

# Editorial

## Tentanda Via— The Way must be tried: Excalibur gives own interpretation of York's motto

After a brief excursion into the Real World, the multitudes will again be clutched to the bosom of York University and nestle in the pits of Central Square. We at *Excalibur* recognize that the transition is sometimes difficult as adjusting to the particular mind-sets of people at York will take some time. To help speed up the learning process we offer this primer on some of the ways people think at York.

**The Rill Way:** York's food service company knows you can fool some of the people some of the time, at least where Central Square cafeteria food is concerned. But brick columns, newly tiled floors and trendy fluorescent signs can't hide the taste of the liver onion veg pot. Too bad you can't tile the food.

**The CYSF Way:** The Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF), in its collective wisdom, is promoting their new slogan "UP YORK," seemingly oblivious to its vulgar connotations. However, the refrain can be useful, especially in a bar crowded with drunken U of T students or in a patriotic chant during convocation.

**The Osgoode Way:** York's Legal Eagles have closed ranks again, flaunting their 'superiority' (?) to the rest of the University. Club Oz (not to be confused with Club Med) is open only to Osgooders, and proud members can be seen wearing sweats and buttons proclaiming their status. May we remind them, however, that they have escaped York in name only and to emphatically bring this point home, *Excal* urges all other York students to join Club Oz's boat cruise festivities this Saturday.

**The Gilmor Way:** College councils don't want it this way. The Guelph Provost's proposal for student government based along faculty lines has prompted the colleges to defend their turf. Signs have recently appeared with warnings such as Keep Off The Grass and No Trespassing. CYSF is purportedly offering to water the college lawns at no cost.

**The Calumet Way:** After turning down a residence building years ago ("We're holding out for the townhomes"), Calumet College has decided to take matters into its own hands and raise the damn money themselves. Each day the fund grows by leaps and bounds as those pennies keep pouring into that jar in the Ainger. Target date for breaking ground—September 1, 2147.

**The Student Centre Way:** An excellent example of the "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again" school of thought. The first student centre referendum ended in failure two years ago and the worthy idea has been resurrected. Just think—you may actually have a place to congregate besides Central Square. Let's hope this time they get it right.



## Letters

### Reader "tired of living off crumbs from the whiteman's table"

Editor:

As an African, I am sick and tired of the growing number of small Reagans, Thatchers, and Bothas within the North American society. These people are rekindling the spirit of bigotry and prejudice, under the guise of concern and philanthropy, with the argument that economic sanctions would end up hurting Africans, rather than topple apartheid.

Africans in South Africa, and elsewhere, are tired of living off crumbs from the whiteman's table. In any case, we don't 'live on bread alone'—freedom to determine our destiny, self-esteem and self-reliance are more important than bread; at least to us.

—Kateba-Mushanga  
Faculty of Environmental Studies

No, *Excal* does not and will not have a "Dear Ms. X" column this year. But Letters to the Editor, on the topic of your choice, are welcomed. We print ANYTHING, as long as it isn't libelous—but we do reserve the right to edit for length. Send postcards, letters, and grocery lists to The Editor, *Excalibur*, 111 Central Square. Submissions can be dropped off in person or through the free intercampus mail system (you'll find a box in the post-office area of the Ross Building), and must be received by 2 p.m. Monday to qualify for that week's issue.

## Opinion

### Stong President blasts Ali on Gilmor stand

By JILL SHIBOU

It seems that everyone is talking about the Gilmor discussion paper. This draft (written by Guelph provost Paul Gilmor) proposes that York move from its present college system to the more fashionable faculty system. Everyone is, of course, entitled to their own opinion, but an article in last month's *Excalibur*, written by Reya Ali, came out totally in favour of Gilmor's recommendations. Ali seemed to approve of this so much that one has to stop and wonder about who the real author of the report was, Ali or Gilmor.

Now ordinarily anyone has the right to support Gilmor's recommendations; however, Reya Ali also holds the position of a Board of Governors representative. This means that he is supposed to represent the interests of the York students as put forth by all the students. Ali has clearly failed in this respect. I

have no doubts that various student groups are in favour of Gilmor but I can assure you that as the Gilmor draft now stands many more are opposed.

Not only does Ali favour this report so highly but he actually has the audacity to come out and say that those who oppose it are doing it for their own personal interests. As chairperson of Stong College I act on behalf of those interests as put forth by Stong students, and thus at times must disregard my own personal opinions for those of my constituents. Whose interests are you acting for, Mr. Ali?

Ali even goes as far as saying that the college councils take "no part in the political concerns of a central government." Yes, the colleges may not be as involved in central politics as they should be, but to go as far as saying that we are not concerned is a statement bordering on libel. It makes one wonder just how Ali comes to his conclusions.

The major problems of Gilmor's draft is that it is quite unrealistic. Though it takes the smaller faculties such as the Faculty of Education and Fine Arts into consideration by assuring them proper representation and financing, it ignores the problem of the Faculty of Arts, with over fourteen thousand undergraduates. Now is the time when we must begin working to build up the college system so as to ensure that these smaller faculties are being properly represented. The solution isn't tearing down one system in favour of the other, but rather improving the one we have.

Though I may have come down quite severely on Mr. Ali it is because I felt that in his role as a Board of Governors Representative he would represent all of the students of York. I guess I was just too naive.

□ Jill Shibou is the President of the Stong College Council.

## excalibur

Editor ..... Lorne Manly  
Managing Editor ..... Paulette Peirol  
Acting Art Director ..... Janice Goldberg  
Acting Photography Editor ..... Gary Blakeley  
Staff ..... Reya Ali, David Borenstein, Kevin Bray, Mel Broitman, Steve Castellano, Rob Cecil Cooper, Victor Fidalgo, James Flagel, Greg Gagne, Karim Hajee, Ricky Henderson, James Hoggett, Jay Howell, Melinda Little, Ryan McBride, Zena McBride, John McIlroy, Steve Milton, Darcy Molloy, Lisa Olsen (and all the Olsens), Kevin Pasquino, Frank Plastino, Dan Plesac, Alphonso Pulido, Rupert Pupkin, Jackie Robinson, Simon Smith and the Amazing Dancing Bear, Wyndham Wise, Lisa Wood

Advertising Manager ..... Merle Menzies  
Advertising Assistant ..... Patty Milton-Feasby  
Typesetting Guy ..... Stuart Ross  
Alchemist ..... Kevin Connolly  
Board of Publications Chairperson ..... Greg Gaudet

EDITORIAL: 736-5239  
ADVERTISING: 736-5238  
TYPESETTING: 736-5240