

# Editorial

## An election issue

In the midst of a parade of big name politicians discussing federal-provincial constitutional matters at York, it is necessary to remember local Ontario concerns. Two events of note have occurred in the provincial sphere during the past week.

On Friday, the Ontario Federation of Students gave a detailed explanation of the just released *Federal-Provincial Task Force on Student Aid*. On Monday, Bill Davis pulled the plug on the minority government and writs were issued for a March 19 provincial election.

The Task Force report concluded that the existing programs were generally adequate and it makes no suggestions for substantial improvements.

It is most difficult to understand how such a conclusion was reached. Anyone who knows any of the dozens of students who drop out of school because of financial problems would laugh at the report.

For once a provincial election will be held while students are in their school ridings. The last election, in 1977, was held in June when students had dispersed to their home ridings. The election before that occurred in September 1975, requiring students to be enumerated in their home ridings.

One can only hope that post-secondary funding will be at least a minor issue in this campaign. With the student population concentrated in a few ridings, there should be some interest in those key ridings.

In 1975, Stuart Smith won Hamilton West riding by a slim margin. However, he carried MacMaster University by a large majority. If the results of MacMaster had been deducted



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from the riding vote totals, Smith would have lost the riding. Smith is now the Leader of the Opposition in Ontario.

It would be foolish for students to look solely at education issues when deciding who to vote for. Issues such as unemployment and inflation affect us all. Davis' recently released industrial strategy will come under close scrutiny, as did the "Davis Charter" in 1977. Rent review will certainly be an issue. There will be

much discussion about the constitutional debate, and about the shift of power from Ontario to the West.

To date, the major issue seems to be Franco-Ontarian rights. Davis is standing firm in his opposition to Ontario becoming a bilingual province, in spite of the dissent of his federal colleagues.

*Excalibur* will be covering many aspects of this campaign, from a riding profile, reports on issues, to reports of the efforts on the local political clubs.

The common itch. Usually a little scratching is enough to encourage it to go away. However, there are a few "itches" that persist and where the appropriate advice is, Don't Scratch. We would like to mention three of the most common.

### Vaginitis

Let's start with moniliasis. Symptoms can include an itch in the vaginal area, sometimes accompanied by a burning pain, and/or a whitish, flaky discharge usually of a yeasty odour. Treatment is nystatin in suppository form which goes by the trade name of Nycostatin or O-V Statin. Other symptoms of vaginitis are a sudden fierce itch in the vagina, occasionally a burning during urination, painful intercourse or a vaginal discharge which can range from thin and milky to thick and yellow-white with an offensive odour. This form is called trichomoniasis. It can be treated with trichomonicide which can come in a cream or powder. This form of vaginitis, along with a third type called hemophilus vaginalis can be very stubborn to treat. These two infections can be contracted by the male partner and it is not uncommon for partners to pass it back and forth. Therefore, it is important that if you have a sexual partner that both of you be treated. Hemophilus vaginalis can be identified by a frothy malodorous discharge. It is treated with antibiotics. If in doubt about any of these symptoms always check with a doctor.

### Crabs

Often a humorous topic for the locker room, crabs become very "unfunny" if you happen to get them. Crabs live and breed in pubic hair and cause their host to be violently itchy. Scratching

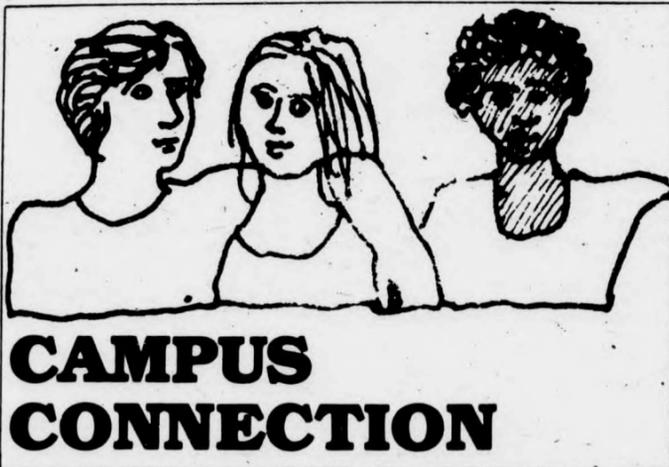
causes them to spread to other part of the body. Crabs are usually difficult to see, but when they have just eaten they will appear rust-coloured.

Treatment of crabs should include application of Kwellada or GBH shampoo, cream or lotion (available at drug stores) to the infected area. Regular soap must be washed and left for six days to ensure complete elimination of the crab eggs. Dry cleaned clothes may be worn immediately.

Crabs are contracted by direct contact with infected sheets, clothing or skin. If you identify your itch as crabs be kind to those

be 'just' dandruff. It may be an indicator of lice. Lice are white, oval-shaped insects 1/8" long which cling to the hair shafts and nourish themselves from the scalp. Their method of nourishment may cause scalp infection. One week after birth a louse reproduces itself but continues to live for three additional weeks.

Treatment of lice involves application of Benzene Hexachloride to wet hair and eyebrows if affected. Eyes should be protected. Hair brushes, combs, bed sheets, pillowcases, clothing and mattresses should be carefully cleaned. Lice are extremely



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you have been in contact with and instruct them on treatment.

### Lice

The myth that lice are related to hygiene persists. Lice are not related to hygiene and are easily contracted from others who may carry them. An itchy scalp may not

contagious. Those who have had contact with any of these items should be alerted for the possibility of lice.

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