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sin and very well-known Hockey Team captain and award-winning alumnus of Glendon College, but rather that letter was written by one Gavin John Lumsden (no direct relation) of a main campus college. I have asked Gavin Lumsden to use only his first name in any future such correspondence and publication, to prevent confusion and embarrassment.

On behalf of my cousin and myself, thank you for this opportunity to set the record straight.

—David Paul Lumsden

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Portrayal of Ukrainians unfair

Editor:

As members of the York Ukrainian Student's Association (YUSA) we are concerned with the negative portrayal of Ukrainians in the Holocaust Awareness week presented by the Jewish Student Federation from Feb. 9-12, when in fact such a portrayal was unwarranted and unfounded.

Members of YUSA were grieved to read, in the distributed programme/pamphlet, the following statement: "Germans and Ukrainians walked up and down the ranks, beating and kicking the victims." This statement is a sweeping generalization that implies the participation of all Ukrainians in such actions.

By utilizing such statements, which insult Ukrainians, the JSF is implying collective guilt. This type of accusation was used by Hitler in blaming the Jews for the problems that Germany faced in the 1930s, which eventually led to the Jewish Holocaust. Therefore, the harmful effects associated with insinuating collective responsibility are quite evident.

Referring by nationality to certain individuals who alone were responsible for their actions is completely unwarranted in such a situation, especially as no "Vichy" or "Quisling" Ukrainian government existed which collaborated with the Nazis. To be precise, in a population of 36 million only 11,000 collaborated with the Nazi regime as estimated by the Israeli War Crimes Investigation Office. This is a very small number of collaborators compared to the Nazi collaborators which were involved in official and non-official capacities in the rest of the world. But in the pamphlet it seems that Ukrainians (and only Ukrainians) were as equally involved as the Nazi government of Germany. By attributing collective responsibility to the Ukrainian people, for the acts of a handful, the JSF is disrespectful to the memory of the seven million Ukrainians who bravely laid down their lives in ridding the world of the Nazi yoke. Also, no mention is given to the courageous work in shel-

tering and hiding of Jews done by the Ukrainians, especially by the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky.

We feel that the JSF's presentation unjustly singled out Ukrainians as a whole for the allegiances of a few individuals.

—York Ukrainian Students' Association

Quotes 'out of context': Director

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to clear up some misconceptions conveyed in the article titled "The executive viewpoint on problems in CYSF" in the February 12 issue of *Excalibur*.

Many of the statements relating to the finance portfolio within the article were taken out of context. Rather than correct each point individually, I will restate my point of view.

In my opinion, the Council would operate more effectively if the executive received more pressure in terms of direction from the student representatives.

The Administration has no control over the student operating grant allotments. These amounts have been determined by the Board of Governors. Any changes in these allotments are contingent upon a successful student referendum and subsequent approval by the Board of Governors. The Administration is sympathetic to CYSF and student government financial needs. The Provost and the Office of Student Affairs, which falls under the Provost's portfolio, are of invaluable help with respect to student governments and organizations on campus.

At present, CYSF must request its student operating grant through the Office of Student Affairs, which in turn, receives approval from the Provost. I suggested to the reporter, Mr. Dollard, that such a system is intrusive in that the emphasis is placed on student government to be accountable to the Administration rather than to its constituents—the students. Student government should be able to receive its grant without the Administration's approval with the underlying assumption that the student government is financially accountable to its constituency.

—Nadine Changfoot
Director of Finance

OUR WRITER RESPONDS:

In my recent feature on student government at York I asked each director and the President similar types of questions. The questions varied somewhat depending on which director was asked. However one response was the same throughout. When asked their greatest disappointment on the year each director indicated they would like to have done more in their individual portfo-

lios or they would like to have seen the CYSF do more. The failure to do more was explained as being the result of insufficient funding.

When interviewing Finance Director Nadine Changfoot she explained to me that the CYSF budget had remained essentially the same. It was her concern on this matter which indicated to me the degree of CYSF's funding problem. What I didn't know, or which wasn't explained to me, was that to get an increase in funding a student referendum had to be held. Now I must ask if the lack of funding is really a debilitating problem for CYSF, as no such referendum has been planned.

Finance Director Changfoot claims that I took many of the statements relating to Finance out of context. I explained in her own words that, "You can't extend yourself without input (from undergraduates)." I echoed her sentiments in indicating that more student representative input would make the CYSF Executive more effective. It would appear some difference exists as to who the Administration is. In paragraph four of her letter to the editor she states that, "The Administration has no control over the student operating allotments. These amounts are determined by the Board of Governors (BOG)." Yet it has been my understanding that BOG is part of the Administration.

As well in the next paragraph she conversely states that, "Student government should be able to receive its grant without the Administration's approval with the underlying assumption that the student government is financially accountable to its constituents." I'm confused; how does student government get its operating grant from an Administration that has no control over student operating allotments?

I appreciate the promptness with which Changfoot responded to my article as dialogue on student government is instrumental for its development and improvement. However I am concerned that *Excalibur* received a photocopy of Changfoot's letter. As the letter was

addressed to *Excalibur's* editor, one would expect that the original would be sent there as well.

—David Dollard

Condiment coup urged by student

Editor:

Re: Those open vats of ketchup and mustard in Central Square Cafeteria. I spit in them every time I pass them, and urge all students to do same in protest of unhygienic circumstances.

—Jeff Hopkins

Minutes were kept at Senate Caucus

Editor:

Re: The executive viewpoint on problems in CYSF. While I have no doubt that Miss Changfoot is doing a great job as chair of the Student Senator Caucus, it is simply not true that minutes of Caucus meetings were never before taken. During my year as Chair, minutes were taken, distributed and a complete set passed on, with numerous other caucus files, to the next Caucus chair.

—Wayne Burnett

Condom Day attitudes attacked

Editor:

Re: "Free condoms coming to campus this Friday."

I would like to protest the apparent endorsement of "Condom Day" in the February 12 issue of *Excalibur*. According to a front page article by reporter Paulette Peirol it was noted that the Lesbian and Gay Alliance has sponsored Condom Day on February 13 in order to emphasize "the preventative, rather than contraceptive aspects of condom use." As it turned out, however, the Alliance attempted to portray the AIDS virus in a frivolous manner more befitting the common cold than a killer disease. The use of two students dressed

up in the "Captain Condom" suits not only exhibited exceptionally poor taste, it detracted from the seriousness of a growing disease for which there is no known cure. Further, those manning the Gay Alliance table appeared more interested in discussing the virtues of a homosexual lifestyle than in preventing AIDS.

It would therefore be more worthwhile if *Excalibur*, CYSF and the York University Administration were to join in promoting a more serious environment in which to deal with sexually transmitted diseases. The events of "Condom Day" have clearly indicated that the Lesbian and Gay Alliance cannot do so since it remains a vocal, yet well organized club, which promotes the views of only a tiny segment of the York student body.

—Kevin Marshall

Artist appalled by *Excalibur* review

Editor:

It is appalling to read Ken Keobke's review of the visual arts exhibit that was presented during the Fine Arts Faculty's Fine Arts Festival. My attention was first drawn to a sentence in the middle of the article concerning the writer's objection to the means of displaying several drawings with a "few erratic shots of a staple gun." Actually one of those works was mine and it was not with "so little respect for my work" that I chose this method nor were other works displayed with such a lack of concern. Those staples were carefully placed; where they had been on the drawing while I worked on it. In numerous shows I have utilized various display methods, some very complex in consideration of the work at hand. In this case this is the choice that I made, albeit a simple one, perhaps I should have consulted *Excalibur*.

As I read the entire article this one observation seemed trivial in comparison to all the other ignorant,

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