

letters

College social life is for all students

I should like to direct this letter to the recently dislocated group of commuter students who have been complaining in the past issues of Excalibur about the renovations which have turned the Central Square Cafeteria into "an inhuman fast-food joint" from "the only centrally-located socializing place at York"

I am amazed that you have not yet discovered that there is so much more to York University campus than the Ross Building and Central Square. Contrary to popular belief, the undergraduate colleges have not been constructed for the sole purpose of providing resident students with a place to eat, drink and socialize. They are there for you, the commuter students, as well! Each college building has been outfitted with a coffee shop and - in most cases - a pub, dining hall, and a large common room furnished with comfortable furniture and a pleasant atmosphere. With all these facilities conducive to social activities just a few steps away from Central Square, it is totally in-

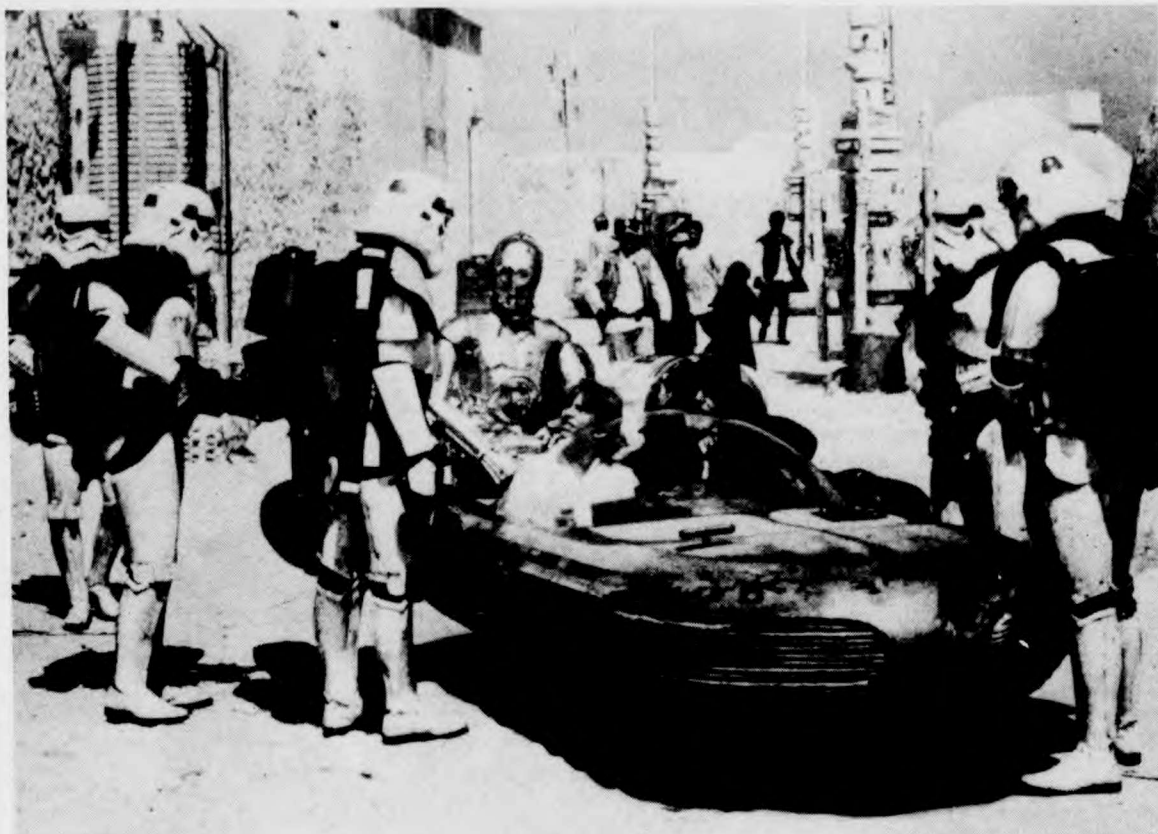
comprehensible to me that you feel the need to urge the administration to provide a student union building. In my opinion, the last thing this campus needs is the addition of a student union building as it would only duplicate the facilities already present on campus.

Here in Stong College there is quite a large group of active, interested commuter students who, I am sure, are grateful for having been provided with the opportunity and areas in which they can meet and become involved in the social and cultural atmosphere that prevails in these premises.

Having been both a resident and commuter student here at York, I have to admit that without the college system I don't think I could have made it to fourth year. One of the positive functions of this unique system is that it provides both resident and commuter students with the feeling that they can and do have a position within a smaller, more personal setting - rather than being one among the many thousands of undergraduates registered in the various faculties. It's all here - you just have to take advantage of it.

For those commuter students who feel they are doomed to spend their years at York "wandering the cold concrete corridors of the Ross Building" I feel profound pity that you have blinded yourselves to the realization that there is a place for you to socialize or whatever it was you did in the days before Central Square became a glorified McDonaldland.

Joan McCarthy
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Threepio, Luke, and Obi-Wan passing through imperial checkpoint in "Star Wars"

Reader says 'Star Wars' isn't just another Buck Rogers flick

Colin Smith's article of September fifteenth, characterising *Star Wars* as a shallow, black and white matinee entertainment, appealing only to a Buck Rogers mentality, distorts I think, the significance of the film. True, the characters are the same stereotypical figures of good and evil, so familiar to the audiences of Buck Rogers or even World War II pictures. None the less it is this very marked delineation between good and evil that makes *Star Wars*

the sweeping success that it is.

In an age of rampant liberalism we tend to forget that there is a difference, and an important one, between good and evil. We forget that ultimate evil is a compelling force withing the world (starvation, the atom bomb, senseless cruelty - to name a few with which we are all familiar).

Yet, more importantly, we forget that there is also ultimate good, and that we as men (sic) have a

responsibility to uphold the good, taking up the sword against evil. In the smug comfort of our urban civilization, we forget the meaning of courage and the call of adventure.

Star Wars reminds us of all this. Though etched in simple black and white, it touches the heart more deeply than any so called 'intellectual' production, coloured a hazy shade of grey.

Victoria Bradshaw

Write to us

All letters should be addressed to the Editor, *Excalibur*, room 111, Central Square.

Please triple or double space the letters, and keep them to around 250 words.

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on campus

Special Lectures

Today, 12 noon - 2 p.m. — Film-Discussion (English, Stong) a showing of "Ulysses" and a discussion of adapting Joyce to film by the director, Joseph Strick, at 2 p.m.; Mr. Strick will be in Toronto for the premiere this evening of his new film "A Portrait of the Artists as a Young Man" - admission is free - L, Curtis.

4 p.m. — Mathematics Colloquium - "Splines and Discrete Splines Satisfying Some Functional Equations - A survey" with dr. R. N. Mohapatra, University of Alberta and American University of Beirut - S203, Ross

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — Innovative Approaches to Facilitating Interpersonal Communications (CCE) "Fair Fight Training Demonstration" with Lee Pulos - general admission \$6; \$4 for students - 218, Bethune.

Friday, 12 noon — Preparatory Lecture-on Transcendental Meditation - S701, Ross

4 p.m. — Distinguished Speakers in the Social Sciences: Seminar Series - featuring a talk by Professor Tom Bottomore, Professor of Sociology at the University of Sussex, England - Faculty Lounge (S872), Ross

Saturday, 10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. — Seminar (Counselling & Development Centre, Science Students' Association) a two-part seminar series (each part is 2½ hours in length) on study techniques offered by Paul Hollander - for registration and further information call local -3576-162, Behavioural Science

Monday, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon — Ideology and Political Life Colloquium (French Association of Canadian Studies, York University, Founders College) first day of a 3-day colloquium; speakers and topics are as follows: 9:30 a.m. - Welcoming Remarks - York Professor C. Edward Rathe; York President H. Ian Macdonald; Dr. Stanley McMullin, University of Waterloo and Past President of the Association for Canadian Studies; Professor Pierre George, Université de Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne, et President, Association Française d'Etudes Canadiennes; 9:45 a.m. - "Theoretical Approaches to Ideology" with Glendon Professor Alain Baudot, Professor Albert Mabileau, Ancien directeur, Institut d'Etudes politiques, Université de Bordeaux, and Kenneth McRae,

Professor of Political Science, Carleton University - Faculty Lounge (8th floor), Ross

10 a.m. — Guest Speaker (Natural Science 180.6B) "Depletion of Hardly Renewable Resources" with David Rapport, Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Toronto A, Curtis

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon — Ideology and Political Life Colloquium (French Association of Canadian Studies, York University, Founders College) cont'd. as follows: "Nationalisms" with Professor Hugh Thorburn, Queen's University, President of the Canadian Political Science Association; Professor Francois Goguel, President de l'Association Française de Science politique; Professor Leon Dion, Professeur de Science politique, Université Laval - Faculty Lounge (8th floor), Ross

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. — Ideology and Political Life Colloquium (French Association of Canadian Studies, York University, Founders College) final session as follows: "Ideology and Political Action" with Glendon Principal David L. McQueen and Professor Georges Lavau, Professeur a l'Institut d'Etudes politiques, Université de Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne - Faculty Lounge (8th floor), Ross.

12 noon — Reading (Program in Creative Writing) featuring Dorothy Livesay, Canadian writer and publisher, currently writer-in-residence at the University of Manitoba where she is an editor of *Contemporary Verso Two* - Calumet Common Room, Atkinson.

4:30 p.m. — Chemistry Seminar Series - "The Electronic Spectra and Structure of Coordinated Di-Oxygen" with York Professor A.B.P. Lever - 320, Farquharson.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. — The Law and You (CCE) "Civil Liberties Law" with A. Alan Borovoy, General Counsel for CCLA; 2nd lecture in series; fee \$18 for series of 3 lectures - 106 Osgoode

Films, Entertainment

Today, 12 noon — Film Series (Film Library) "Alone" (as Yugoslavia, Greece and Crete fall, the RAF wins the Battle of Britain) - 114, Scott.

8 p.m. — Folk Songs-Poetry- with Hollis Rinehart, Stephen Hatfield, John MacDonald, Bruce Chambers, Liz Payne and others - Orange Snail (107), Stong.

9 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. — Cabaret Theatre - "Whirligogs" or "An Evening at the Circus with R.D. Laing" - admission free - McLaughlin College Hall.

Friday, 12 noon — Film Series (Film Library) "Barbarossa" (German attack on Russia is halted in the snows before Moscow) - 114, Scott

12 noon - 2 p.m. — Jazz in Bethune - featuring the China Sextet - Junior Common Room, Bethune

7 p.m. - 1 a.m. — Disco Night (Faculty of Education Students' Association) admission \$1.00 - Bethune College Dining Hall

8:30 p.m. — Bethune Movies - "A Star is Born" (Kris Kristofferson, Barbara Streisand) - general admission \$1.75 - L, Curtis.

9 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — Cabaret Theatre - see Friday at 9 p.m.

Saturday, 8:30 p.m. — Bethune Movies - "Le Sex Shop" (in French; English subtitles) - general admission \$1.75 - L, Curtis

Sunday, 8:30 p.m. — Bethune Movies - see Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Monday, 12 noon — Film Series (Film Library) "Banzai" (Japan attacks the US at Pearl Harbour and seeps through South East Asia to Singapore) - 114, Scott.

Tuesday, 12 noon — Film Series (Film Library) "On Our Way" (America enters the war) - 114, Scott

Clubs, Meetings

Today, 4 p.m. — Calumet College Outdoors Club - first organizational meeting - Calumet Lounge, Atkinson Phase I

4:30 p.m. — Monthly Meeting of Senate - (note: due to the fact that Yom Kippur fell on the fourth Thursday of September, the regular meeting date for this month has been altered) - Senate Chamber (S915), Ross

Friday, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters

Monday, 11 a.m. & 12 noon — Visual Art From the Bible - 220, Stong

7:30 p.m. — York Bridge Club - Vanier Dining Hall

Wednesday, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters

4 p.m. — Inaugural Meeting - of the Philosophy Students Association - Sylvester's Lounge, Stong.

Sports, Recreation

Friday, 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. — Staff-Faculty Hockey - Ice Arena

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. — Recreational Badminton - open to interested members of the community with Athletic Membership Cards - Upper Gym, Tait McKenzie

Saturday, 9:45 a.m. — 11th Annual Cross-Country Meet (Physical Education & Athletics) more than 1,200 high school students from across Ontario are expected to participate - the invitational will feature six races which will start and finish on the playing fields located on the west side of the Ice Arena; for further information call Dave Smith at local -2379.

Monday, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. — Conditioning for Men & Women - each Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Main Gym, Tait McKenzie.

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. — Organizational Meeting - of Badminton Sports Club - for advanced players interested in competitive badminton - practices will take place each Tuesday (5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) and Thursday (8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.) - Upper Gym, Tait McKenzie.

Miscellaneous

Today, 1 p.m. — Relaxation, Meditation & Biofeedback Group (Counselling & Development) for registration and further info call Rossana Fung at local -2519, 122, Behavioural Science.

Friday, 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. — Radio Interview - Doug Buck, Faculty of Fine Arts, will discuss the Performing Arts Series on Radio Station CJRT

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. — ATKINSON COLLEGE FALL CONVOCATION - Robert Weaver, former head of CBC Radio Arts and founding editor of The Tamarack Review, will receive an honorary doctoral degree and give the Convocation Address - Podium Level, Ross Building (in case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will take place at the Tait McKenzie Building).