

Letters to the Editor

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Amazed at Steacie for the red tape

Sir:
As a new graduate student at York, I am somewhat amazed at library red tape. A student returning an overdue book is not supposed to pay his fine upon returning the borrowed material, but is to await a bill.
I recently received a bill for 15¢ since "BE 22.H34" was returned a day late. The bill arrived 11 days after the alleged date of return. The bill did not state the author or title of the book, only the call number.

Perhaps my intellect is limited, but I can't remember the call number of each borrowed book and neither can I remember the date I return each borrowed book. Is it to be assumed that the library billing system is errorless? My husband

received several overdue notices for books he had returned before the due date.

Shall one pay out nonetheless? Or shall he forfeit his right to his grade reports over a library bill of 15¢.

The following suggestions are offered to the red taper of Steacie:
1. Don't waste computer time, human pay hours, paper and postage to send a bill for 15¢.

2. Have fines paid upon return of book and offer a discount for payment upon return. Wouldn't such a plan be less expensive for all concerned?

Mrs. M. F.

A correction, an acceptance

Sir:

Last week 'Shades of Green' ran an article entitled 'Excaliburians Unite'. Unfortunately an error

occurred between the writing and printing of this article. The portion "censors what you read" was incomplete. The correct version was "censors what you read or don't read".

Also the choice of the word 'censors' was extremely unfortunate because of the ambiguity with which it has been received. I regret if interpretation of this word resulted in unforeseen implications regarding the character of the editorial staff. The point to be made however is that EXCALIBUR in its weekly selection of material (hence what you read or don't read) has produced a newspaper that is predominantly radical in nature. I reaffirm my position that such a criteria for selection is not representative of this university and should be altered.

In conclusion, York Green Committee accepts EXCALIBUR's invitation to detail our criteria for a university newspaper. Hopefully this examination will be run in EXCALIBUR and 'Shades of Green' early in the new year.

James Bull
York Green Committee

Trots talk about municipal campaign

Sir:

Let the students be heard on the Board of Education. That is the challenge of the Young Socialists' campaign for Toronto Board of Education.

The Young Socialists are running a unique campaign. The eight candidates and the campaign workers are all students and the campaign is largely directed at students, even though most don't have the vote because they are discriminated against.

The Young Socialists are running to fill the gap left by the New Democratic party's decision not to field candidates for Board of Education. Along with the League for Socialist Action's campaign for mayor and three aldermanic posts, and the NDP's campaign for the other aldermanic posts, the Young Socialists are presenting the challenge of a working class administration in city hall.

The YS campaign is for an end to big business control of the educational system. The campaign leaflet being distributed to high school and university students in the five wards being contested states:

"How many times have we heard from teachers... Just try talking back to an employer and see what happens'? The lack of democracy in the school trains us for the lack of democracy we will face at work. We think democracy should be more than a word in a textbook. We call for student and staff control of all aspects of education..."

"The schools don't help us change the world because they are run in the interests of those who want to maintain the present system. The school board acts to protect the interests that really control this society—the big monopoly corporations. We say that the schools should be run in the interests of the majority of the population—the working people. Our school system should be a center for social awareness and a base for social change. Kick big business off the Board of Education and out of city hall!"

The Young Socialists are taking their campaign directly to the students. They have written to all the high schools in the five wards asking that arrangements be made for them to address the students but have received no reply. Where they are not allowed to speak in the schools, the candidates will soap box outside. Meetings are also being arranged on University of Toronto and at community colleges.

The candidates have announced that they will hold a demonstration at University of Toronto Schools, in protest against that institution discriminatory character. UTS is an exclusive boys'-school financed by public money through the university.

All the candidates are well qualified.

Harry Kopyto (former student at Osgoode Law School), Ward 2, has participated in student politics as a socialist since he was 14—eight years. Dennis Lomas, also Ward 2, was president of the University of Alberta Young Socialist Club last year, and currently an active Young Socialist at York University. He is also an editorial board member of Young Socialist Forum.

Joan Campana, Ward 3, is the circulation manager of Young Socialist Forum, an active participant in the U of T Young Socialists. Ken Wolfson is currently active in the Young Socialists at U of T.

Joe Young, the YS candidate in Ward 5, is known across Canada for his outstanding role in building the Canadian anti-war movement. He is the past executive secretary

of the Vietnam Mobilization Committee and is now the Toronto organizer of the Young Socialists. He also was a former student of York University and has his degree from here.

Jacque Henderson, Ward 7, is the executive secretary of the Young Socialists/Ligue des Jeunes Socialistes.

Ellie Kirzner is known by students at the University of Toronto. David Olson is a student at York University where he is a leading member of the Young Socialist club and an activist in the anti-war movement. David and Ellie are Young Socialist candidates in Ward 8.

At a Nov. 10 meeting of the Brown Home and School Association, for Ward 5 and Ward 11 Board of Education candidates Joe Young said; Vietnam is an overriding issue in this campaign. The schools must teach the truth about U.S. aggression in Vietnam and Canada's complicity in this crime. I challenge all the Board of Education candidates here to come with me to the Board of Education meeting this Thursday and demand that they call a moratorium on Friday and turn the schools over to discussion on the war in Vietnam."

The campaign meetings of the Young Socialists successful so far. Some meetings have really uncovered the need for a more meaningful education, better use of school facilities, discussion of drugs in schools. The candidates that will probably win the actual vote have no answer to these questions at all. The Young Socialists hope to educate students and workers through this campaign by clearly posing the working class and student alternative to the present big business, monopoly-dominated Board of Education.

Jacque Henderson
Young Socialists



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