

On the record

Those of you who listen to CHRY, York's radio station, will have heard the CYSF president, Peter Donato, on the air last Thursday discussing *Excalibur* and a few related issues with Steve Storm on *News Now*. As Donato may not be aware, we were on the air the next day to set the record straight. As some of our readers may not have heard these radio broadcasts, we would like to reiterate some of the points expressed by both sides.

Donato told a story to Storm about why he threw out *NOW* and *Metropolis* over the Christmas break. He told Storm (and through him, York) that caretakers came to him complaining about the mess these papers were creating as they are not placed neatly in bins. (Ironically, we often find many of the college papers on the floor next to ours. Not that we mind.) As Donato knew these papers did not have "official" permission to distribute on campus, he threw them out.

He also told Storm these off-campus papers should make a (financial) deal with *Excalibur* and *The Lexicon* (neatly ignoring the other college papers once again) as they were competing with these York-produced papers.

First, *Excalibur* does not want a deal with any other newspaper. We believe in freedom of information and freedom of the press, and do not mind these papers on campus. We also do not believe *NOW* and *Metropolis* are "competition." If York students want to know about York news, arts or sports, they have to read York newspapers.

We would also like our readers to know that when Donato told us in our office that he threw out the newspapers, he told us that we should support him and be angry because York students should be only exposed to York publications on campus because they pay for them while the other papers are free. He never said a word about the mess. It looks like he added the "mess" story on after the fact in order to add some justification for his actions.

It doesn't really matter why Donato did what he did. The reality is that he took on the role of censor without realizing it. And then he called us sensationalist by pointing this out.

Just to point out a fact, both *NOW* and *Metropolis* now have permission from the administration to be on campus — without bins.

Donato then went on to tell Storm that *Excalibur* took his quote, "If I can abuse my power I will," out of context. He said he made this quip after the January 31 council meeting while alone with an *Excal* reporter and the speaker. In fact, as we said on the radio, (and this is almost irrelevant considering the quote) he said it right in the middle of the council meeting, in front of two *Excal* reporters and the rest of council. And right after he said it he looked straight at one of the reporters and smiled, as if to say, "Did you get that down?"

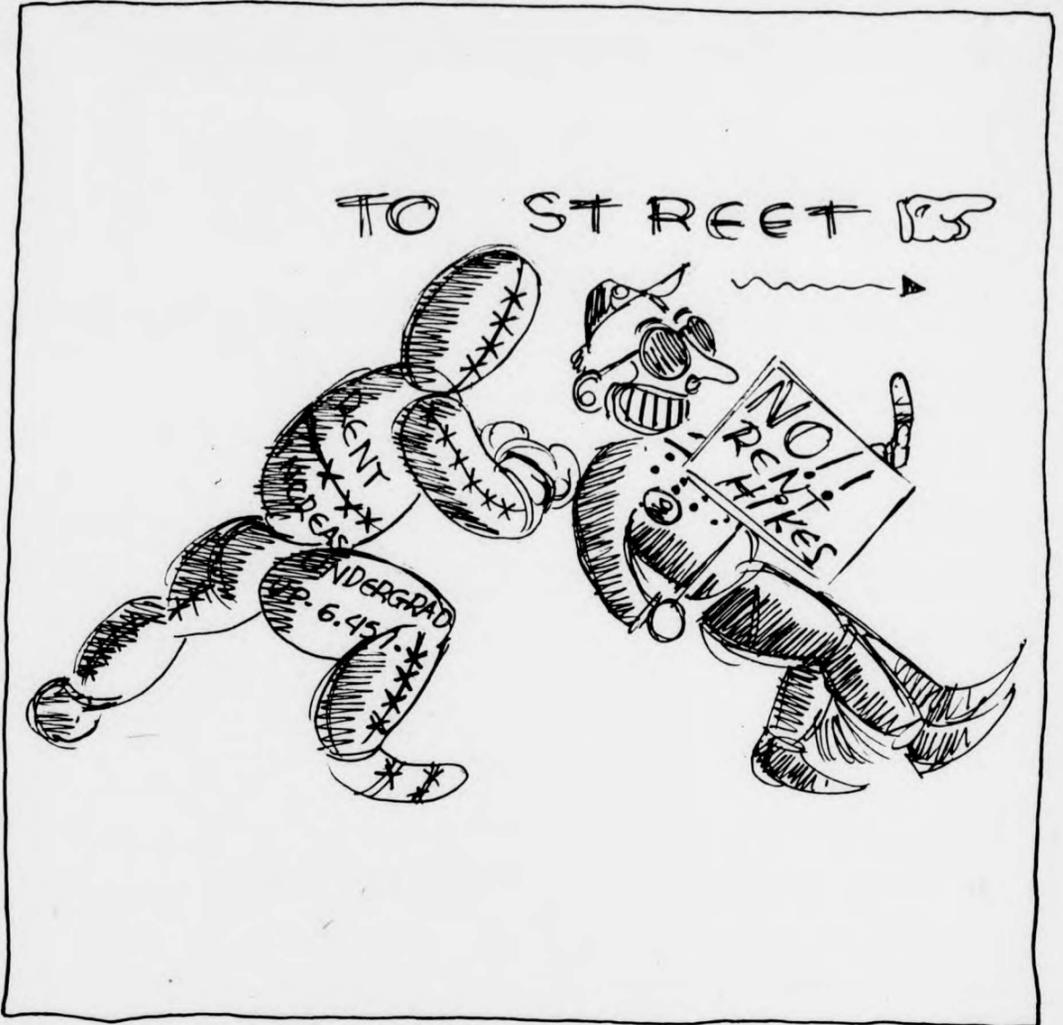
But besides all of this, it is absolutely never justified for a president, or any politician, to make such a remark.

One last thing. Donato said on the air that "you can't always believe what you read in *Excalibur*." We expect, and hope, that our readers will sometimes disagree with viewpoints expressed in our paper and let us know how they feel. But we have not lied about the CYSF.

If Donato believes so strongly that we have not told the truth about what York's student council is doing, why has he not started legal proceedings? We agree we have been very critical of the CYSF, but we have also supported it when it has done good for York — for example, we have supported the KHARD and the health plan.

We do, however, believe it is our responsibility, as we said on the radio, to let York students know what their student government is up to.

We invite members of the York community who have not heard the radio broadcasts to come into the *Excalibur* office for a listen. We believe that if York's student population were more politically active and aware, they would not stand for a president like Peter Donato.



letters

We will publish, space permitting, letters up to 500 words. They *must* be typed, double spaced, accompanied by the writer's name and phone number. Libellous material will be rejected. Deliver to 111 Central Square during business hours.

Bring back Vanier diamond

Dear *Excalibur*,

We already miss the baseball diamond by Vanier. The annual Theatre Students Baseball Bash is now only a memory. We shed tears of remorse. Do you have a bucket?

Yours,
Monica Sweeney
David Goodman
and
Thirty-Five Other Disgruntled
Theatre Students

What's Pete talking about?

Dear Mr. Donato:

I was puzzled by your reply to my letter. What were you trying to say? We made our point, it appears that you believe that we have read something into your list that wasn't there. We still feel that it was necessary for us to voice our opinion.

Every single fraternity and sorority was mentioned **by name**. Why, if they had to be included, couldn't they have been lumped together under 'Fraternities and Sororities' or 'Greek Groups' like

the 'Masters' were? Considering the fact that some CYSF members are also members of fraternities, it is easy to believe that they were not given preferential treatment by accident.

Furthermore, you did not neglect all of the college papers — you mentioned *The Lexicon* in your list. Your bias became obvious when in your letter to me you referred to your past position on the *Lexicon* staff.

I have one very important question: What is an *Excalibur* mindset? Why shouldn't I believe everything they print about the CYSF? Are they lying? Am I paying good money for a newspaper that spreads lies? What is the CYSF doing about this? It does not surprise me when I receive a letter like this from a CYSF president that would call one of his VP's a "prick."

It disturbs the *Vandoo* staff that we may have not contributed to a good first term. Please, find us at your disposal to make the second one "even better."

No Regrets
Brett Lamb
Editor, *Vandoo*

Editor's note: This letter is in response to a letter by Peter Donato published in the February 1990 edition of *The Vandoo*.

Does Moon Road really exist?

Dear *Excalibur*:

Explain please:
Where is Moon Road?

Many have received parking tickets, but no one can find the road!!! Is it unreserved, or is it not!?!?

Anonymous



I A Pi guilty of intolerance

To the editors:

I am writing in response to the interesting article in the Jan. 18 edition of *Excalibur* written by Scott Lake of I A Pi fraternity. Lake advertises his organization as being a nonconforming, anti-anti-elitist antifrat. However he forgot one quality: intolerant. I am referring to the discerning list of characteristics a prospective I A Pi member must not possess. A few of these are sexism, racism, or being a cocaine user. Absurdly among this dubious list is "Not be a business or economics major." Just what is this organization saying here?

I A Pi is generalizing and dismissing a large proportion of individuals at this university that could certainly add intelligence and the exchange of ideas to the club. The connotations to drug use, sexism, and racism are insulting, let alone libellous.

This qualification clearly contradicts Lake's claim that "we are the thinking students frat." Obviously, more contemplation is needed.

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