

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity
—Lord Acton

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No Female Streakers

Women regress into bunny mold activism declines

Instead of asserting themselves and denouncing the paternalistic attitudes still blatant in this society, many women on this campus seem to be regressing into the bunny mold designed by Hugh Hefner and cronies Inc.

The platform-heeled women in Central Square seem to show little concern for women's issues and many have reacted violently against the feminist movement. Perhaps they have been saturated with the "bra-burning" stories often covered by the news media.

But, more importantly, women have forgotten about other women, avoiding solidarity with, and the friendship of, their own sex. Demands for equal opportunity and better wages have been waylaid in the search for more glamorous pastimes.

What has happened to the concerned women on campus?
Have they all graduated?

Four years ago York women turned out en masse to object to the strip contest being held by Founders College. Last year, there was a woman's group on campus. This year, there wasn't even a coffee-klatch. Women aren't even objecting to potentially sexist material in Excalibur anymore.

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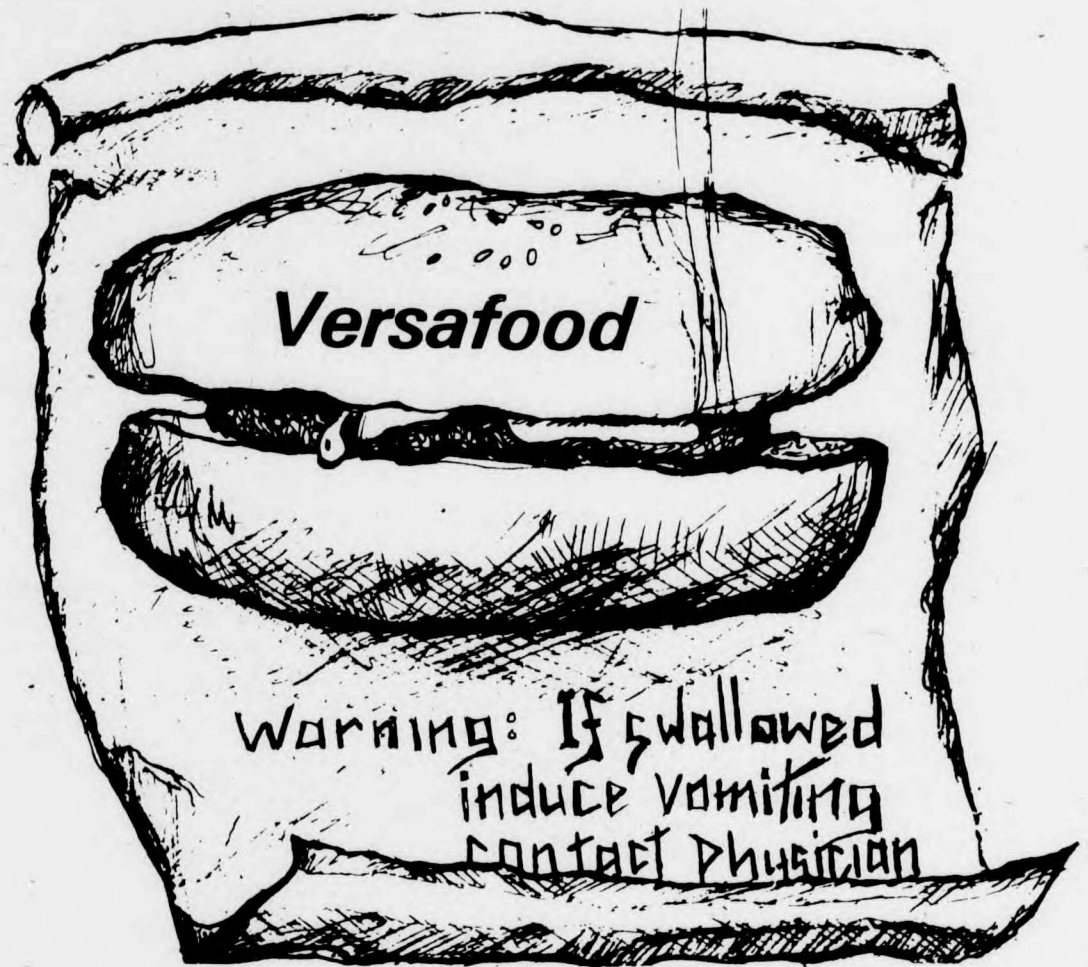
While the election of a woman to the presidency of CYSF may seem like a giant step forward, the president-elect shows only a mild concern with women's issues. She intends to be more of a co-ordinator than an instigator. She feels that simply by setting an example other women will follow suit. This just doesn't happen, as a rule.

The fact that there is a woman big-wig in the CYSF is indeed a good sign. It means that men are beginning to accept women in positions of authority. But there is still a lot more ground to cover. For instance, where the hell are all the female streakers? Or are some women just too shy to demand equal opportunity?

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Researchers should respect student privacy and dignity

York's faculty of education has been accused recently of asking applicants a lot of very personal, nosy questions. The dean passes off this practice as merely collecting research material that may not be used for four years.

Applicants, he says, don't have to fill out the biographical sheet, and even if they do they don't have to answer all the questions.

The issue, though, is not the optional nature of the questionnaire but its intent.

Once again, unsuspecting students are being used as guinea pigs, without knowing the real nature of the

behavioural research in which they are so intimately involved.

For all we know, the research may be vital to the future success or failure of the human race, but somehow we doubt it. Surely, there are enough students willing to participate — as volunteer subjects (or paid if necessary) — in these thesis-hunting affairs.

Researchers must stop using students as captive subjects in their little games. Personal privacy and dignity are too precious to be treated with such disregard.

Ode to spring: A streaker named desire

To quote an old adage badly, March at York comes in like a lion and out like a scribble.

The latest university craze seems to be just as contagious in Canada as it has been in our southern neighbourhood. Streakers have struck four or five times already this week. Perhaps the "classiest" streak of this young season took place Monday night, when a band of naked youths scurried through the latest Board of Governors meeting. The collected audience was rather amused. Walter Gordon, university chancellor, commented to an Excalibur reporter that his only complaint with the display was that it was too discriminatory; there weren't any female streakers.

The most unusual streak took place last week when two male students dashed up and down the stair-wells in the Ross building, clad only in burlap loincloths. When asked by an onlooker what their motivation was for their action, the two replied, "We did it for a chaff." Needless to say, they were probably most successful.

THEORIES, THEORIES

The resident sociologists and psychologists are busy with this latest opportunity to explain deviant social behaviour. Socially acceptable exhibitionism, symbolic public masturbation, social criticism of a repressive society; these and other explanations have been pouring forth ever since the first bare bottom bobbed down our blessed corridors.

Even Marshall McLuhan offered his two

bits, explaining streaking as youth's reaction to Watergate, an attempt to "bare all the facts." If Congress succeeds in Nixon's impeachment, we may end up seeing a president stripped of more than his powers.

As quickly as it came, this modern version of "swinging in the rain" is bound to go. Public public display has had its day.

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Rugby festival is invaded by the basketball team. Here, an ace player breaks in for a lay-up unimpeded by clothing, but misses.

This surplus of springtime energy seems to manifest itself in other ways. Perhaps exam and essay pressures are starting to show their effect on York students. The regular tide of campus neurotics should soon be reaching a peak. Security even reported a student arriving at the missing articles office last week. He wanted to find himself, we were told, and the charter flights to Europe were getting just too expensive.

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Now that the latest set of council elections are completed, the new representatives must devote full attention to the lack of on-campus amusement. Streaking now hopefully behind us, there remains a vacuum for students to direct all this new found energy.

Projects abound. There's still plenty of grass that hasn't been paved or trod into oblivion, though rumour has it that the situation is being rectified. And what about those malfunctioning elevators; there must be at least two or three left in commission. But leave it to those energetic resident students to take care of that. And of course there must be at least half a dozen objects that aren't bolted down with twelve inch spikes, for those frolicking few with the sticky touch.

Ah, the joys of spring. Combine sunshine with a little university education and look at the results. Streaking, smashing, stealing, generally just a good old time.

I can hardly wait till the province extends university entrance universally.