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Stong elevator breaks down for second time

by Brent Poland
 The elevator at Stong residence has broken down again.
 This time, the North York fire department was called to Stong on Friday Nov 13 to free two males trapped in the elevator.
 This is the second time within one month that the fire department has been called to Stong regarding the elevator.
 On October 12, a Guelph student suffered severe injuries when he fell down the elevator shaft after the front door collapsed into the open shaft.
 The students and the staff living at Stong are fed up. They want something to be done before someone is seriously hurt or killed.
 The problems with the two Stong eleva-

tors are abundant. They stop in between floors, the doors get stuck, they stop on wrong floors and, occasionally, they free-fall short distances.
 "An elevator is like an airplane, you don't send an airplane up when it is not functioning properly, nor should you put people in an elevator that is not working," said Greg McLean a tenth floor don at Stong.
 McLean thinks that although there are only small technical problems with the elevators, they indicate that problems exist which could endanger the safety of the students.
 "The students don't abuse the elevators, most of the damage is done when students try to get out of a stuck or broken elevator"

said John Rainford, another resident don at the college.
 "If we see a reoccurring problem with the elevators then it is our practice to get Dover [Elevator Company] on it," said Peter Ridout, director of housing services.
 Dover did not respond to repeated requests for an interview.
 "I personally don't have any confidence in the elevators at present" said Andy Knight, resident tutor at Stong.
 Knight says neither of the elevators have been working properly since the summer. He had submitted a number of work requests to fix the elevators before the accident in October.
 Knight believes that the elevators or the

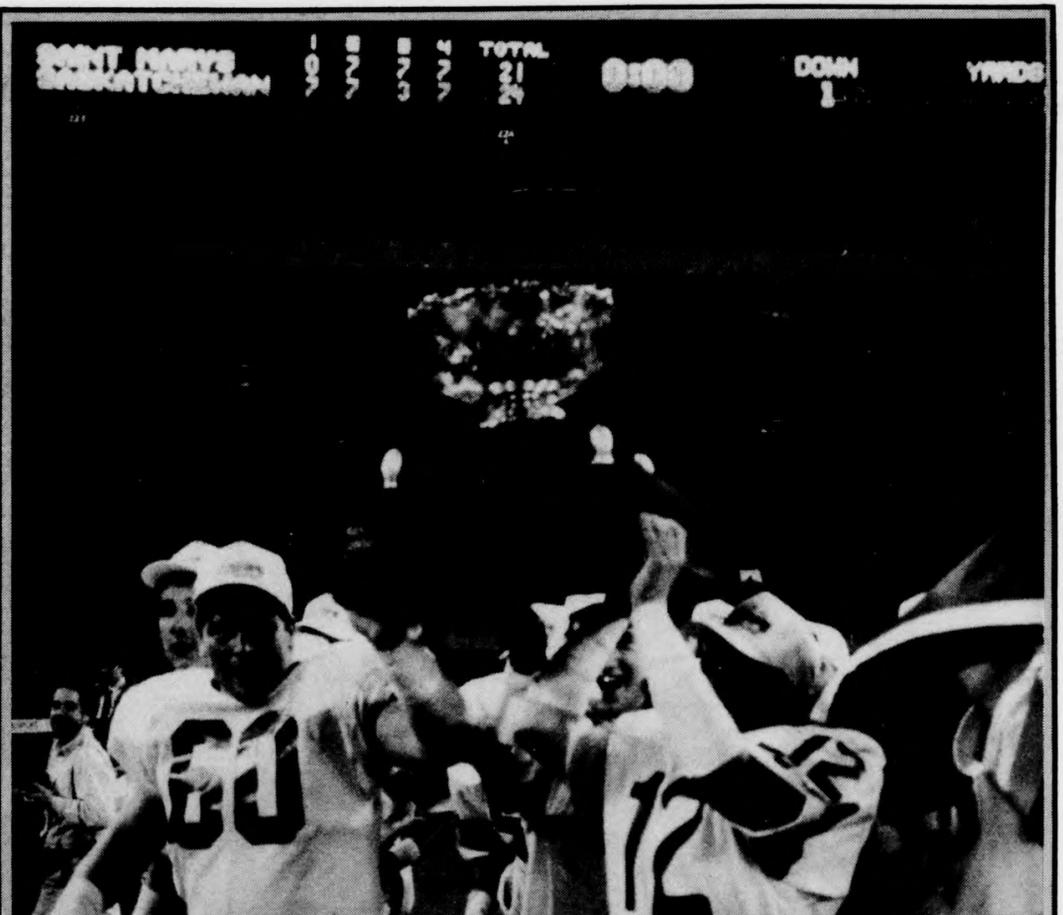
company servicing the elevators needs to be changed. This must be done "so that a major incident like a death doesn't occur before something is done," Knight said.
 "Safety is no longer the question," Ridout said. "We are now dealing with reliability" [of the elevators].
 Ridout stated that if the elevators were unsafe, the department of commercial and consumer relations would not allow them to be used.
 Ridout has sent a private consultant to review all the elevators in the residences. Ridout attributes the breakdown in the elevators to their age and rider abuse.
 "Although the elevators are 20-years-old

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Student deterred from applying for research grant

by Jennifer Lim
 T fourth year anthropology student who tried to apply for the Northern Studies grant at York got a negative response before she had even applied.
 It took Andrea Wenckebach two months to get an application form after she saw the initial advertisement in the September 26 issue of Excalibur.
 According to Wenckebach, she was not able to contact professor Jack Ellis from the faculty of Environmental Studies, but managed to reach biology professor Duncan Cameron whose name was also on the advertisement.
 "He didn't even know that his name was on the ad. He didn't know that he had anything to do with this," Wenckebach said. According to Wenckebach, Cameron told her to come back again. She returned two weeks later but was told to speak to professor Richard Bello who administers the Northern Studies grant.
 About a week before the application dateline, Wenckebach was finally told that Bello was on sabbatical.
 "My first reaction was to ask why it (the application form) was given to someone who was on sabbatical," Wenckebach said.
 According to Bello, he had given both Ellis and Cameron the application forms and the other documentation needed by the applicants. He said that he had also informed them about placing their names in the advertisement as contact people.
 During Wenckebach's meeting with Cameron, she provided him

with a rough outline of the research she was intending to do, but was discouraged against applying.
 "He said that I had to be very careful and that people didn't like funding anthropologists because of problems they had in the past," Wenckebach said.
 Penny Van Esterik, Wenckebach's professor who was going to help with her proposal, stated that, "Andrea felt badly because they did not take her request seriously."
 According to Wenckebach, Cameron was very biased and uninformed about anthropology. She also criticized the disorganization of the grant committee.
 Cameron denied all allegations as categorically untrue.
 "I simply gave her my objective criticism," Cameron said.
 "I find it hard to fathom her [Wenckebach's] interpretation of the meeting with doctor Cameron," Bello said. "He has always been a booster, a strong proponent of Northern Studies at York."
 Bello also felt that it was not anyone's intention to let potential students miss the opportunity to enter the program.
 According to Bello, there was no reason why Cameron, who has been on the grant committee for several years, would discourage Wenckebach.
 The Northern Studies program sponsors students from all disciplines who wish to conduct research in the Canadian arctic and subarctic regions. The grant is funded by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in Ottawa.



VANIER CUP GLORY
 Saskatchewan Huskies' Ray Wieins (60), and Dean Bewanger (12), hoist the Vanier Cup above their heads in celebration after they defeated St. Mary 24-21 in last Sunday's match at the Sky Dome. Saskatchewan sealed their victory when St. Mary's quarterback, Chris Flynn, was blindsided by a Saskatchewan linebacker and fumbled the ball with under a minute left in the game.

A. Clive Cohen

Weather Swami's four-day forecast

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			
rain ending, windy, mild High 14 Low 11	mostly sunny High 3 Low -2	variable clouds, windy, mild High 8 Low 0	mostly cloudy High 6 Low 2

