

# Options acquaints York with needs of district

Options Volunteer Referral Service will be open and operating as of February 25 in Rm. 202B Vanier College, on the York Campus. Working hand in hand with the Toronto Volunteer Agencies, and other community groups in need of volunteer assistance, we hope to acquaint members of the York community with the needs of our surrounding district, and make available to them a convenient way to become involved as a volunteer.

Volunteerism is at present the only means by which many socially concerned groups can become an effective force in our society to aid people in need. Social aid groups, whose services are usually aimed at those who can't afford them, are heavily dependent on donations and especially government funds to remain viable. Like universities they seem to be the first to suffer the cutbacks and the last to receive funding when available. What you have to offer them, and they can offer you is beyond price.

Your time, a few hours a week or a day, can give a young child or a well seasoned veteran of life, the happiness that could otherwise be lacking in their hours and weeks. The rewards of that sharing cannot be bought, only experienced.

The experience that you gain can some ways be measured. In the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York, they state that students can receive "Academic credit for relevant unpaid or paid Field Experience in any term." The

rewards can be quite tangible, in academic credits, or in work experience that can assist you in becoming employed in the field of your choice later on.

Here are a few of the areas of concern in our immediate area, easily accessible and in need of volunteers.

If you've been considering exercising to get into better shape, we can offer you lots of company and a breakfast to boot. We need volunteers to become members of JERC, the Jane Early Risers Club.

Many children in the York area, between the age of 12 and 15, predominantly male, suffer from poor attendance at school, along with behavioural problems in school and out, and a lack of academic accomplishment.

"Research studies have shown conclusively that regular provision of breakfast and early morning physical activity, with its concomitant emotional support to the child, results in improved attendance, lengthened attention span, lessened hyperactivity and fewer behavioural problems in the classroom; and as a result of the three above factors, improved academic performance resulting in increasing self-esteem."

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 7:45 and 8:45 a group of children in this category meet in the Driftwood Community Centre. Each morning's program starts with a breakfast donated by McDonalds and local merchants, followed by active games such as floor hockey or basketball.

This program is ideal for people living on or around campus, close, only two hours a week, a helpful.

If the hour is too early or the client too young, the Downsview Volunteers to Help Senior Citizens need your help. The program is designed to help senior citizens remain comfortably in their homes, in a belief that older people are happiest when they can

maintain their independence. Each volunteer "adopts" a senior citizen and once a week visits or contacts them, gives them a hand with small repairs, snow shoveling, or cleaning that they can't manage alone. If they must get to essential appointments (doctors etc), and can't use public transit, you give them a hand. To someone who is isolated and alone,

this support and encouragement can be invaluable. Older people in need of this type of help are all over; maybe even on your own block.

The openings for volunteers are boundless. Give us a call, everyone can come out ahead. Call 667-3255 between 12 noon and 3 pm.

Shawn Braymen  
Options



## your student council

This Thursday night the C.Y.S.F. Classic Movie Series presents "TOP HAT" with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire as well the film *Outrageous* with Craig Russell. The show begins at 8 pm in Curtis Lecture Hall "L". The cost is \$1.75. C.Y.S.F. members and \$2 for all others. Remember that's a double bill tonight;

Interested in getting involved? C.Y.S.F. has two committees of which your input is requested. Join the C.Y.S.F. Policy Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 1979 at 5 pm in the C.Y.S.F. Offices. If

policy is not your specialty join the C.Y.S.F. International Students Committee. The first meeting is scheduled for February 27th, 1979 at 5 pm in the C.Y.S.F. Offices Room 105 Central Square. For more information about either of these Committees contact the C.Y.S.F. 667-2515 or 2516.

If you are planning to travel to Europe this summer then the International Students Identification Card is an absolute must for you. It is available at the C.Y.S.F. offices Room 105 Central Square. Remember with the I.S.I.C. you get terrific

reductions on travel and other student discounts.

Need a paper typed? Visit the C.Y.S.F. Typing Service for prompt reliable service. They are open six days a week from 9 to 5 p.m. and are located in Room 105f Central Square.

The report for the Winter Ontario Federation of Students Conference will appear in the next issue of the Excalibur. The C.Y.S.F. delegates to the winter conference were Keith Smockum, Vice-president of University Services, and Jim Belyea, Vanier College representative.

Course Unions — The newly elected Chairperson for Course Unions is Michael Deverett. If you are interested in getting involved with a Course Union you can contact Mike at the C.Y.S.F. offices Room 105 Central Square.

Submitted on behalf of the Council

David W. Chodikoff  
President, C.Y.S.F. Inc.

## letters

All letters should be addressed to the editor, Excalibur, Room 111 Central Square. Letters must be typed, triple-spaced, on a 66 stroke line. Letters are limited to 300 words (seven column inches). Name, address, or phone number must be included or the letter will not be published. Excalibur reserves the right to edit for grammar and length.

Deadline Monday 4 pm

### Part-timer wants job in the fall

February did not begin very well for me. It's as well that I don't let things like this bother me, but it's anger time again. It's time for my annual lesson in budgetary economics. Once again I have become a letter, a cipher, a token in someone's flow chart. I am, apparently, to flow right out of York University and not come back.

It's one thing to be told all along that you are marginal to the requirements of the 'system'; it's another actually to feel oneself falling off as that margin of error can no longer be sustained.

I am referring to the likelihood of actually being fired from York at the end of April with little or no prospect of being rehired for next September. Most people do not realise that part-timers have been fired every year at the end of April. In previous years, some or all of us have resurfaced come September, although last year's budget cuts took a heavy toll from among our ranks. This year will be even worse, it seems, and I sense that it is almost all over for York's part-time faculty.

My teaching jobs in the Social Science division are up for grabs, part-timers need not apply. Full-time graduate students only, please. I stop to ruminate on the 'divide-and-rule' tactics of the powers-that-be which dreamed up the ploy of getting me to vent my anger on my fellow trade unionists in the other unit of our union. I realise that therein lies a trap into which we all must avoid falling. I look elsewhere for a suitable target for my anger. Targets are easy to find.

Basically, the question is this. Why am I, acknowledged by all who supervise me as a very good teacher, known to, and a friend of, hundreds of students, past and present, and recognised by them as a really normal, all right sort of a person, why am I being denied the chance to do what I like doing, and well too? ...

I have a concrete suggestion to make. Why doesn't everyone at York who earns, say, \$30,000 a year or more take a pay cut based on a sliding scale? I do not yet know how many people or how much money would be involved, but it must be considerable. Please understand me. I am not in any way, shape, or form jealous of those who

earn so much money. I happen to know that happiness cannot be bought, at any price. I and others like me do, however, need a certain amount of money to live on in this society. I would be completely content to earn around \$12,000 per year with some built-in cost of living increment. A lot of staff and practically all part-time faculty and graduate students at York don't earn anywhere near that amount. Some people might need more, some less than that amount. It isn't all that much. Do give it a thought, in the weeks that lie ahead.

Tony Woolfson  
part-timer and  
former GAA chairperson

### Secretary replies to boss' letter

I should like to reply to Mr. Barreto-Rivera's letter of February 1 in which he objects to a certain phrase contained in Excalibur's article (January 25) regarding a grievance filed on my behalf by YUSA.

Mr. Barreto-Rivera objects to the implication that I had walked his dog and typed personal letters for him. I think it is important to note that the phrase, though ambiguous, does not explicitly state that I had carried out these duties.

However, it must be made clear that it was Mr. Barreto-Rivera's intention that I walk his dog while he attended a meeting, sometime in October, if it were to bark more than three times. As it happened, it was my good fortune that the dog was not feeling particularly disposed toward conversation that day and I was spared having to escort it outdoors.

Secondly, although Mr. Barreto-Rivera has not given me any personal correspondence or material to type (during the present YUSA contract), he cannot deny that he made it clear to me, in the presence of a YUSA area representative, that if and when he will have such correspondence to be typed, I shall be obliged to type it.

Further, Mr. Barreto-Rivera states that he is puzzled by the phrase "handling service representatives". I must say I find it equally confusing. It bears only vague resemblance to my statement in which I objected to going to the cafeteria for coffee for service representatives and salespeople.

And finally, I must take issue with Mr. Barreto-Rivera's "proof" that I had neither walked his dog nor typed his personal letters. The fact that one has not filed a grievance against an infraction of a contract does not necessarily mean that the infraction did not occur.

Ms. Ingrid Dajis

### Students lose in fee increase

David Chodikoff's statement that "everyone benefits and no one's a loser" in this weeks Obiters Dicta is more than just political puffing when referring to the proposed increased fees to student governments and the joint Osgoode-CYSF trust account. When financial austerity is a student's motto in the present academic environment, an increase in student fees does indeed make the student a loser.

Granted, increased funding to CYSF, Legal and Literary of Osgoode, and all students councils sounds great, but if the students are going to be out of pocket in the process, we had better have a clear say. An increase of \$12. per student may not seem like a steep increase in student fees, but the question is what will there be to show for it. When tuition fees have been promised to be increased for next year, the chortle of glee among College Council members at finally finding a common ground with CYSF should not obscure the interests of the students that they were elected to serve.

Norman Keith  
(Osgoode Hall Law School)

### Loosen immigration laws for Iranians

I am a history major and have just recently been reading about the history of Persia (modern day Iran). A war that took place there in feudal times is somewhat analogous to what today's situation in Iran might potentially develop into if trouble continues.

In feudal times the trouble began when the Grand Duke of Grusinia (in S.W. Russia) was overthrown and one of his Governor's murdered.

What followed was a bloody, bitter battle between the Grusinian Ironshirts and the Persian army which lasted for two years.

The present situation in Iran is unfortunate and grows worse daily. Yet here in Canada we sit back and don't bother to concern ourselves with those less fortunate than us.

The very least we can do is educate ourselves about the situation and take a stand. We will never learn from history's mistakes if we stay ignorant. Hundreds of Iranians line up outside Canada customs in Iran in hope of getting a visa.

In lieu of the present situation I ask all individuals to put themselves in the shoes of those people for a moment and to write a letter to their M.P. to loosen immigration laws for Iranians. Let's not be witnesses to a situation similar to what happened in Grusinia long ago.

M. Loladze  
History major

### Marching students promote BRECHT

I was sitting in Founder's Dining Hall at dinner the other day when a small group of people singing a strange melody and carrying a sign with the word BRECHT on it marched into the room. They then recited a poem about war and the government complete with movements and then marched out of the room. A day later I saw small posters of war caricature sketches and quotes on them, again with the name BRECHT.

It is a welcome change to see students on campus actively participating in something they believe in, in a manner which truly means to reach the large majority of the student body. I don't really know whether they are advertising something or just publicizing a cause but whatever it is, we should be aware that it is happening on February 12.

I hope that these people will eventually let us in on this BRECHT.

Michael Willish

### Excalibur wrong about the Chevron

An article in the January 11 Excalibur contains several errors about The Chevron, the student newspaper at the University of Waterloo, and about the reason for The Chevron's expulsion

from Canadian University Press.

The article reports that Excalibur photo editor Bryon Johnson, who was the Excalibur delegate at CUP 41, says The Chevron was expelled from CUP not because of anti-communism and not because of CUP's disagreement with the content of The Chevron, but because "it was proven...that The Chevron lacked any form of staff democracy"...

There is a great deal of evidence in CUP member papers, in CUP House Organs, and in testimony and conclusions of two investigation commissions which have looked into the relationship between The Chevron and the UW Federation of Students, which should have been produced at the CUP conference if there were to be an objective evaluation of The Chevron's status in CUP.

But none of this evidence was produced at CUP 41. Instead, the CUP national executive and the membership commission introduced carefully-culled "evidence" to "prove that The Chevron lacked any form of staff democracy". Much of this "evidence" was highly-disputable and erroneous charges which had been refuted in the two investigations which have met over the past 18 months at UW, charges of which these investigation commissions had not found The Chevron guilty. This dubious "evidence" and the haste in which it was presented are just two points which demonstrate that the review of The Chevron's status at CUP 41 lacked any semblance of due process and was engineered to create an atmosphere of hysteria against The Chevron...

Bryon Johnson's claim that anti-communism had no part in the expulsion of The Chevron from CUP is a joke. CUP vice-president Alayne McGregor dispelled that notion when she said that up until three weeks before the national conference her hope was that "maybe we can smash the hegemony of CPC (M-L) on that paper" (The Chevron), but that when she judged that it was impossible to purge The Chevron of communist influence she decided that it was necessary to expel The Chevron from CUP.

Politics certainly was a factor in The Chevron's expulsion from CUP.

David Carter  
for The Chevron staff