

Excalibur should research its "over-printing"

Dear Editor:

I congratulate you on doubling your output to twice a week. However, I would like to bring to your attention an unfortunate consequence of this. Doubling the number of issues of *Excalibur* means double the amount of wasted issues. I have noted in many of the buildings I frequent hundreds of copies of *Excalibur* go unread. At each drop off spot the next issue of *Excalibur* is out before the supply of the last issue is exhausted.

I don't know that you haven't reduced the number of *Excaliburs* printed once already, but I would like to suggest that currently there are too many printed. If you have not already, you should consider doing some research into the volume of papers you need to print. Ideally, all copies of any issue of *Excalibur* at all the drop off points should have been taken by readers before or by the time the next issue is delivered.

Over-printing wastes paper and creates unnecessary garbage. Consequently this makes

the school look a mess, makes the students look like slobs and had a discouraging effect on the moral of students and their pride in the school.

Sincerely,
Thomas Bergeron
Graduate student,
Film & Video, MBA

Excalibur throws out old papers

Question to the Editor:

Is there a more productive way of dealing with old issues of your newspaper than throwing them in the garbage can closest to the pick-up box?

In recent weeks, I have been noticing that stacks of old *Excalibur* newspapers (usually 20 or more) are being thrown out by those responsible for distributing the latest issue. I have seen this at various locations around campus, so it is not an isolated incident. In fact, one of your staff distributing newspapers in Central Square, instead of disposing the old issues in one garbage can, threw a few in each can along the way. I guess he was

conscious of the environmental taboo of his actions and was trying to make it less noticeable.

At any rate, these are times of great environmental concern and I think *Excalibur* should also be concerned about what happens to left-over newspapers.

Environmentally yours,
Dave McMillan

P.S. This does not imply that other campus newspapers are not guilty of similar indiscretions, it may not be as noticeable.

Upset with mascots, student votes pterodactyl

Dear Rodent Officer:

I am writing this letter, and enclosing my ballot, to protest the shoddy practices of *Excalibur* and yourself in regards to this year's Official *Excalibur* Mascot Elections.

First off, why it is referred to in the plural ("elections") when there is only going to be one election? Is this some sort of plot to slip some referendum unannounced onto the ballot (probably something hibernation related)?

Secondly, I notice that there are

no dinosaurs in the running this year, even though they have always traditionally represented the ideals of university, something generally reflected in the newspapers on campus (even if they sometimes pretend to be hot-blooded mammals in reaction to the administration. I've always wondered about the editors).

And thirdly, I think everyone is making too much of an issue of hibernation this year. It wasn't a big issue in the past, and I think it is only being used as a smoke-screen for the real issue on campus: mass extinctions (see also point two above).

It is for that reason that I am casting my vote for a write-in can-

didate who, although he did not survive to see the dawn of the Tertiary period (the late Cretaceous being a tough time for everybody), would have served *Excalibur* well as a mascot if he was more than a fossil today. He combined the ability to soar high over the much of political elections with the cool-blooded nature to remain calm in the face of journalistic crises. And his name is hard to spell, making him easy to ridicule.

Therefore, I hereby cast by ballot for Pterodactyl as new *Excalibur* Mascot.

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The sextant is mis-shapen

And the compass is mistaken.

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