

more letters

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Reader has had it

Editor:
I have had it with *Excalibur*. After reading the February 23 issue I was finally prompted to write this letter. As a full and part-time student of York I have suffered through several years of this dismal publication, each issue somehow worse than the last.

I could comment on the interest levels which most of your articles generate for me, an average apolitical, apathetic student, but I won't. I could comment on the general layout and format of *Excalibur*, but I won't. I could comment on the tiresome cartoons which you feature, those disturbed ravings accompanied by pre-school artwork, but I won't. I could comment on the depth of your editorial comments, but I won't. The reason why I will not expound on the above is that perhaps they reflect my personal opinion of your paper—one which may or may not be shared by a majority of the York community. I am sure there are many students and faculty members who perceive *Excalibur* to be an exemplary example of modern journalism. (I could comment on the intellectual astuteness of these students and faculty members, but I won't).

My criticism is directed towards the numerous typographical and grammatical errors which literally choke each of your issues. For the record, the February 23rd issue contained at least 23 typographical errors, three irregularities in typesetting, and a number of instances of incorrect or poor grammar. Three of these errors appeared in your lead story on page 1, while page 14 contained a total of eight typographical errors, five of which appeared in a single article. Perhaps the most telling error is that which appeared in *Excalibur's* own advertisement on page 8. (I hope you find the "photographers" you are looking for). Whose fault is this, anyway?

I suggest that the editor is responsible, rather

than the staff, since by definition an editor is, "one who prepares the work of others for publication." If Mr. Pawlyshyn can be satisfied with such a carelessly edited paper, one which cannot compare with other student newspapers in terms of professionalism, then I guess that the York community will have to be satisfied, too.

I, for one, will read *Excalibur* only until I see my letter published, and only then to see if Mr. Pawlyshyn has had the fortitude to print some honest criticism of his work.

—P.E.C. Brendon

Editor's note: *Excalibur* relies on a volunteer staff. Rather than complain, we suggest that P.E.C. Brendon join us for proofreading on our production nights (Wednesdays).

Exam screwups

Editor:
The indecisions in the University administration over the scheduling of the April examinations will not have escaped the attention of students. It seems that when, in Spring 1983, they issued the 1983-84 schedule of university dates, they failed to observe what was even then obvious to the most casual observer, namely that the proliferation of religious non-exam days this April had so seriously eroded the available time period that it was clear that some adjustment would be needed. So they announced at the end of November that exams would begin on Friday April 13 instead of the following Monday.

Early in February they changed their minds again and announced an examination period for April 10 to May 4. When they finally published a timetable at the end of February, several examinations were scheduled on Passover, so they had to rush around again to bring out corrections.

Underfunding, overenrollment, and lack of computer literacy has got them rattled. Isn't it about time that everyone got their act together? The middle administration of this university seems to be living from hand to mouth when it comes to routine housekeeping operations like exam timetables, classroom allocations, replacing

burned-out lighting, or keeping copying machines in order. Students contribute to the chaos by turning up late to enroll in bulging classes, and by trying to switch courses and sections three or four weeks into the term, often for the most trivial reasons. The Faculty Association continues to foster mediocrity by insisting that everyone is "equally meritorious," and faculty committees lash out wildly when criticized.

Fortunately I believe there are still people in this university who have not given up the fight against deterioration in facilities, conditions and standards. Hopefully the rot can be stopped.

—Dennis Russell

Angel from heaven

Editor:
As your continuing Board of Governors student member, I have had the opportunity to speak to many York students recently, as I have been campaigning for Oreit Angel, a Board of Governors candidate.

While I hope you will favor Ms. Angel, please show your concern in any event by voting on March 14th and 15th, next Wednesday and Thursday.

When you do vote, it is important to vote for a candidate who will truly represent students, not just themselves.

Your student leader should have fresh ideas and drive in order to carry out the plans they have made.

Lastly, in terms of the Board position, you should be voting for a student member who will be able to work closely with the existing student.

As an informed student and Board of Governors member, I'll be voting for Oreit Angel because of her experience this year working in Faculty of Arts Council and her previous employment experience.

As a mature student her efforts, I believe, will benefit all students at the Board level. I hope you will vote with me on election day.

—Martin Zarnett
Board of Governors Member



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A. I look good in blue.
B. My grandmother was a cop.
C. I like free coffee and doughnuts.
2. When cornering a suspect, you should:
A. Shout, "Hold it right there!"
B. Say, "Go ahead, make my day."
C. Sing, "I Got You, Babe."
3. Your I.Q. is between:
A. 125-175
B. 75-125
C. Don't understand the question.
4. Why must police officers be quick thinkers?
A. True.
B. Both.
C. Let me get back to you.
5. Your all-time favorite Policeman is:
A. Pepper Anderson.
B. Sting.
C. Adam Twelve.
6. If you saw a crime in progress, you would:
A. Run.
B. Hide in your patrol car.
C. Join in.
7. I would like to carry a badge because:
A. It's shiny.
B. It's real shiny.
C. Boy, it's shiny.
8. What do you say to a cold-blooded killer?
A. "Freeze!"
B. "Spread 'em, dead meat!"
C. "Let's do lunch."
9. The police officer's motto is:
A. To protect and to serve.
B. Who loves ya, baby?
C. I ♥ arresting people.
10. The only thing better than seeing "POLICE ACADEMY" is:
A. Seeing "POLICE ACADEMY" again.
B. Sex.
C. Sex while seeing "POLICE ACADEMY".

STOP. This is the end of the exam.



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