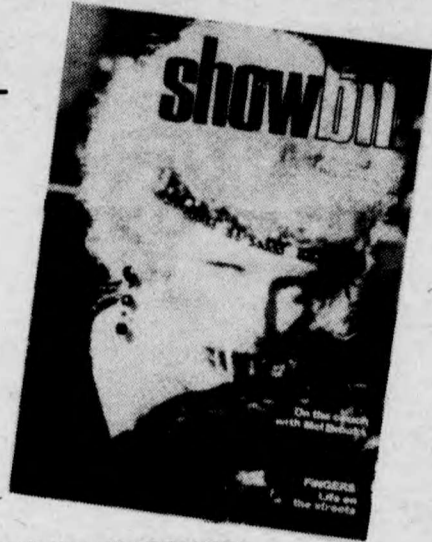


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requirement for the 1977-78 elections. As for your statement that Pinder last Friday, March 3, launched a protest that he was a member of Calumet, I did not make my decision invalidating him until Monday, March 6. No protest was received by me from Pinder on Friday, March 3.

The statements by Virginia Rock and Eric Winter about college membership are not strictly relevant to the inquiry I must make under the CYSF Election Resolution. I am bound to accept the Registrar's evidence at the date of the dispute as determinative of the issue of constituency membership. Pinder attended the March 1st meeting of Council and knew that it would be the Registrar's evidence which would be determinative in the event of a dispute as to membership in a constituency. He knew that this was a specific change from previous years and he was aware of this before the close of nominations.

The policy reason for changing to the Registrar's records at the last meeting of Council was that it is a central record and it should be the best evidence as to membership because the University would have an interest in ensuring its accuracy and recentness.

Virginia Rock's comments go to the question of relying on the Registrar's system which is only as good as the input it gets fed. I regret that a person with her position of authority would not have checked the facts in detail before making a public statement, but I appreciate she acted for the best of motives. I have spoken to Virginia Rock about her position on this matter and I pointed out to her that there was no issue of retroactivity involved in my decision to invalidate the Pinder nomination. She assured me that she would be making a statement to clarify her position.

Naturally Pinder dislikes the rules because they snare him. If he had exercised the same diligence as other candidates he would not have his problems which are confused and compounded by your reporting of the matter. Even though I have some resources as Chief Returning Officer I cannot undo the confusion and misinformation which your story created. I have tried by releasing my reasons for decision in

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the Pinder nomination matter but I feel that you are responsible for printing false information which could only confuse and inflame the election.

Garfield Payne
CYSF Chief Returning Officer

Hysteria whipped up-Forrest

The Zionists and their supporters, through the "Letters" section of *Excalibur*, are still trying to whip up anti-communist hysteria against Marxism-Leninism, against the York Student Movement (YSM) and its supporters and against me.

Letters by Linley and Harris (Jan. 26 and Feb. 2), following in the footsteps of the malicious political, social and academic persecution carried out against me by the university administration headed by President Macdonald, put forward the lie that I assaulted York university students on Nov. 4 and 18. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

In fact, it was a student who, on Nov. 4, disrupted an important meeting organized by the YSM against state-organized racist attacks and was ejected for this and it was the Zionists and their supporters who, on Nov. 18, disrupted the YSM literature table and assaulted the YSM literature sellers.

Professor T.A. Heinrich in his letter of Feb. 2 also spreads the same lie as Linley and Harris. One has to ask why Professor Heinrich, a supposed responsible and truth-seeking member of the York academic community, would make these statements without investigating the facts. What interests does he/she have in being a propagandist for the university administration in their campaign of malicious political, social and academic persecution of me?

Perhaps it is his/her anti-communism for Professor Heinrich goes on to attack Marxism-Leninism saying it is opposed to democracy. He/she completely exonerates the actions of the university administration and the Zionists and even goes so far as to claim they are the protectors of democracy.

This attempt by Professor Heinrich to mystify the fact that in Canada democracy exists only for the rich minority and to whitewash the real criminals shows to what extent this "professor" is prepared to go to prettify reaction and the suppression of democratic rights here at York and in Canada.

The Zionists have also been parading as champions of democracy by raising a phoney "human rights" issue concerning the Soviet Union, an imperialist and fascist country. This was done in order to hide the real fact that the Zionists were the ones who trampled upon democratic rights here at York and that the Israeli Zionists daily trample upon the democratic rights of the Palestinian people.

Jeffrey Goodman Forest
Note: Copies of my pamphlet "My

Case Against the Political, Social and Academic Persecution" are available from Information York, Ross Building.

Track omissions

I would like to respond to Elaine Weeks' letter ("Track story vexes") in the March 9 issue of *Excalibur*. As author of the original story, I feel compelled to write this letter.

I agree with Elaine's comments. What I take exception to is the Editor's note following the letter. Its comments are erroneous to say the least.

His statement that "none of the story concerning the women's team was cut" is false. It was noted that the designation of other members of the 2x200 metre relay team was "omitted by the typesetter". This was not the only part omitted.

Elaine Weeks placed fourth in the long jump; Margot Wallace was fifth in the 600 metres; Evelyn Brenhouse was sixth in the 50 metre hurdles. These results were all included in my original story and yet they were omitted from the published version.

With reference to: the men's events, the editor chopped out Steve Caws placing fourth in the high jump (a new Varsity record); the 4x400 metre relay team of Hilton Devlin, Derrick Jones, Mike Housley and myself, setting a new Varsity record in a fifth place finish; as well as the 6th place finish of the 4x200 metre relay team of Joe Parolini, Hilton Devlin, Mike Housley and myself.

My reason for including the top six finishers by the York team was simple: Each finish in the top six of any event earns valuable points for the University in the team standings. It is for this reason that I feel all top six performances should be duly noted.

To point out yet another cut, I had also included in my story an exceptional seventh place finish by Derrick Jones in the 1500 metres. To show just how fast this race was, the Canadian indoor record was broken, and an Olympic semi-finalist could do no better than second.

As Elaine pointed out, the track team deserves a great deal of recognition from the University we don't get it. With only fifteen competitors (6 women, 9 men,) in the Ontario indoor championships we still managed to pull off a third in the women's standings and a fourth in the men's. This despite the fact that normal sized teams have 12 women and 20 men.

The recognition we seek can only come about it seems through the extensive coverage of our sport in *Excalibur*. The men's swim team also finished third in their Ontario championships, but look at the difference in the amount of coverage they get. Come on *Excalibur*, we need your help, not your scissors!

If, in future, *Excalibur* is going to contradict statements made in letters to the editor, I suggest that they get their facts right.

Andy Buckstein

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