

Post would save money - Edson

The following are responses to the Excalibur editorial, "York students need a full-time president" published in the March 25 issue.

In light of the article printed in Excalibur March 25, "Edson to create new position" and in light of your editorial, "York needs a full time president", let me at this time respond to a number of arguments and misinterpretations printed by your paper. I wish to respond to your reporting that I am hiring four persons, a bookkeeper, secretary, business manager and assistant. I also wish to respond to your concern that I will only be a part-time president. Finally I wish to defend my need for a cost of living allowance.

As to the creating of a new position by my council, let me state that I have not advocated any such thing. The position already exists under the constitution in the form of a business manager. Prior to the presidency of Dale Ritch, a business manager was on the CYSF staff for three years and was paid a salary in excess of \$7,000 per year. The business manager proved quite useful.

For this reason I feel an additional individual is necessary for the operation of an efficient council. In my discussions with your reporter, I was misinterpreted, in that I am not advocating the hiring of an assistant bookkeeper and business manager but am contemplating dividing the job of business manager, so that we may hire two persons, and may I point out at a combined salary of less than \$6,00 a saving of over \$1,000 from Ann Scotton's administration.

Furthermore, I wish to point out that while Excalibur opposes the hiring of additional

personnel by my council so that we may better serve the student body, they themselves have three full time persons on their staff, paid for largely by student funds. I am sympathetic with Excalibur's need to run an efficient operation, thereby the need for adequate personnel, and I can only hope that they will recognize my council's need to properly serve the student body.

As to the possibility of political patronage in the hiring of personnel, it must be stated that I have no power to unilaterally hire anybody. This is the responsibility of council. Secondly, let me point out that I have gone further than any other president by asking an impartial individual, Alex Ahee, ULS dominated CYSF appointed Chief Returning Officer, to study all applications for paid positions on CYSF. Let me also at this time invite Julian Beltrame, editor of Excalibur, to join with Mr. Ahee in the recommendation procedure.

As to charges that I will be a part time president, and as to my asking for a cost of living allowance, let me point out that I expect to be putting at least 60 hours per week into my duties as president, in addition to my taking a couple of courses at my own leisure. Finally, should I receive a COLA, my salary will be increased to approximately \$5,700 per year or \$1.81 PER HOUR. I do not need to elaborate on the fact that I was not motivated to seeking this position for financial reasons.

Barry Edson

Above suspicion

I was very surprised to see in Excalibur last week that, in

less than two weeks after his election, Barry Edson is already giving credence to the accusations of corruption against him. How can he blithely pay \$2,000 to \$3,000 to an assistant while keeping his full salary when there are so many more vital issues on which to spend CYSF's (that is the students' many). If you do need someone to help you do your job, Edson, pay him or her out of your salary. (I live quite comfortably on less than \$2,500, so it wouldn't be that bad.)

Certainly, if he ever plans to go into a political or legal career, as I have heard he does, Edson should be very careful to keep his actions above reproach. To offer a paying job, created by him, to his campaign manager or a friend right after he is accused of planning just that and to have members of his own faction "debate" on his choices, is an obvious farce.

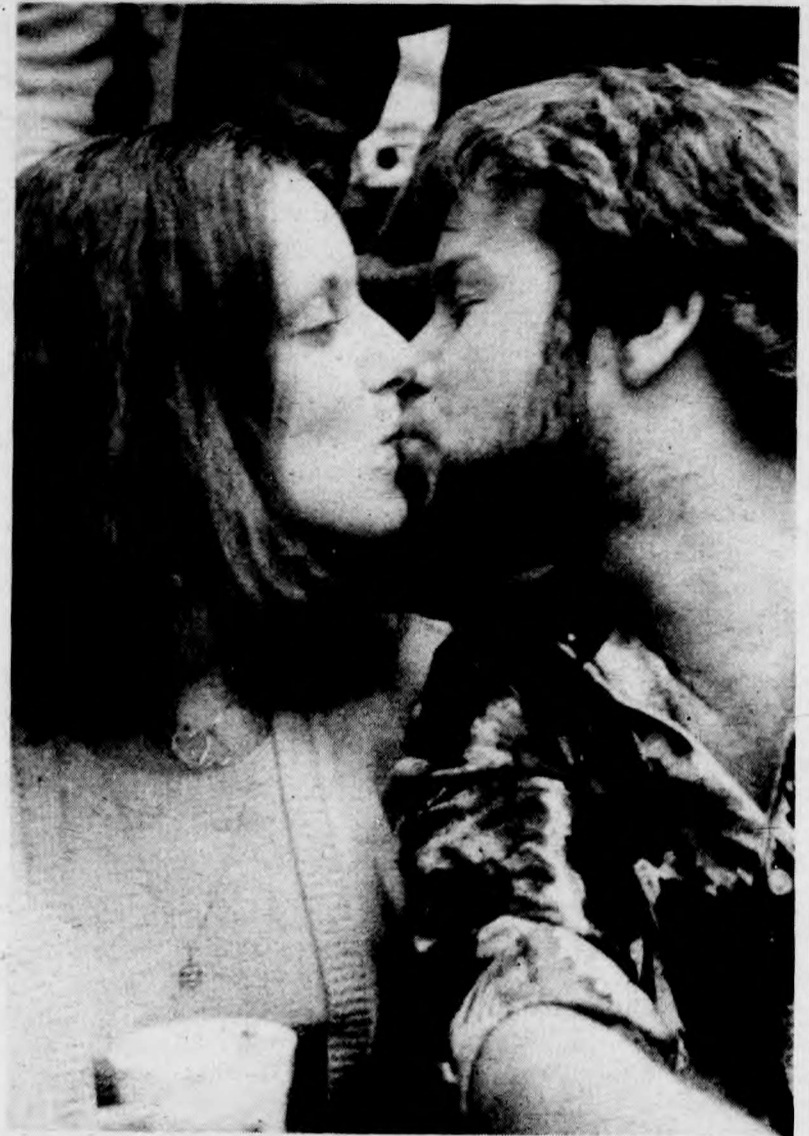
If Edson wants to keep the respect of people on this campus he had better prove that he is capable of acting without Jay Bell, and without making a fool of himself. Let's see if his second act as president of the CYSF will be as silly as his first.

Gillian Kerr

Minimum wage

In your article on March 25, you suggested that Barry Edson pay his executive assistant from his \$5,500 a year job. Don't be ridiculous.

To begin with, this salary amounts to little more than what the average student earns during the summer and, second, this job requires about 50 hours a week during the school year. At that rate, Ed-



Barry Edson and girlfriend, following election victory.

son is only being paid \$2.19 per hour, which is below the minimum wage rate.

Edson's proposal to establish the post of an executive assistant will be an aid to get the CYSF off the ground next year. His proposal will be open to all students, since the aid will be selected by the CRO appointed by Dale Ritch's CYSF.

Past councils (with the exception of Dale Ritch's) have had a number of paid positions and past experience proves you only get what you pay for.

Where would Excalibur be

with only two paid positions? Or Harbinger, for that matter which pays \$20,000 a year on salaries? I suggest that the students accept the proposal for an executive aid, to help Edson and the CYSF do the most efficient job possible and to repair the problems last year's CYSF had because of the lack of proper help.

Diane Barrie

Ed. Note: Excalibur has three full-time positions; Editor-in-chief, Managing editor and Business manager. Harbinger employs two full-time persons.

On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to the Communications Department, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Tuesday, 5 p.m. - Faculty of Science Seminar - "Recent Research on the Physiology of Transcendental Meditation" with Dr. J. Farrow, I.U. (Iowa); Professor Farrow received his Ph.D. in neurobiology from Cornell and during the past two years has been studying the neurophysiology of TM at M.E.R.U. (Lucerne, Switzerland) - N203, Ross.

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - Communications & Interpersonal Relationships (Centre for Continuing Education) "Women in Therapy" with Marcia Weiner - general admission \$6; \$4 for students - 107, Stedman.

Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - EDEX Symposia Series (Education) "Mathematics and the Exceptional Child" - general admission \$8 - 038, Administrative Studies.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Biology Graduate Students Symposium - on the theme "Developments in Somatic Cell Genetics", the following program is scheduled: "The selection and characterization of mutants of somatic cells" by L. Siminovitch, University of Toronto; "A search for mitotic recombination in cultured Chinese hamster cells" by L. Chasin, Columbia University (New York); "Somatic cell hybridization in higher plants" by F. Constabel, N.R.C. Prairie Regional Laboratory (Saskatchewan); "Somatic cell genetic approaches to cell differentiation" by K. Fournier, Yale University; "Somatic cell genetics of higher plants: prospects for crop improvement" by T.B. Rice, Michigan State University; "Regulation of gene expression and chromosome replication as studied by cell hybridization, Herpes Virus and Bromodeoxyuridine" by R.L. Davidson, Children's Hospital Medical Centre (Boston) - the symposium will take place in Room D, Stedman Lecture Halls.

Monday, 3 p.m. - Guest Speaker - Miss Pamela Poole, of the Health Programs Branch of Health and Welfare Canada, will present an information seminar on the National Health Research and Development Program as it pertains to university researchers - B01, Administrative Studies.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - International Women's Year: Lecture Series (Arts, York Colleges) "Women and Political Power" with Judy La Marsh, Visiting Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School - Club Room, Bethune.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Guest Speaker (Centre for Continuing Education) Arthur Maloney will speak on his role as Ombudsman in Ontario and current issues - discussion period to follow - general admission \$6 - 106, Osgoode.

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Today, 7:30 p.m. - Concert (Music) Renaissance Music with Miles Dempster (lute), Katharine Pimenoff (soprano), and Murray Charters (violin) - Senior Common Room, Founders.

8 p.m. - Concert (Music) featuring the students of Jon Higgins and Trichy Sankaran - Senior Common Room, McLaughlin.

Friday, 12 noon - Video at Calumet - tapes by New Zealand artist Darcy Lange - Calumet Common Room, (109A), Atkinson.

1 p.m. - Film (Calumet German Club) "Das Wirtshaus in Spessart" (1957) - 123A, Atkinson.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. - Films (Winters) "Dr. Strangelove" and "39 Steps" - I, Curtis.

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. - Films (Winters) "Days of Thrills and Laughter", "Easy Street" (Charles Chaplin), "Way Out West" (Laurel and Hardy) I, Curtis.

Monday, 8 p.m. - Concert (Music) solo horn recital featuring Judith Crone - 016, McLaughlin.

8:30 p.m. - York Composers Concert (Music) featuring new compositions for chamber ensembles - F, Curtis.

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Solo Recital (Music) featuring Susie Kluck (oboe) and Joanne Dozza (clarinet) - 106, McLaughlin.

8 p.m. - Solo Recital (Music) featuring Victoria Masnyk - Senior Common Room, McLaughlin.

8:30 p.m. - Concert (Music) a performance by the York New Music Cooperative - Junior Common Room, Bethune.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Concert (Music) a piano ensemble featuring the music of Bach, Bartok, Brahms and Mozart performed by the students of Reginald Godden - F, Curtis.

8 p.m. - Solo Recital (Music) featuring Anne Wild (bassoon) and Francis Loughheed (oboe) - 016, McLaughlin.

SPORTS, RECREATION

Saturday, 10 a.m. - Novice & Junior Gymnastic Meet (York University Gym Club) this all-Ontario girls meet is an optional qualifying competition for upcoming Ontario championships in Windsor - Novice Competition (14-16 years) at 10 a.m.; Junior (16-18) at 2 p.m. - general admission \$1.00; 50 cents for children; for further information call 667-2347 - Gymnasium, Tait McKenzie.

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Today, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - AIESEC - office is open

Monday through Friday at this time - 020, Administrative Studies.

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Information Meeting - for first and second year students interested in Anthropology courses and programs - N203, Ross.

8 p.m. - Eckankar - 103, Winters.

Friday, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Student/Faculty Meeting (Science Students Association) for the Physics, Chemistry and ACM Departments - Tea Room, Petrie; and for Biology, Liberal Science and EVS/ERS Departments - Faculty Lounge, Farquharson.

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters.

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Badminton Club - Upper Gym, Tait McKenzie.

Monday, 2 p.m. - Christian Science Organization - testimony meeting (library facilities available on request) - 029B, Winters.

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

8, 9 & 10 p.m. - Hatha Yoga - 202, Vanier.

Tuesday, 5 p.m. - York Chrous Rehearsal - F, Curtis.

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Israel & Judaica Study Group - S173, Ross.

6 p.m. - Gay Alliance at York - 226, Bethune.

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Stamp Club - S173, Ross.

7 p.m. - Self-Defense for Women - Bethune Cafeteria.

8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - Scottish Country Dancing - admission 50 cents - Dance Studio (2nd floor), Vanier.

Wednesday, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Coin Club - S173, Ross.

MISCELLANEOUS

Today, 3 p.m. - Science Career Information (Science Student Association) formal presentations by: Dr. R.W. Nichols, Director of CRESS; Fran Thompson, Civil Service Commission; Mary Armstrong, Public Service Commission; Robert Haddow, STELCO; David Robertson, York's Faculty of Administrative Studies; with discussion period to follow - L, Curtis.

Friday, 8:30 p.m. - End-of-Year Party (Science Students Association) featuring "Andromeda", a disc jockey, free pizza, door prizes to first 50 people - general admission \$2 - Bethune Dining Hall.

Tuesday, 3 p.m. - Inter-Church Easter Celebration - guest speaker is York Professor Colin Campbell - the program includes readings from the Scriptures, songs, prayers, a liturgical dance and refreshments - Faculty Lounge (S869), Ross.