

Editorial

Maybe we should have run last week's editorial . . .

It is our last issue and we sit racking our brains for a good idea for our final editorial.

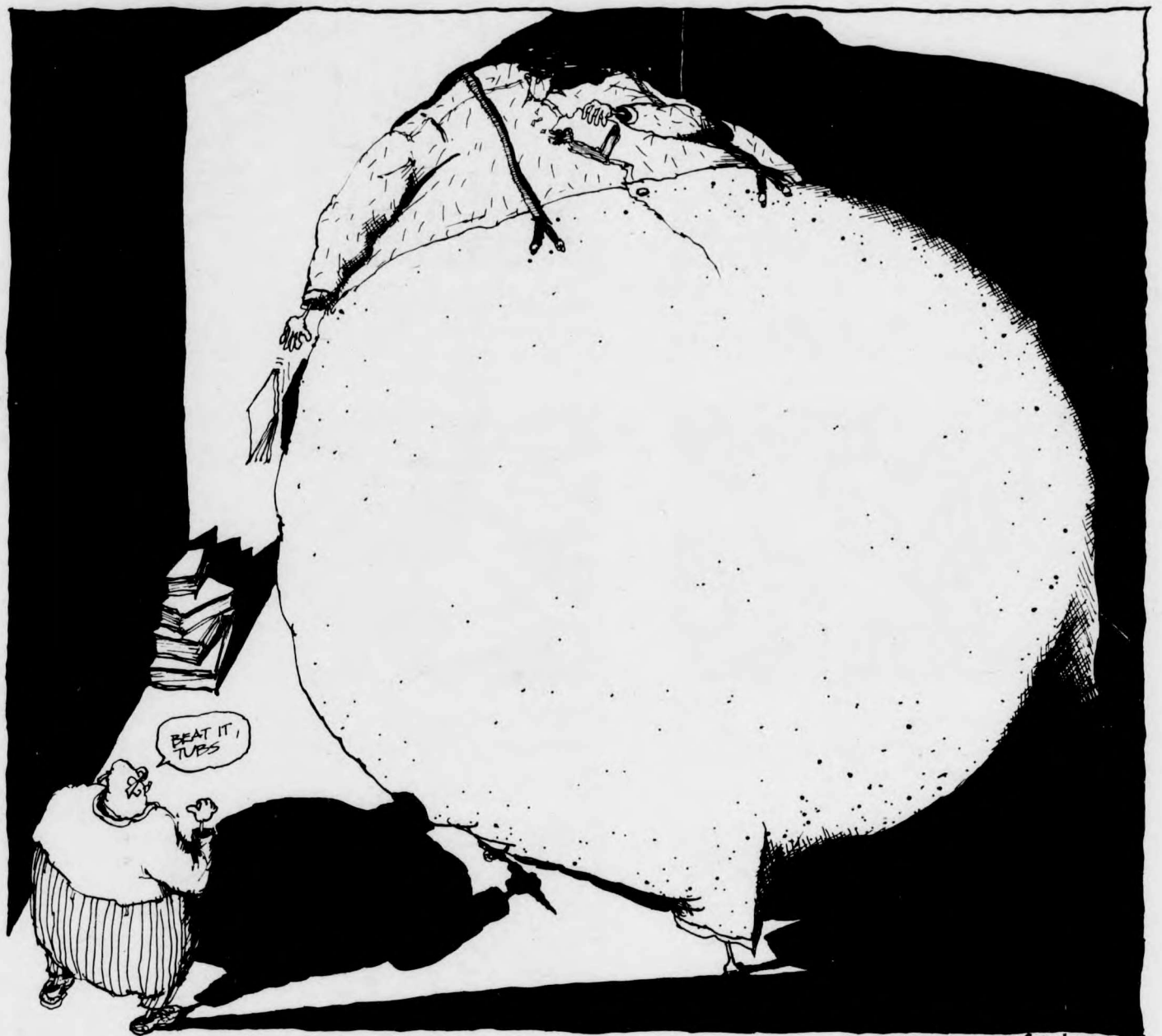
Suddenly an idea. We rush for our top secret "Nick File" in which we have stashed a year's worth of memories: bad stories and other special trash.

Surely the Nick File, overflowing as it is with the great rantings and ravings of the year, will hold the answer. We feast our eyes on page after page of York propaganda literature flogging to death the word "excellence" as it strives to make words speak louder than deeds in an effort to build York's reputation. We think back to the "Excellence in a Democratic Society" debate in September where the heads of three of the most reputable universities in the world spent a pleasant hour agreeing on everything. The wine and cheese was excellent.

Deeper in the Nick file we find a rash of CYSF trash. Should we or shouldn't we editorialize about Chief Returning Officer Marshall Golden's petty partisanship during this year's sham elections, and his feud with John Christie, who almost made this year's elections a waste of time for everybody? No, frankly because we're tired of student politics at York. And the Provost of Guelph University will soon arrive in shining armor to save us from it.

And so the Nick File turns out not to be such a bag of laughs after all.

Suddenly we realize that we should have saved last week's editorial on the Faculty Club for our last issue. But it's too late. We ran it last week. Darn.



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Letters

The power of the printed word

Editor:

Re: York student government should represent students and avoid party affiliation.

As Mr. Symons so aptly stated this year's elections "will have to go down in the books as the dullest of all time"; his opinion about CYSF in a state of "overwhelming apathy" deserves some discussion. Symons would appear to expect that every election consists of multitudes of excitement. Yet, as in all politics, some years are not as flurried as others.

The state of CYSF depends ultimately on students who are able to develop ideas and follow through with projects concerning the overall welfare of York. In retort to Symons distaste with the 'slate system' of campaigning for elections, one must take into account the true integrity of each candidate regardless of his/her affiliation to a particular 'state.' Economically speaking, slate campaigning is an affordable and time-conserving idea. Every one-time, would-be politician knows the expenses of printing and endless hours of sticking and stapling what would appear to be an infinite number of campaign posters.

Symons is obsessed with mixing the politics of York University to that of our country's government. It is absurd to think that our University will become a "microcosm of provincial and federal politics." Some truth is prevalent in Symon's article regarding party affiliation, however to insinuate that one candidate may be a "card carrying conservative" as opposed to a land loving liberal,

is suggestive of candidate preference and political propaganda. Moreover, if Symons is worried about a group dominating our government he should look to his own backyard. Although their campaigns were run independently; Chang-foot and Blink may constitute a group too.

As we are all aware of the power of the printed word, maybe Symons should stay away from student politics and stick to student studies.

Karin Barry

Student defies Faculty Club ban

Editor:

In regards to your editorial last week concerning the now "off limits" Faculty Club, I strongly agree with you. It is time for York students to stand up and fight for what should be theirs to share with faculty/staff. If student-paid funds are used to operate the Faculty Club, there is absolutely no reason, I see, for we students to be banned from the area.

The generalizations made by those banning the students are incomprehensible. How can one honestly say that the students that use the Faculty Club only to drink coffee and bother the professors! The times I have gone, I have seen the majority of the area occupied by students eating—not just drinking coffee!! In fact, before writing this letter, I discussed the matter with several professors and TAs from different subject areas. All those I talked to agreed that the majority of patrons they have seen in there were students and that they were never bothered by them!

Looking from another point of view: if

one had the choice between eating in, say, Founders Dining Hall and the Faculty Club, one would certainly choose the Faculty Club if not for the lack of cockroaches then for the superior food.

With all this in consideration, I still will go to the Faculty Club (despite the ban) whenever I want, or whenever I can afford it.

Glenn Gray

Symons' attack on PCs 'cowardly'

Editor:

In response to Gary Symons article ("York student government should represent students and avoid party affiliation," April 3, 1986), we object strongly against Mr. Symons accusations, concerning the participation of York's PC's in the CYSF elections.

Although we too are not necessarily in favour of the slate-approach to CYSF elections, we do encourage all students, regardless of party affiliation to participate in student government.

Taking into account the strong socialist presence at York University, is it unreasonable that some non-socialists should have their views represented as well? or do we support the suppression of the minority.

Furthermore, Gary Symons cowardly attack on all members of the York Conservative Campus Association is shameful. Why not attack those people who slate elections by name, and name only, and leave out their "so-called" party affiliation.

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