

# letters & comment

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## Editor not against feminism

A few points in response to "A poor case against feminism", Vol. 12, No. 21 are necessary. First, the headline itself is less than accurate, because in my editorial in the *Flyer* of Feb. 28 I don't make a case against feminism. I don't even attempt to make a case against feminism. I attempt to "make a case", if such a phrase is accurate, against militant feminism. A quote from the *Flyer*: "I realize that women are still second class citizens in our society, and I want that to change...." If that is a case against feminism, I plead guilty; but that quote seems to be the *raison d'être* of the whole women's movement. Further, your cute comment about the "don't rock the boat" tone of the editorial is also not accurate. If anything, I suggest in the above quote, that the boat be rocked, but not so great that it be overturned, thereby creating more problems.

Basically, I'm not sure what the women's movement wants: equality, or prejudice against men. I support feminism, which I see as the advancement of women; and I don't support militant feminism, which I see as the advancement of women by the detracting of men. The real essence of that editorial in the *Flyer*, and the point that you chose to ignore in your editorial, is that instead of emphasizing the differences between men and women, maybe it's time for "People's Lib": ".....the breaking down of stereotypes and inequality no matter who is involved." (Quote from the *Flyer*, Vol. 8 No. 6). I think that that should be the goal of *Breakthrough* and the Women's Centre, not to support prejudice against men ("Going, Going, Gonzo", *Excalibur*, vol. 12, no. 21, pg. 3). No I'm afraid that once again, in your search for exciting and dramatic headlines, stories and editorial, you missed the point. Try being less regular and more accurate.

Footnote: The *Flyer* is as regular as can be, with being budgeted for only seven issues, basically four weeks apart.

Don Butcher

## Let men, women work as one

To those who by now are bored by issues of human rights, and who cringe at the mention of "Women's Liberation", I bequeath you articles and editorials of these past two *Excaliburs*.

They brought me great satisfaction, not just by their content but also because this very human case could be voiced through *Excalibur's* editor, Paul Kellogg, in such a genuine manner.

I want to share with you my enthusiasm for our future achievements.

The need for an appreciation of the "whole" individual, male, female, was well expressed and I hope that it will soon be recognized. Thank you.

Ara Rose Parker

## Track story vexes

Vexed that the complete results of the Ontario University Track and Field Championships were not published in last week's *Excalibur* (March 2), I asked the person responsible for the write-up what had happened. Upon being informed that he had indeed submitted a full and detailed report, I can only conclude that for reasons of space, the *Excalibur* arbitrarily decided to cut at least a quarter of the article. Considering the importance of the meet, I regard this decision by *Excalibur* to be a very poor one indeed.

Excluded from the published account were all the competitors who placed between fourth and sixth, the members of the women's four by two hundred relay team which finished second and at least one additional record breaking performance.

In view of the fact that the women's team placed third overall, a never before accomplished feat for York in track and field, given added impetus by the fact that the team contained only six members, it would have been courteous if the paper could have at least recognized each woman on the team let alone her contribution to that third place finish.

The track and field team works hard on less than adequate facilities. During the winter months, the team is forced to trek down to the CNE to train, an expedition that consumes at least four hours of the day. In addition, the team receives less than generous financial support from the university and is required to supply its own transportation and food money for meets held within the city.

It's about time that this team received the kind of recognition they deserve. If they can't even get it from their own school newspaper, then to me, that's poor journalism.

Elaine Weeks

Ed note: We don't like cutting articles — but because of our financial predicament, we have to

## What, no BOG or Senate elections?

It is my understanding that in the past elections for CYSF, Student Senators and student members of the Board of Governors have been held at the same time. According to the Senate handbook, a Senator's term ends on March 31st. This does not seem right since there were elections or rather, acclamations, for student Senators last fall. Similarly, it seems that one of the student members of BOG would be elected this spring.

This is not Harvey Pinder but the other student Governor from whom, to the best of my knowledge, we have heard nothing all year.

Perhaps we are no longer to use election as a method of choosing student members for Senate and BOG. Perhaps the length of terms of time of election has been changed. If any of these are the case then it seems to me that the student

do so all the time. To get all the sports in, we have to trim down every article. In this case, it seemed logical to start with the less impressive finishes.

Actually, none of the story concerning the women's team was cut by *Excalibur*. The sentence "The other members of that relay team were Elaine Weeks, Connie Halbert and Margot Wallace" was accidentally omitted by the typesetters. The remaining copy still mentioned the efforts of all team members except Elaine Weeks. Sorry about the omission!

## Authors and prices

I have read with interest the article entitled "Bookstore prices up" which appeared in February 2nd, 1978 issue of *Excalibur*.

In referring to the significantly higher price of the second edition of *Canadian Civil Procedure* by Garry Watson, Stephen Borins and Neil Williams, your reporter leaves her readers with the impression that the authors themselves are indirectly responsible for the higher price of the second edition.

That is not the case. Your reporter obviously drew this inference from my general comments about the peculiar demands of legal publishing, but in no way did I state or imply that the authors were in any way responsible for our increased costs.

Generally speaking the publishing of law books is affected by an unrelenting demand for currency and timeliness. This often leads to last minute changes in a manuscript or indeed eleventh hour alterations to an already typeset text. When this occurs there is naturally a parallel cost increase.

In addition the users of legal texts demand a far higher level of accuracy than the users of most other kinds of published materials. Without going into detail it should be clear that an overriding concern with accuracy will also affect the eventual price of a legal text.

In general I found your article to be enlightening and worthwhile. I

Senators and Governors should, at the very least, inform the students whom they represent.

Furthermore, decisions about cutbacks will probably be made at Senate and BOG meetings held during the summer months when the factors influencing cutbacks will become more clear.

The administration's projections on enrolment seem to be unduly optimistic. Enrolment at York will probably drop next fall. The lower enrolment is the larger cutbacks will be.

The student Governor and Senators should reflect the current wishes of the York students in making decisions this summer. Therefore they should receive the students' mandate in elections this spring.

Peter Brickwood  
Student Action

regret that my comments led to an erroneous conclusion which unfortunately found its way into print.

Peter M. Horowitz  
Butlerworths Publishers.

## Try and catch me, York Security

Re: "Guarded lots for next year" item; (p. 6, *Excalibur*, March 2).

The key catch - phrase for all decal - dodgers reading this item starts at para. 3: "Parking attendants in gate houses will be situated at each parking lot entrance during the early part of the next school year." (my emphasis).

What's so new and innovative about this? — the same tired system goes down every year. Doesn't Dunn know by now that lots of people (not just students) avoid these guards for 2-3 weeks and then, when the heat's off, park free (sans decal) for the rest of the year....

Because no one tickets cars in peripheral lots on a DAILY BASIS.

If our assinine parking authority on campus doesn't routinely fine these free - loaders each day, is it any wonder enough revenue is not being generated and now all we suckers who did pay are faced with a \$5.00 increase for next year - and furthermore, asked to be content that it won't be \$7.00. Yea Gods!

Students are crying out for part - time jobs; if Mr. Dunn's Security "boys" are all such cream - puffs they can't do the task in cold weather (i.e. ticket on foot, not from a cozy company car) — let's hire some student "Green (or Red) Hornets" to ticket offending vehicles in the peripheral lots — DAILY.

I dare say they got on with the job immediately enough revenue might just conceivably be raised during the remainder of this term to forestall any \$5.00 increase. I for one am tired of York passing the costs of its sloppy administration onto the backs of its law - abiding regular paying customers. Enough's enough. Mr. Dunn, you can stuff it.

Staff Member — who paid, this year!

(next year, try & catch me!)



Now that's Dave Coulthart.



## Students distressed at exam delay

We are writing in regards to an annoying and unnecessary event which took place on the morning of February 22, 1978, prior to our psychology 201 (A) mid-term exam. Upon arriving at our lecture we expected the immediate hand-out of our test as is usually done, however we were informed that our test would be delayed a half-hour. This was due to an interruption by a group of psychologist researchers at York, not affiliated with our class.

They told us they would be handing out a questionnaire which would last between fifteen-to-twenty minutes. Although we were given the option whether or not to participate in the experiment, we were still delayed from beginning the test we were anxious to write.

These disruptions are quite frequent. We feel that our professor, who was not even present at the time, should justify his reasons for allowing this group to come in and hold us up for their benefit. We can understand the necessity for a couple of experiments, however we are students here to learn and not to be used as experimental guinea pigs, especially just prior to an exam.

Lynn Silverberg  
Melissa Weinstein

## Master hooper given pseudonym

When I first picked up last week's (March 2) issue of the *Excalibur*, I was elated on seeing a picture of a basketball, and after unfolding the paper it turned out to be one of the most exciting players on the York basketball team.

This person, a freshman and starting guard, not to mention member of the first line OUA all-stars in '78, and a member of the Canadian Junior team, had changed his name to Jody Connor.

I find it unbelievable that photographer Bruce Gates, if that is his name, could get the details correct but not the person he is taking pictures of. It would have been less of a sin to put another team member's name, but Jody Connor. Who is Jody Connor?

I would like to set something straight. The name is David Coulthard, and this past weekend he added to his fine credentials by being chosen MVP of the OUA playoffs, which, I hope you know, York captured.

Robert Fedrigoni

Ed note: Bruce Gates knows who Dave Coulthard is - the mistake was by one of the editors. Apologies to Dave.

# CYSF

## A student service

A column submitted by members of CYSF (Council of the York Student Federation). Views expressed are those of CYSF and/or individual members.

The C.Y.S.F. Arboretum Committee has created a campus wide tree planting proposal which is to be submitted to the University Arboretum Committee for its

consideration. The following is to both enlighten you, the students, of the committee's activities and seek your comments regarding the following proposal.

The proposal is based upon a two fold concept for tree planting. Two goals were utilized in deciding upon areas for planting; 1) wind screen protection and 2) aesthetics. Because of the limited scope of this project, it was decided that planting along roads and pathways would yield optimal results per dollars spent.

Costs are based upon a quoted price of \$300.00 per 3" (diameter) deciduous tree and \$150.00 per 6'-8' conifer installed at site. Planting were based upon 1) single line of deciduous with 35' spacing 2) double line of coniferous with 15' spacing The total cost for this project is estimated to be

\$180,000.00 based on the arrangement on the accompanying campus plan. This figure could be lowered by bulk purchasing and by installation by York grounds crews. (If done by York crews this might guarantee a limited number of jobs despite planned cutbacks).

A three phase project was considered for most efficient implementation. The costs of the phases are Phase I - \$35,000.00 Phase II - \$55,000.00 and Phase III - \$90,000.00.

Phase I of the proposal will cover the following areas; 1) the Vanier to Steadman walk way, 2) Tait-McKenzie to Ice Palace parking lots, 3) Stong-Bethune to Curtis walk way and 3) the Ross to the Graduate residence walk way.

It is the hope of the committee that the tree planting proposal which has been presented meets the

approval of the administration and the support of the student body when a fund raising drive is instituted.

Gary Empey

All students are invited to attend a CAREER INFORMATION NIGHT in Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.. Representatives from various companies will be present to discuss opportunities within their companies and industries. These companies represent a variety of fields such as Marketing and Retailing, Accounting, Transportation, Business Machines, Petro-Chemicals, and Insurance. The event will be held in Ross 869 South. Sponsored by the economics and commerce students association. A.I.E.S.E.C. For further in-

formation call 667-6398 or drop by room 020, Administrative Studies.

On Thursday March 9, between the hours of 9 and 12 there will be a lot of laughter and good times taking place in the Stong Junior Common Room. The reason for such lively and great fun being had by all is that one Incredible Dixieland Band will be playing their hearts out for an important cause Multiple Sclerosis. Also, an LLBO license will help to make a great time even better at a social affair that will be pleasing to all with spirit and goodwill. One point of fact about this band is that they are professionals and make playing good music their business. Places that the Incredible Dixieland Band has played are Ontario Place, and the Bearpit last September.

Brian Hayden