

Excalibur

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

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Of Claire Hoy and Body Politic

Claire Hoy must be happy.

The *Toronto Sun* columnist and anti-gay crusader, who devotes every second column he writes these days to long-winded rants against the evils of homosexuality, has seen his efforts finally come to fruition.

The offices of the *Body Politic*, Canada's monthly voice of the gay community, were raided by Toronto police last month, 12 crates of documents carted off, and three of its officers slapped with criminal charges for "using the mails to distribute obscene literature."

In fact, Hoy is probably not only happy, but positively delirious at the news that the raid will probably delay publication of the next issue of *BP*, if not jeopardize *BP*'s existence altogether.

The issue will be delayed because in the crates confiscated by Toronto's finest were all the articles for the next issue. No one knows exactly what relevance the articles have to the charges laid against the *BP* officers.

The charges concern an article in the December - January issue entitled *Men loving Boys loving Men*, dealing with the sexual experiences between four men and their boy lovers.

Like the *BP*, *Excalibur* does not take a position on the question of

sex between adults and those below the age of consent. We are not counselling that every York student go out and find a boy lover.

We do take a position on freedom of the press and freedom of expression. The *BP* has the right to print that article, they have the right to open up a discussion on children's sexuality.

And the way in which the raid was carried out and the charges laid makes us wonder whether the *BP* was really raided in order to press obscenity charges, or just in order to harass and intimidate *BP* and the gay community it represents and maybe — if they're lucky — close the magazine down.

Consider these facts.

- Among the papers the police took were the *BP*'s subscription list. They claim they need it to prove that *BP* went through the mails. Well, all they had to do was ask *BP* or the Post Office. It's not classified information that *BP* subscriptions go through the mails. The only possible reason for taking the list is to intimidate *BP* subscribers and potential subscribers. The list is probably the biggest there is of gays and lesbians in Canada. It might make a gay person who is still in the closet think twice before subscribing

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to *BP*, knowing that his-her name might end up in police files.

- The seizure of subscription lists and articles for *BP*'s next issue will cut off their main source of income: publishing their journal. Court costs won't help it to keep publishing either.

- The first charges laid against the *BP* were for having for sale two

books; *The Joy of Gay Sex* and *The Joy of Lesbian Sex*. The police had to forget that approach when it was pointed out to them that most of the major retail book chains also sell those books. They would have had to charge Coles, Classics and W.H. Smith along with the *BP*.

- Pink Triangle Press, a publishing firm associated with *BP*, was

eventually charged for selling the book *Loving Man*. All this means, however, is that there is bad communication between the municipal cops and the federal government. Ottawa customs had screened that book when it came into Canada, and had *not* declared it obscene or immoral or indecent or whatever.

It almost seems that the police and whoever is giving them orders, are casting about for an excuse, any excuse, to get *BP* and its associates convicted on some charge, any charge.

There has been mounting pressure on the Ontario government and the Attorney - General's office to include sexual orientation in the Human Rights Code. That would, on paper anyway, bar discrimination in any form against homosexuals.

Now we'd hate to imply that the raid on the *BP* and the bad press for the gay community it has generated have occurred just to give the attorney - general an excuse for not amending the human rights code. But if he had wanted an out, this is pretty convenient....

Claire Hoy notwithstanding, the *Excalibur* staff has voted to endorse *BP*'s statement of concern which goes as follows:

"If one article, printed in a journal that has been publishing regularly for six years, can result in search - and - seizures that jeopardize the continued existence of that journal, then freedom of the press in this country is at best a fragile and tentative concept.

We deplore the action of the attorney-general in authorizing a search warrant that allowed seizure of a range of materials far beyond the evidence requirements of the charges in question, effectively punishing the newspaper before it has ever been tried for any crime. We urge the Attorney - General to review this matter personally, with the understanding that the free expression of controversial ideas is a cornerstone of a free society."

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Dear Sir,

Our Faculty of Law is very keen to recruit law teachers. I should be very grateful if you could bring this fact to the attention of your students who are undertaking Masters and Doctorate degree courses. We have vacancies for Lecturers.

Our salary scales at Makerere University are as follows:

Basic Salary Scales (Shs. p.a.)

PROFESSOR:	66,000 x 3,000 to 72,000 to 76,000.
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR:	56,000 x 1,650 to 64,250 x 1,750 to 66,000.
SENIOR LECTURER:	42,900 x 1,900 to 44,800 x 1,600 to 48,000 x 2,640 to 58,560.
LECTURER:	31,440 x 1,140 to 34,860 x 1,260 to 38,640 x 1,380 to 41,440 x 1,500 to 42,900 x 1,900 to 44,800 x 1,600 to 48,000 x 2,640 to 53,280.
ASSISTANT LECTURER:	23,700 x 960 to 24,660 x 1,260 to 25,920 x 1,080 to 29,160 x 1,140 to 34,860.

1) The point of entry to the appropriate scale is determined by the Council.

2) Increments will be granted automatically, save where an efficiency bar is due to be passed, and will become effective on the 1st July, provided a member has served six months prior to that date.

In addition generous expatriate allowances are paid plus subsidised housing, free medical attention, air passage for employee and his family, etc. Interested candidates may in the first instance write to the undersigned directly.

Yours sincerely,

Abraham Kiapi
Professor Abraham Kiapi
Dean of the Faculty of Law.

Going Going Gonzo

• Osgoode students take note: Tired of the intemperate climes of Downsview? Is life boring? Want a change? Well, the tropical surroundings of Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda are just for you.

A recent reduction in the size of the faculty at the college of law there has lead the Dean of Law (and only remaining professor) to search far and wide for suitable replacements.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee composed of His Excellency, Field Marshall Dr. Idi Amin Dada, V.C., V.D., President for Life and Grand Wazoo.

Remuneration will be as described in the above letter, in the unique Ugandan foreign exchange currency of "Shs. p.a.", which may be loosely translated as "life credits". Accumulation of one million Shs. p.a. will entitle the faculty member to leave intact.

-from *Obiter Dicta*, the Osgoode weekly

Makerere University was among Africa's finest schools before Amin began his purge of intellectuals in 1972, when Makerere's vice-chancellor was murdered by Idi's killer squads. Most of its academic staff has since fled, and the university is not but a shadow of its former self.

Refugees from Uganda consistently report that university students are routinely murdered by the army. Last year, it was reported that 700 students were killed at Makerere during a protest against the Amin regime.

•Everybody's doing the lottery rag these days, including the student's union at the University of Waterloo. With tickets a buck apiece, first prize in the Watalotto will be a full year's tuition....

• Reckless spending of the month dept: Laurentian U's Intercollege Hockey Tournament is the biggest intramural invitational in the province. So it's not surprising to learn that Vanier college council is dishing out \$1200 of their students' money to send 20 puckers to the tourney.

Actually, it is surprising when one considers that Glendon Students' Union is giving their team only \$200, and the Calumet General Meeting and Master's office are each expending \$175 for theirs.

The team at Stong are raising the \$800 they need for the competition themselves, with a maximum of \$50 coming from the college government.

When one thinks of all the pancollege services that are starving for bucks this year, the Vanier college allotment seems to indicate they're looking for places to throw their money away....

• There was a lot of teeth-gnashing last Friday and Monday as lineups swelled at the T-D bank's main branch in Central Square. According to manager Ted Grainger the lines were long (50 people on Monday at some times) because of the rush to pay fees by Monday's deadline, a computer breakdown on Friday, and a staff dwindled by the flu on Monday.

So if you waited 25 minutes to get to a teller, at least now you know why....

• If your day is going badly, take heart in this: January 19 is a great day for birthdays. Janis Joplin, Edgar Allen Poe, Robert E. Lee, Phil Everly, Dolly Parton, r&b singer Robert Palmer and one-time Deep Purple vocalist Rod Evans share this date. Hmmm ... that would make quite a band....

Ted Mumford