

Letters To The Editor

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Reader sees election as a fatuous selection

This year's elections are little more than a political puppet show, with the star puppets being Pinocchio (Gail Silzer) and Charley MacCarthy (Barry Edson).

Silzer is animated by the ULS to mouth all its rhetoric, just as Pinocchio was animated by Disney Studios. Just like Pinocchio, her main song is "there are no strings on me". She is just a front for the ULS to lure votes from the women's libbers and the males who are blinded by a good looking broad.

Edson's Edgar Bergen is Jay Bell (his campaign manager). Jay does all the talking and appears to do all of Edson's thinking. Why didn't Jay just run instead of hiding behind Edson? Edson is just a distraction so we won't see Jay's lips moving. He just sits there.

After the election, who ever wins, we the students still lose. The thing that is really stupid about this power struggle is that the students have very little power to change anything. The ULS would violently disagree with this statement and use a long list of its pseudo-events to try and disprove it.

All the ULS really has to offer is

noise and all Edson has to offer is silence. It is up to the individual to choose which is preferable.

Richard Spiegelman

No alternative

I find myself writing to you because in my three years at this university I have never been so alienated. Since I have read and re-read the policies of the three candidates for the CYSF presidency and still feel this way, I think I can't be the only one.

First, I believe political ideology has no place in a student government unless its members are expressing their opinions as *individuals*, not pretending that they are representatives of the views of everyone on this campus.

Second, CYSF should not be restructured so that students are forced to be involved in college affairs in order to serve on the CYSF. Unless you are a resident student there is no incentive or special appeal to being involved with your college. Edson does not state how he proposes to help college councils serve commuters

better.

I don't think there is a solution. If the CYSF must be restructured, it would make more sense to appoint representatives from the course unions (I hope soon all courses will have them), because you won't get involvement without strong ties, and the average student's closest ties are to his courses.

I am bitter that the students have been given no really viable alternatives this year at a time when we so badly need them. We seem to have a choice between two extremes: a CYSF with its political finger in every pie (ULC) or a CYSF transformed into a closed-shop college union (Edson). At one time, I considered Izo but the only thing he seems to have proposed is not to offend anyone.

P. MacMillan,
Third year arts.

YACC replies

I would like the opportunity to respond to the slanderous attack made on the York anti-cutbacks committee by John B. Mays in last week's Excalibur.

In the first place, Mays distorts what YACC steering committee member Mary Marrone said to him.

But Mays also accuses the YACC of not being interested in facts but only in general impressions, because more political mileage can be gotten out of anxiety than statistics. Well, we do have a few facts: the Henderson report that recommends a 65 per cent increase in tuition fees over the next three years and the Council of Ontario Universities recommendation of a 25 per cent tuition increase.

Students who believe that education is a right, not a privilege for the financial elite of this province, have to organize to prevent these recommendations from being implemented.

We already know that a \$200 increase in the loan ceiling is to be included in the next provincial budget. We also know that with the elimination of OFY and many summer positions in Ministries due to cutbacks in government spending, unemployment will be even higher than in previous summers for students. This will place further restrictions on the right to an education.

Mays justifies cutbacks by saying, "It is... an opportunity (if unasked for) to make decisions about the life of our college and community which perhaps we would not otherwise make..." How many students won't be able to go to a university? How many women and Third World students who, because of job discrimination, will not be able to save the required amount necessary for them to go on? How many faculty will not be given tenure? How many support staff will be laid off?

But we are also opposed to other cuts in social services recommended by the Henderson Report, cuts in daycare facilities, old age pension programmes, welfare payments, hospital budgets.

In keeping with this, we are a member of the Coalition Against Cutbacks. The Coalition Against Cutbacks has called for April 3rd to be a Day of Protests against the cutbacks.

We are also planning a teach-in at York on March 24 so that students and staff can be informed about cutbacks and discuss their implications from all viewpoints, including Mr. Mays's.

Joanne Pritchard

On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to the Communications Department, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Today, 12 noon — Video at Calumet (Visual Arts, Calumet) featuring New York Artist Charlemagne Palestine — 109A, Atkinson.

12 noon — Psychology Colloquium — "Mental Concepts in Freud and Descartes" with York Professor Morris Eagle — 291, Behavioural Science.

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — Communications & Interpersonal Relationships (Centre for Continuing Education) "Understanding Family Functioning" with Reesa Kassirer — general admission \$6; \$4 for students — 107, Stedman.

Friday, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. — Guest Speaker (Glendon Canadian Studies Program) David Lewis will speak about his years with the New Democratic Party — Senior Common Room, York Hall, Glendon.

3 p.m. — Guest Speaker (Anthropology) "The Logic of Kinship" by Professor Bernard Arcand, McGill University — Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross.

3:30 p.m. — Panel Discussion (Osgoode Hall Law School, Committee on Asian Law and Association for Asian Studies) "Asia and Canada: The Role of the Judiciary as the Protector of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms" with moderator, Walter Tarnapolsky, Osgoode Professor; the panelists include: The Honorable B.J. MacKinnon, Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario, Court of Appeal; Dr. P.K. Tripathi, Law Commission of India; Chief Justice Umar Seno Aji, Supreme Court of Indonesia; Dr. Nobushige Ukai, President and Professor of Law, Seikei University, Japan; Lord President Tan Sri Mohamed Suffian Bin Hashim, Supreme Court of Malaysia; and Justice Enrique Fernando, Supreme Court of the Philippines — Moot Court Room, Osgoode Hall Law School.

Monday, 12 noon — Lecture/Discussion (Student Christian Movement) "Meditation as an Image of Hope" with York Professor Stan Fefferman — G, Curtis.

4:30 p.m. — Biology Research Seminar — "Photorespiration in Algae and Higher Plants" with Dr. David Carvin, Queen's University — 320, Farquharson.

Wednesday, 4 p.m. — CRESS Seminar Series — "The Atmosphere Explorer Satellite — A Laboratory Tool in the Thermosphere" with Dr. Marsha Torr, Space Physics Research Laboratory, University of Michigan — 317, Petrie.

7:30 p.m. — International Women's Year: Lecture Series (Arts, York Colleges) "Women and the Law" Rosalie Abella, Toronto barrister — Club Room, Bethune.

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Today, 12 noon — African Music Workshop (Music) conducted by Nexus (part of the Bethune World Music Series) — Junior Common Room, Bethune.

8 p.m. — Play — (French Language Theatre Program) Michael Tremblay's québécois adaptation of "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds" (Pulitzer prize-winner by Paul Zindel) — directed by Glendon faculty member John Van Burek — general admission \$2.50; special group rates (10 or more persons) available by calling 487-6107 — Old Dining Hall, Glendon.

8 p.m. — Poetry & Folk Night (Orange Snail Coffee Shop) final evening of this 1975-76 series — featuring Hollis Rinehart, Bob Casto, Susie Ungar, Karen Cohl, Stephen Hatfield, Libby St.-Jean, "The Negligents", Susan Field,

and Liz Payne — the audience is invited to participate — 107, Stong.

Friday, 1 p.m. — Film (Calumet German Club) "Hauptmann von Kopenick" (1956) — 123A, Atkinson.

8 p.m. — Play (French Language Theatre Program) see Thursday at 8 p.m.

8:30 p.m. — Film (Winters) "Macbeth" — admission \$1.50 — I, Curtis.

Saturday, 8 p.m. — Play (French Language Theatre Program) see Thursday at 8 p.m.

8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) "Three Days of the Condor" (Robert Redford, Faye Dunaway) — admission \$1.50 — L, Curtis.

8:30 p.m. — Film (Winters) "The Last Picture Show" — admission \$1.50 — I, Curtis.

Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) see Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Monday, 1 p.m. — Play (Intermedia Room Founders College) "Jolliet" dealing with the Canadian discoverer of the Mississippi — written by Anne Marie de Moret, performed by The Theatre in Translation — admission free; everyone welcome.

Monday, 7:30 p.m. — Concert (Music) of Renaissance Music with Mills Dexter — Senior Common Room, Founders.

8:30 p.m. — Concert (Music) featuring the York Winds — Burton.

Tuesday, 12 noon - 2 p.m. — Bethune Jazz Series — with members of the York Jazz Workshop in concert — Junior Common Room, Bethune.

8 p.m. — Concert (Music) a Solo Lieder Recital, featuring Cindy Raskin, accompanied by Cynthia Clark (piano) — Senior Common Room, McLaughlin.

Wednesday, 3:15 p.m. — Film (Humanities 373) "L'invitation" (Claude Goretta; Switzerland, 1972) — 129, York Hall, Glendon.

7 p.m. — Films (Film) "The General" and "Happy Anniversary" — L, Curtis.

7:30 p.m. — Music Series (Winters, Music) with the York Percussion Ensemble — Senior Common Room, Winters.

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Today, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — AIESEC — office is open Monday through Friday at this time — 029, Administrative Studies.

2 p.m. — General Meeting (English) for first-year students concerning English as a major — G, Curtis.

8 p.m. — Eckankar — 103, Winters.

Friday, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. — Winters Chess Club — 030A, Winters.

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. — Badminton Club — Upper Gym, Tait McKenzie.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. — York Flying Club — general meeting for election of officers — films will be shown; refreshments — Faculty Lounge (8th floor), Ross.

Monday, 2 p.m. — Christian Science Organization — testimony meeting (library facilities available on request) — 029B, Winters.

7:30 p.m. — York Bridge Club — Founders Dining Hall.

8, 9 & 10 p.m. — Hatha Yoga — 202, Vanier.

Tuesday, 5 p.m. — York Chorus Rehearsal — F, Curtis.

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. — Israel & Judaica Study Group — S173,

Ross.

6 p.m. — Gay Alliance at York — 226, Bethune.

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. — Stamp Club — S173, Ross.

7 p.m. — Self-Defense for Women — Bethune Cafeteria.

8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — Scottish Country Dancing — admission 50 cents — Dance Studio (2nd floor), Vanier.

Wednesday, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. — Coin Club — S173, Ross.

SPORTS, RECREATION

Monday, 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. — Supersport (Sport O'Keefe, Inter-College Athletic Council) first of three days of competitions — 6 p.m. — Hockey Shoot-Out (Ice Arena); 8 p.m. — Basketball Shoot-Out (Gym, Tait McKenzie); 9:30 p.m. — Softball Accuracy Throw (Gym, Tait McKenzie).

Tuesday, 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. — Supersport (Sport O'Keefe, Inter-College Athletic Council) 6 p.m. — Inner-Tube Relay (Pool); 7 p.m. — Vita Parcours Competition (Gym, Tait McKenzie); 8:30 p.m. — Football Accuracy Throw (Gym, Tait McKenzie); 9:30 p.m. — Golf Shot Competition (Gym, Tait McKenzie).

Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. — Supersport (Sport O'Keefe, Inter-College Athletic Council) final day of competition — 6 p.m. — Obstacle Course (Gym, Tait McKenzie); 7 p.m. — Trampoline Dress-o-Natics (Gym, Tait McKenzie); 8:30 p.m. — Dance — Bethune Dining Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS

Today, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. — Information Seminar (Administrative Studies) regarding Bachelor of Business Administration programme — 038, 039, Administrative Studies.

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Information Seminar (Administrative Studies) regarding Master of Public Administration program — A105, York Hall, Glendon.

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Information & Advising Session (Social Science, Arts) information on general courses in Social Science and honours programmes in African Studies, Canadian Studies, East Asian Studies, Law and Society, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Religious Studies, Social and Political Thought and Urban Studies — Faculty Lounge (8th floor), Ross.

5 p.m. — Roman Catholic Mass — Apt. 104, 8 Assiniboine Road.

Friday — Muslim Students Prayer Meeting — for time, location call 633-3821 or 537-1087.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — Roman Catholic Mass — 107, Stedman.

Monday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Religious Counselling — call P. John Varghese, S.C.M. Secretary at 671-3664 (each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; same time, location) — 205, Vanier.

12 noon - 2 p.m. — Visual Art from the Bible — 221, Stong.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. — President Macdonald at Glendon — for appointment call Mrs. Goodman at 667-2223 — President's Office, York Hall, Glendon.

6 p.m. — Student Served Dinners — every Monday through Thursday — Winters Dining Hall.

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation — call Chaplain Judt at 661-7838 or 633-2158 — Founders.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. — York Christian Fellowship — non-denominational — Music Room, McLaughlin.