of the new unilingual language policy, the situation is serious indeed.

Almost half of those people in Quebec who will remain, mostly French, will vote oui (yes) [Bell's translation....ed.] to separation. They will do so under the erroneous assumption that we in English Canada are rational, cold-blooded businessmen who think only in terms of economics. They disregard the likelihood that we would be, to say the least, a but upset at the breaking up of our country.

Personally, I believe that as long as Quebec stays in Canada, we in the other provinces should do all we can to co-operate in the joint venture of Confederation; but if they leave, I am not sure I will be interested in any association at all. As long as Levesque is permitted to propagate the myth that we will accept quietly the dismemberment of our country and provide the axe at the same time, his movement grows stronger and the end of Canada becomes more inevitable.

It's up to each one of us to indicate what we are willing to do to keep this country together, and to clearly indicate how we would feel if Quebec were to separate. The

longer we postpone doing so, the stronger Levesque becomes.

At the end of May, a conference on the subject of Canadian unity will be held at York. This will be only one of the forums which are available. You can also write to your member of parliament, or to the papers in Toronto and Montreal. You can even talk to your friends.

If you don't do something, Quebec will leave. Then the geographically isolated Atlantic provinces may opt to join the United States. British Columbia and Alberta with its tar sands waiting to be developed may be next. How long would it take for Manitoba and Ontario to follow?

Economically, it would be the most rational approach, perhaps inevitable. However, we don't always choose as rationally as some people would like to think. Some of us are sentimental. We don't want to become the fifty-first state, nor do we want to see a national divorce. If the marriage between French and English isn't perfect, we're willing to work at it.

But don't expect anyone to pay alimony or be generous with the property settlement if there's a divorce, because some of us will be very hurt and very bitter.

Jay Bell
Student representative
on the Board of
Governors.

Spring pshaw

There goes Excalibur, jumping to conclusions again. Spring? Humbug.

Yours shivering,
Agnes Kruchio

Bethune did fund journal

In your editorial last week, "Colleges ignore magazine", you criticized the colleges for not funding Breakthrough, the York feminist magazine. You stated that Calumet was the only college contribute to Breakthrough, and that Stong was the only other college to even consider it.

I can almost understand why you didn't recognize that Bethune College had contributed \$100 as this was only done recently, except that this is mentioned in your front page story by Ted Mumford, "Atkinson clears debt for mag" ("With \$100 already pledged by the Bethune College Student Council")

Next time you write an editorial on a news story being carried in Excalibur, read the story first.

David Saltmarsh
Editor, Lexicon

On Campus

SPECIAL LECTURES

Today, 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - Communications and Interpersonal Relationships (CCE) "Dream Induction" with Sandra Collier - general admission \$6; \$4 for students - 107, Stedman

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Today, 8:00 p.m. - Piano Recital (Music) featuring Angelina Lam - F, Curtis

8:00 p.m. - Buffet - Disco (Chinese Student Association) tickets available in advance (from 110, Vanier) or at door for \$5.00 per person - Stong Dining Hall

Monday, 8 p.m. - Concert (Music) featuring the York Percussion Ensemble performing works by Reich, Benson and ensemble members - 019, Founders

Wednesday, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Concert (Music) 20th Century Music for the Spanish Guitar (Greg English) and South Indian Vocal Music (Norman Mohamid) - F, Curtis

8 p.m. - Winters College - Music Department Series - a concert of Indian Classical Music with Ron Winberger (sitar) and Neil Golden (tabla) - Senior Common Room, Winters

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Today, 2 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters

Friday, 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters

Sunday 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Tennis Club - Main Gym, Tait McKenzie

7:30 p.m. - Israeli Folk Dancing (Jewish Student Federation) - 202, Vanier

Monday, 1 p.m. - Akido Class - Judo Room, Tait McKenzie (also Wednesday, same time, location)

7, 8 and 9 p.m. - Yoga Class - instructor Axel Molema - 202, Vanier

7:30 p.m. - York Bridge Club - Vanier Dining Hall

Tuesday, 6 p.m. - Gay Alliance at York - 227 Bethune

Wednesday, 12 noon - 1 p.m. - Intermediate Yoga Class - Atkinson Common Room

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - York Christian Women's Fellowship - Religious Centre

6 p.m. - York Christian Fellowship - Religious Centre

8 p.m. - York Motorcycle Owners Association - Common Room, N.4 Assiniboine Road (1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month)

MISCELLANEOUS

Today, 12 noon - Non Denominational Worship Service - Religious Centre

12 noon - The Lord's Supper (Student Christian Movement) a non-denominational celebration; York Humanites Professor W. Coleman will speak - Religious Centre

Friday, 5 p.m. - Sabbath Services (Jewish Student Federation) - Religious Centre

Monday, 12 noon - Noon Mass - each Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Religious Centre

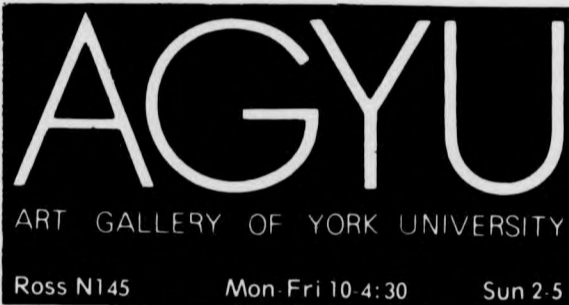
12 noon - Visual Art from the Bible - 223, Stong

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - President Macdonald at Glendon - for appointment call Mrs. Goodman at local - 2223 - President's Office, Glendon Hall

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Christian Counselling and Religious Consultation - call Chaplain Judt (226 Founders) at 661-7838 or 633-2158

10 a.m. - 12 noon - Religious Counselling - each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, call Rev. P. John Varghese at -3055-345, Stong

4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Music Department Open House - interested persons are invited to learn about the department's activities in performance, composition, music research and general music studies - features include: Baroque and Classical Chamber Ensembles; Jazz; Live Electronics; Creative Improvisation; Indian Ragas and Talas; plus a special performance of "The Beggar's Opera" - Bethune College (for further information call 3246)



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