

# editorial

## Radio York needs funding to build a greater voice

It's ironic that, while York is Canada's third largest university, our resident radio station, Radio York, is among the most poorly funded stations in the country. It is also, because of its funding problem, one of the only stations at a major university that doesn't broadcast off campus.

Carleton, Ryerson and Queen's radio station all have far larger operating budgets than does our own 'Voice of York University,' and all operate low power transmitters enabling them to reach into the cities they inhabit.

Unfortunately, our 'voice' hasn't been deemed very important by the local powers that be, so that Radio York not only isn't heard off campus, it's barely even heard on campus. You can only hear the station at areas such as the bearpits, some York pubs, and strangely, at *Excalibur*.

If Radio York is our voice, then our voice is puny indeed, and it won't become stronger without more funding.

Last year a Radio York opinion poll showed the students want a larger and more effective voice working for them in our community. That they support the station as an alternative to the purveyors of mainstream commercial pop and slop, and that they're willing to pay the \$2 levy requested by Radio York in support of that desire.

Hopefully our Board of Governors will accede to the will of York's student body and grant Radio York the funding they need to operate an effective, useful campus station. We need it, it would be a benefit to the community at large, and the volunteers that have worked so hard to build the station into a viable medium of student's tastes and concerns deserve it.



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## letters

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### Cartoon gambles with proctors (?)

Editor:  
Your Goldberg cartoon in the November 15th issue was mildly amusing but it misrepresents the purpose of the Library's "food police."

For the past few years Scott Library has employed proctors to assist in maintaining an environment conducive to study and research. Food, beverages, smoking and disruptive behavior are prohibited in the stack and study areas for obvious reasons.

We have also found that the number of petty thefts and acts of vandalism have been reduced since the initiation of this program.

I agree that minor infractions of the rules may seem trivial and a fair target for your cartoonist's barbs but I believe most of our users appreciate our efforts to provide one of the few on campus study areas free of debris and disturbances.

Should users of the Library discover a situation that disrupts their right to a quiet and clean study environment they should either voice their objections to the person or persons causing the disturbance or report the disturbance to a Library staff member.

—John A. Thomson  
Assistant Head,  
Circulation Dept.,  
Scott Library

### York should join the 'big boys'

Editor:  
In response to your "Editorial" (Vol. 19, Issue 11), regarding the formation of the new "Gang of Four."

The York Yeomen may be reveling in the "glory" of their wins this year but what has been neglected in this article is the past quality of competition in previous years.

How soon we forget that it was U of T and Queen's who made it to the provincial finals last year. (Where were the Yeomen?)

Are you suggesting that the academic standards of the institutions in question be lowered in order to compete in their respective leagues?

We agree that all universities should somehow be included in the same regional league. However, the proposed changes are to facilitate a revived spirit of rivalry among these universities.

It's hard to disregard the fact that last year, at the Canadian University finals, between the Calgary Dinosaurs and the Queen's Golden Gaels, 8,000 Queen's students (out of a student population of 10,000) came to Toronto to see the game.

Perhaps these universities' "similar philosophies" are those of school spirit and participation in inter-varsity athletics. (Tsk, tsk, to pathetic York fan turn-outs.)

The last paragraph should have read: Rather than York sulking about not being accepted with the 'big boys' they should fight for their inclusion within this group, and support the regional realignment of these teams to the ultimate end of an increased rivalry among all universities within Southern Ontario.

The question does not concern the quality of the individual athletic programmes of each institution, rather it involves the realignment of the divisions within the OUAA (that is Ontario).

—A.J. McDonald  
K. Knutson

### Sherman no vermin

Editor:  
In response to the two letters chastising Mr. Sherman for his *Godot* review, I have three things to say.

Firstly, it says very little for the drama-turges and the director if, in defending their play, they cannot agree whether mousse was used or not. This may seem a small point but it opens the question: did

the director and the dramaturge really cooperate (on the play's production)? Mr. Laws claims mousse was used and Mr. Prentice says no, it was oil and sawdust. Well boys, who's right?

Secondly, Mr. Laws' whining complaints seem to confirm that Mr. Sherman's remarks were painfully accurate. The points Mr. Sherman had to make were well, cleverly and neatly made.

Thirdly, would both Mr. Laws and Mr. Prentice wish all itty bitty wittle York productions to be molly cuddled by nice little reviewers? How degrading to the performers to have them treated like tender little flowers that must be nurtured.

Keep Mr. Sherman out there reviewing. It looks, from all the protestation, like he's telling the truth, and telling it with wit, style and raw humor. Terrific!

—Tim Blackmore



### Oops!

In last week's Polit Bureau article "Board to suspend pay of professors absent during recent CUEW strike," York University community was confused with the University administration. In the last paragraph of the article, Acting President Found said the university administration, not the university, will ensure that any professors who were absent during the strike would have their pay suspended.

The article "Fall term classes extended and December examinations postponed," on last week's front page, had a paragraph inserted inside another paragraph, splitting the latter in half. *Excalibur* regrets any confusion this layout error caused its readers.

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