

Editorial

Tentanda agnus

(The sheep must be tried)

York's financial difficulties show every sign of continuing in years to come. Therefore, we must look for unused resources and find innovative ways to cut costs and increase efficiency in all of the University's endeavours.

For this reason, *Excalibur* is strongly in favour of the proposal to raise sheep on campus.

Now, gentle readers, before you say Bah, congratulate yourself on your wit, and dismiss the idea, think of the advantages.

The most obvious gain would be the abolition of the wastefully expensive maintenance of the grounds. We would, in effect, have self-cropping, self-fertilizing lawns.

Speaking of the self-fertilizing aspect, this would also eliminate the need for the yearly resodding of the paths which students wear in the grass by taking short-cuts across the lawns.

With our sheep on the job, you may be tempted to scamper across an inviting lawn on your bare feet some bright Spring day—but it just won't be worth the risk.

In the past Calumet College has expressed interest in starting its own farm. The proposed programme could be a step in this direction. It would provide practical vocational training for students as shepherds. Have you ever heard of an unemployed shepherd?

The saving of money by Physical Plant may be one of the main considerations in arguing for the establishment of the York flock—but there are other spin-offs as well.

Most important would be the great quantity of wool which would be gathered. Administrators and professors will readily admit to frustration because of spending too much wasted time in committees. In committee meetings, you always have your hands free. But with sheep on campus, just imagine the President's Advisory Committee on University Policy: a room full of middle-aged men in three piece, blue pin-striped suits. One of them drones on and on while the others spin the wool into yarn, or work diligently with their



hand looms while listening to the speaker.

Committee work would still get done and yet we would finally have a measurable benefit from our bureaucrats as well as occupational therapy for them. This is not a new suggestion, of course. Gandhi tried a similar proposal in India.

It has been suggested that the product could be misused by the administration to make thousands of extra-large toques as a compulsory uniform for undergraduates. We think it unlikely, however, that even York's administration would expect the students to pull the

wool over their own eyes.

There have been more whimsical suggestions, of course. Because rats are expensive, Psychology students might be encouraged to think on a large scale. Experiments running rats through mazes pale in comparison to a ram in Complex 1.

It has been suggested that residence oil bills could be reduced if room temperatures were lowered to 60 degrees Fahrenheit and a warm, snuggly sheep assigned to each residence room for warmth.

There are two disadvantages to this proposal: first, in most colleges, this would result in

three in a bed which is against health regulations. Second, in one college, which shall remain nameless, there would be some danger to the ewes. This may calm some of the Stong students down but it is definitely illegal.

The only real danger will come if the administrators realize that sheep are more profitable than students. They will rub their hands with glee as enrollment drops but the flock increases. Would anyone notice if the lecture halls were turned into sheep pens? It may not be educational, but the York sheep station is a good, sound, business proposition.

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Some "elevating" ideas from ... THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL PLANT

Vandalism

I suspect that in most cases of elevator vandalism the motive is impatience with poor service. The ironic thing about this is that the vandal creates a vicious circle. Each elevator rendered inoperative by the work of vandals will make the service poorer which will provoke more vandalism which will make the service even poorer, etc. This reminds me of a little story about a chicken and an egg. Which came first? The poor service or the vandalism?

One of the most popular stunts of vandalism is to rip the telephone receiver out of the elevator. Often the receiver is left on the floor, proving that the motive was not of theft but of vandalism.

As a point of information, elevators rarely have telephones in them. I would estimate that less than ten percent of all the elevators in Toronto have telephones. Therefore, we here at York are privileged to have them. Let's keep them by reporting the people that rip them out.

Remember, it may be you who is trapped in a stalled elevator with no way of contacting help.

Your friendly elevator mechanic,
TED WALDRON



Summer Employment

The YMCA of Metropolitan Toronto is preparing for another successful summer of Day Camping. In 1979 the Day and Specialty Camps provided close-to-home camping experiences to more than 16,000 children.

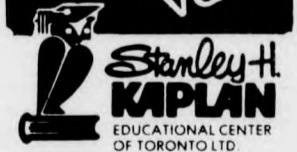
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