

Correspondence

Martians

I am a student here at this fine intellectualized men's room, and I am simply appalled at the treatment given by this supposed institute of higher education to one particular minority group on campus. Oh, sure, we have a federation for Chinese kids, the gays, the Jews and the Greeks, we have courses in the cultures of everyone from the Australian aborigines to the South American indians...our money goes to the Leninists, the Trotskyites, the Maoists, and Marxists and twenty other "ists" that haven't even been heard from for ten years, praise the Lord. Then we've got the born agnostics, the saved, the notics, agnostics, Buddhists, Muhammedans, Moslems, and even a few church bombing Catholics. I mean, for Christ's sake, we cater to every little group on campus.

But name me one thing we do for the Martians.

Oh, sure, laugh, but imagine what it's like sitting in Central Square counting your eyes with no where to go. I saw one poor bugger trying to get into the book store, and be told he couldn't take in his spare head, but would have to get it checked. The seats in the lecture halls are just lovely for a Martian, too. Just you try to figure out what it's like trying to sit in one of those fiberglass bum flatteners when you legs aren't jointed at the hips. Lovely, I'm sure. If you think that the cafeterias are a bit unpleasant, just because you seem to be puking so soon after eating these days, consider the typical Martian point of view. First of all, he walks in, and he usually can't get through the turnstiles. Even slightly overweight Martians will frequently have to detach a few

extremities just to squeeze through the cattle herd plumbing. Then, he gets inside, and the cashier starts going hysterical, screaming, and pasing out just because the unlucky sod is seven or eight feet high and his skin's a little green. Most of the so-called food would do him in jolly quick, because it is either plastic, or carbon based. It would do him about as much good as tall glass of Drano. And have you ever tried holding one of those trays with a tentacle. Just charming.

Wake up, York U. It's time for a change.

Sterling Bach



Smockum signals

I find myself in a position where I must disagree wholeheartedly with your editorial of last week. You give the President of the TD Bank full credit for recognizing the injustice of the policy concerning Canada Student Loans and then moving to correct "a policy of which he was entirely ignorant". You also dismiss any influence by students in the bank's decision.

Firstly, the nation-wide policy on Canada Student Loans was never reversed and in effect the York Branch was simply exempted. The policy still exists and we were exempted simply because of Mr. Boyle's presence on our Board of Governors. Mr. Bromly, our branch manager was extremely concerned about student response to the policy announcement and articulated this viewpoint to his superiors. You are indeed correct in stating

that the man at the helm had to make the final decision, but the TD President did so after listening to the alarm of both the students and the Administration on this matter. Without that alarm being raised you can rest assured that the policy would still be in effect at York.

Secondly, this issue is far from over. Other students across Canada will be dealing with the same problems that York students faced in the last two weeks. If Mr. Boyle finds it politically expedient to exempt the York Branch, then he should recognize the injustice of the entire policy and reverse it nation-wide. Students across Canada will be discussing this issue at the Winnipeg Conference of the National Union of Students in October.

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