

STUDENTS SHOCKED

We were shocked by an *Excalibur* article last week covering the ramifications of faculty members dismissing classes during the CUEW strike. I don't know what the purpose of the article was, but I do know that it succeeded in twisting the facts. Since this newspaper has not conveyed the facts in this issue, we will have to clarify them ourselves.

Ilan Yehros and I are two second-year students at York University who approached the administration here to enquire about the policy status of the university in the face of faculty members dismissing classes in the event of a strike by another union.

We repeated this fact to the interviewer to the *Excalibur* several times to make it clear that the purpose of our enquiry and our approach to the *Excalibur* was to have the administration declare a clear and explicit policy on the issue and to make this policy known to both the faculty and students at large.

To make the administration and our view of the situation clear, allow us to quote some sections from Vice-President (Employee and Student Relations) W.D. Farr's letter to us dated 19 Jan. '82:

"The appropriate discipline for such a violation... is not clear.... York's administrative officers and decision-making bodies have shown a clear preference for 'healing the wounds' and getting back to normal business as against pursuing the issue of appropriate discipline... The phenomenon of 'no cost' support by full-time faculty (support for the CUEW strike; I.Y.S.S.) holds considerable dangers for

the orderly functions of the university.... You will see, therefore that the academic administration of the university is evidently not yet ready to come to grips with the implications of deliberate contract violations...."

The focus of any educational institution is on and for the STUDENTS. When a contract is drawn up between the faculty and the university to honour their obligations to the students, should not this policy be explicit, concise and honoured?

The issue is a moral one as well as a legal one. No doubt the view expressed here is very different from *Excalibur's* description of the issue.

To all the students who are concerned with the issue — you have the legitimate right to complain about missed classes and inconvenient make-up classes, and sending these to Vice-President Farr will confirm to the administration that it is time for decisions.

Sandra Shaw
Ilan Yehros

P.S. We resent the deliberate implication made by *Excalibur* that we are Professor Ridpath's cohorts. No doubt this distortion serves the purpose of someone in this university.

BAD TASTE

We are writing to express our dismay and distaste at the publication in last week's issue of *Excalibur* of the "cartoon" by Bellini and King, Entitled "Googalunga" and being pleased to depict a cannibalistic Third World family, this strip — wittingly or unwittingly — is nothing but racist stereotyping, and we urge you and its authors to cease its publication. Its

publication was a serious lapse in taste and judgement, and it demeans us as a University community.

D. Paul Lumsden
Associate Prof. of Anthropology
Griffiths Cunningham
Master of Bethune College

OUT OF ORDER

RE: Intruder attacks Vanier Women (January 28, 1982)

This letter is provoked by a letter in your paper of February 25, 1982. Needless to say, it is poor journalism to misquote individuals out of context as you have done with Mr. Dunn. It is obvious that you have managed to convince at least one individual that "Dunn's attitude does not reflect well on the university".

I, myself, had the pleasure of speaking with Mr. Dunn regarding the issue. After having heard various reports of the issue I approached the Director of Security with the matter and requested that he provide me with the facts. His views upon the break-in and the role of York Security, as well as the role of the students who live in residence, were quite acceptable to me.

Here, at York, residents have the incurable habit of opening the doors of their residence to strangers. Such was the case at Vanier. If we lived off campus would we leave the doors of our apartments open? Would we allow persons to enter our apartment building, boarding house or home when we do not

know who they are? Yes, students at York "must take their own precautions". Night porters are provided by residences but cannot be expected to stay up all night. If York were to provide this service the cost would be incredible.

As a point of interest to those students you have misled, Mr. Dunn is doing his job to the best of his ability. He is concerned about our (the students') welfare. He is approachable by any resident of York and will do his best to clear up any ambiguities. All questions will be answered honestly and nothing will be withheld. The incompetence which *Excalibur* portrays the man as having is grossly OUT OF

ORDER! Your coverage is not in the least bit fair to his character or to the York Security as a whole. GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER!!!
Margaret Gladstone
Bethune College

OFF CENTRE

We of the Women's Centre wish to express our reaction to the article "Women's stereotypes off Centre" and the amazing accompanying 'illustration' published in *Excalibur* January 21st. We've been around the Centre for some time and never would it have occurred to us to think of the Centre as having something in common with a "shapely blonde in an alpaca sweater" or the mystifying female who appears to have been deprived of some object, the symbolism of which we won't venture to suggest since it seems to have disappeared.

Although we recognize that it was the writer's intention to draw attention to the Women's Centre, to have done so by misrepresenting what it is about, what its character is, is to do a disservice and to perpetuate misconceptions: the Centre welcomes any woman of any age, colour, sexual orientation, with any need, question, interest, or concern. We have survived because we are not limiting the Centre to any particular interest groups.

While we are not pleased with the representation of the Women's Centre in *Excalibur* article we hope the columns we are initiating will help the York community better understand us.

Virginia Rock
Faculty Advisor
Louise Mahood, for
Steering Committee
Ruby Rochman
Coordinator

a week of classes. The action they are asking that students and the administration take are oriented directly against pro-Union professors, who, as trade-unionists, did not want to cross a picket line. Instead of taking action against the University administration, which forced the strike by completely refusing to negotiate on issues such as class size and job security, Yehros and Shaw are trying to scapegoat pro-union elements. More ominously, these two SCABS are asking other students to follow their example. Hopefully students will not follow this ideologically motivated example and defend the most basic union solidarity exhibited by professors who refused to cross picket lines. The kind of action that Yehros and Shaw are demanding would mean the virtual blacklisting of pro-union professors, endangering their political careers because of their political ideas. If we as students are to fight the Tory government's cutbacks in education, we will have to unite with workers on campus and their unions, and give them our full support when they go on strike to fight the same cutbacks that are cutting our education to shreds. Organizing a militant fight-back together with the trade union movement is the only way students can force the federal Liberals and their Tory cohorts in Queen's Park to back down from the very severe cuts in education and social services. If we are going to be successful in preventing massive tuition hikes, the proposed racist 5% ceiling on foreign student enrollment, and even larger classes, we must take up the fight right now against the right-wing union bashing of Yehros and Shaw, and build a strong, militant student movement.

Peter Votsch
International Socialists
Student Strike
Support Committee

FED NOTES

Many things have been happening at CYSF over the past two months or so. At the top of the list are the annual general elections for this year. There are a number of candidates vying for Council positions, and only one position (External Affairs) has been acclaimed.

It's important that all CYSF members get to know each candidate's platform, and vote for the best person. Voter turnout in the past has been relatively low, but we hope that will change this year. Those you elect to office will determine, to a large extent, the quality of student life on campus. Advance polls for the election are open Monday, March 15 - Wednesday, March 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Polling day is Thursday March 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in finding the results of the election and helping a good cause at the same time will be interested in attending the CYSF-sponsored Muscular Dystrophy Medicine Show. This is a licensed dance by the group Sagebrush and takes place on March 18, in the Founders Dining Hall. Tickets are available at Soundproof for only \$5.00, and as was mentioned, the election results will be announced at the dance. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. so come out and support the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

After several revisions, the annual budget of CYSF has finally been completed and passed. Anyone wishing to look at this budget can approach the

Business Manager or the President for that information.

The CYSF-sponsored Food Boycott last Thursday went extremely well.

As you read this, students in colleges and universities across Canada are showing their provincial governments and the federal government their displeasure with the lack of funds being allocated to post-secondary education in this country. CYSF has been actively involved in this and is working with the Canadian Federation of Students on various activities. Today, teachers have been requested to set aside 10 minutes from every class to discuss the issues of underfunding and how they affect students. For more information contact Jorge Garreton, CYSF Director of External Affairs at 667-2515.

CYSF needs you. We're always looking for people who are interested in getting involved in making York a better place to be. There are a great deal of things happening, but new ideas are always needed. If you think you want to get more out of the University than simply an academic education, call us at 667-2515, or drop by our offices in Central Square (Room 105). Ask for Greg, and he'll be glad to let you know what's going on.

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WITCH HUNT

The CUEW strike may be long over, but it is obvious that right-wing students wishing to conduct an anti-union witch-hunt remain. It is clear that Ilan Yehros and Susan Shaw are not simply innocent "victims" who are "upset" because they missed

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should be delivered to the *Excalibur* offices in Room 111 Central Square.

Editorial Election

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming *Excalibur* editorial election, individuals must have received two credits in each of the two academic terms.

A credit is awarded when an individual has an article, photograph or graphic printed in *Excalibur*, or when an individual has contributed significantly to the production process.

Contributions to this issue are the last that count in the calculation of credits. Ineligible staff members had until this March 11 issue to make themselves eligible.

Staff members who believe that they are eligible, but whose names do not appear on the list of voters, may be included on the list if they speak with Gary Cohen or Elliott Lefko by Tuesday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m. If by then they have not appeared with proof of eligibility, they cannot vote.

No one may vote if they are not eligible, or if they are not present for the entirety of one of the two screenings (Thursday, March 18, 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 19, 3:00 p.m.). Late-comers will not vote. The screenings will last until 4:00 p.m. Voting will be possible until 7:00 p.m. on both days, unless eligible voters finish voting earlier.

Individuals who are ignorant of these regulations are nevertheless subject to them. The following are eligible voters in the up-coming editorial election:

Gary Cohen
Elliott Lefko
Michael Monastyrskyj
Mike Guy
Leora Aisenberg
Paula Todd
Rose Crawford
Jules Xavier
Al Locke
Drew Clarke
Paul O'Donnell
Ian Bailey
Richard Dubinsky

Marcia Johnson
Berel Wetstein
Alex Wolosewych
Anderson Lookin
Jim Agnelli
John Ens
Tom King
Cathy Moffat
Marc Epprecht
Clifton Joseph
Laurie Kruk
Evan Adelman
Robert Fabes