

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All letters should be addressed to the Editor, c/o Excalibur, room 111 Central Square. They must be double-spaced, typed and limited to 250 words. Excalibur reserves the right to edit for length and grammar. Name and address must be included for legal purposes but the name will be withheld upon request. Deadline: Mon. 4 p.m.

## Hitchhiking is not a social disease

Thank you for your thoughtless attack on hitchhikers. It only proved my premise that those behind your desks are shallow and unfeeling snobs. By throwing around allegations that play up hitchhikers as careless idiots, you only serve to reinforce stereotypes that are not only false, but damning.

I am not a careless hitchhiker. I do not smoke, make rude noises or leave nose prints on the windows. I usually engage in polite, and often helpful conversations. I sometimes even rescue the driver from the humdrumery of listening to top 40 trash. Good hitchhikers are not rare

— we are the norm. And all your little sensationalisms do is make ALL of us look bad.

The automobile has done enough to turn our streets into cold, impersonal, and often hostile places. Why must you insist on perpetuating and intensifying this among fellow students? Just because I can't afford to drive is no reason for me to be treated like a social disease.

Come on Excalibur, give the hitchhiker some good publicity. Exercise your good will — it could probably use the workout!

Ted Howe

## Trapped students demand remedy for faulty elevator situation

We the undersigned are protesting the lack of responsibility which York University has demonstrated for its community. Specifically, we are protesting the lack of concern for people who are unfortunate enough to be trapped in one of the many elevators on the York campus.

On Sunday March 13, 1977, we were trapped in an elevator between the 1st and 2nd floors of 6 Assiniboine Road — one of the graduate residences on the York University campus. Although we used the emergency telephone in the elevator to contact the university switchboard, we remained trapped for TWO HOURS.

This intolerable situation lasted for such a long time because York was unable to get a mechanic to come and mend the elevator. Apparently, the company (Dover Turnbull) that maintains the elevator had only one person working the night shift — and he was out on a repair job. Although a mechanic was also on emergency call, he too was unavailable. Furthermore, the fire department, we were informed, refuses to become involved in such events. As a result, the company mechanic from HAMILTON was called, and it took him one and a half hours to arrive and release us.

It seems to us, that this is an intolerable situation that should never happen again. We would like to know why the elevator company had only one person on duty; why the university does not have a mechanic on campus who can deal with these kinds of problems; why the fire department will not intervene in these crises; why the man from the

elevator company, who was supposed to be on emergency call could not be located; why the elevators are not properly maintained (the elevator we were trapped in fails to operate on the average 4 times a month); why the elevators have been given an operating license when in fact they often break down; and finally, why has the university administration done nothing to remedy the situation, considering this is not the first time an elevator on campus has broken down?

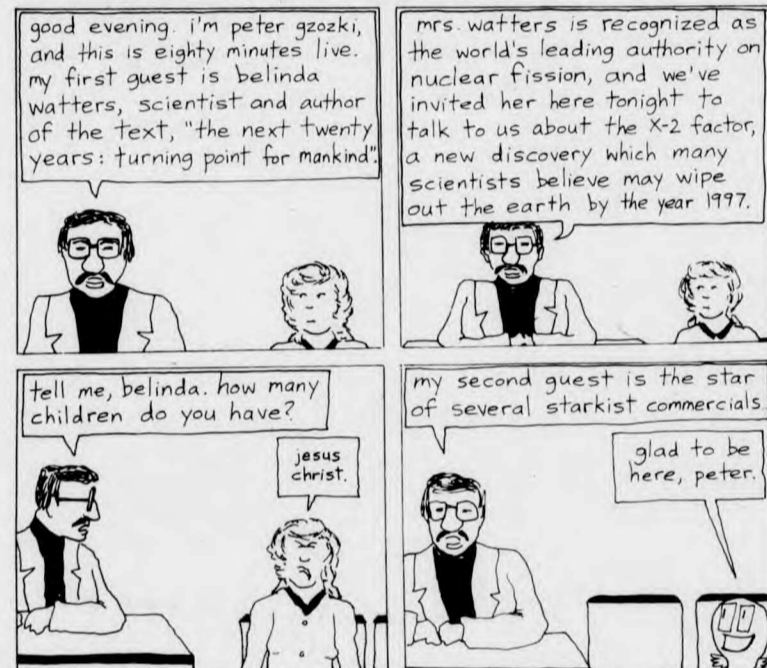
It is very clear that those people

who are responsible for the maintenance of the elevators, and those who are responsible for aiding people who are trapped in elevators, obviously abdicated their responsibility, while seven people were helplessly trapped for two hours. It is our hope, that this situation will never happen again.

B. Wojciechowska-Kibble  
T. Petitpas  
Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein  
E. Elgle  
J. Atkinson  
E. Smitt

## AS THE CAMPUS TURNS

WARREN CLEMENTS



## Mystery candidate tells all and remains mysterious

I have been told that you at your esteemed paper are not fully aware of who I am and what I stand for. This is not surprising, due to the secrecy involved with myself and the organization which I represent. I regret that my previous letter to your noble paper did nothing to clarify my position.

The Committee of Public Safety is a secret organization. Its membership, including the number of members and its geographical scope may not be revealed. As chairman I am forbidden to appear in public. The Committee's goals and objectives are also confidential. Any member who violates these rules or any other rules must pay the supreme penalty: death and confiscation of all property.

However, due to your kind interest in myself and what I stand for, I have been granted special dispensation to reveal to you the above. Some of the lesser details of our program may from time to time be revealed to you if the Committee so decides.

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Citizen William Daniels  
Chairman, on behalf of the Committee  
of Public Safety

EDITOR'S NOTE: For those who have forgotten, Chairman Daniels was the mystery, unidentified presidential candidate whose name appeared on the ballot in the recent elections to the Council of the York Student Federation [CYSF]. Daniels received 23 votes.

## On Campus

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

### SPECIAL LECTURES

Today, 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. — Communications & Interpersonal Relationships (CCE) "Clarifying Values (Introduction)" with Marsha Bird - general admission \$6; \$4 for students - 107, Stedman

Friday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. — Crisis in the Food Chain: Illusion of Permanence (Stong, York and Co-curricular Fund) a two-day symposium to explore the problems and issues affecting the symbiotic relationship between man's environment and the assault by chemical pollutants and additives - topics and speakers are as follows: 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Registration in JCR, Stong; exhibition "Art of the Environment" on Zacks Gallery; 10 a.m. - 12 noon - "Toxic Interference with the Food Chain" - York Professors Samuel Madras, Duncan Camerson, Michael Boyer, and University of Toronto Professor Dr. Hardingle Riche; 1 p.m.

2:15 p.m. — "Resources for Protection of the Environment" - Martin Wood, Provincial Ministry of the Environment; Edward Turner, Provincial Ministry of the Environment; James Dobbins, Economic Coastal Zone Specialist; 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - "Perspectives of Ontario Political Parties" - Dr. Charles Godfrey, MPP, Durham West (NDP); representatives from other parties t.b.a.; 3:45 p.m. - 6 p.m. "Tox Interference: It's Effects and Implications" - York Professor John Heddle; Alan Roy, Toxicologist, National Coordinator of Native Peoples; Carol Pass, Federal Ministry of Health and Welfare; Dr. Robert E. Jervis, University of Toronto; Aileen Mioko Smith, photographer, co-author of Minamata - for further information call either Stong College (-3062) or Alumni Affairs Office (-3154)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. — Panel Discussion (Osgoode Progressive Conservative Club) "In Search of Canada: A Forum on Confederation" with

speakers: H. Ian Macdonald, President, York University; Pierre Patenaude, Professor, University of Sherbrooke; and Peg Holloway, Pro-Canada Movement - 204, Osgoode

3 p.m. — Psychology Colloquium - "Psychotherapy For Better or For Worse: The Problem of Negative Effects" with Hans H. Strupp, Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Vanderbilt University, - Senate Chamber (S915), Ross

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. — Crisis in the Food Chain: Illusion of Permanence (Stong, York, Co-curricular Fund) cont'd. - 9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Registration in JCR, Stong; 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - "Screening of Minamata" in Room 112, Stong; 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m. - "Sustaining the Food Chain: A New Concern", "Medicine" - Professor G.J. Stopps, University of Toronto; 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - "Law" - David Estrin, Barrister and Solicitor; 2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. "Government" - with a representative from the Health Protection Branch, Ministry of Health and Welfare (Ottawa); 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - "The Critical Perspective" - York Professor William Leiss; Warner Troyer, freelance journalist, author of No Safe Place; Aileen Mioko Smith; Max Allen, CBC, to be followed by an Open Forum - for further information call either Stong College (-3062) or the Alumni Affairs Office (-3154). Office (-3154)

Monday, 4:30 p.m. — Biology Research Seminar - "Operons - do they exist in Eucaryotes?" with Dr. Gerald Fink, Cornell University - 320 Farquharson

Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. — Woman: The Past (Arts, York Colleges) "Emily Carr" with York Visual Arts Professor Joyce Zemans - Vanier Dinning Hall

### FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Today, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. — Lecture - Recital - songs from Schumann's "Dichterliebe" with Hollis Rinehart (baritone) and May Junjek

(piano) - 201 Stong

4 p.m. — Sylvester's - Improvised Music Series with Christopher Crawford - 201, Stong

7 p.m. — Free Film Series (Film) "Day or Night" (France-Italy, 1973) - Truffaut's presentation of the joys and problems of making a big budget movie - L, Curtis

8 p.m. — Concert (Music) featuring the wind students of Jim McKay - 016, McLaughlin

8 p.m. — Bethune World Music Series - a concert of South Indian Classical Music featuring vocalist Srimaly D.K. Pattamal, accompanied by violin and mrdangam - 120A, Bethune

8 p.m. — Orange Snail Coffee House - poetry and folk night with Hollis Rinehart, Karen Cohl, Susie Ungar, The "Negligents", Stephen Hatfield - Ilo Maimets, and more - 107, Stong.

Tuesday, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. — Concert (Music) a Flute Masterclass with Bernard Goldberg - 207, McLaughlin

8 p.m. — Spring Chorale Concert (Music) of Indian Music featuring students of Jon Higgins and Trichy Sankaran - F, Curtis

8 p.m. — Concert (Music) music for four and eight hands at one and two pianos - with works by Bach, Brahms, Mozart, Bartok - F, Curtis

### CLUBS, MEETINGS

Today, 12 noon - 2 p.m. — Computer Science Students Association - 325, Bethune

2 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. — Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters

5 p.m. — York Progressive Conservative Association - annual meeting - 107, Stedman

Friday, 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. — Winters Chess Club - 030A, Winters

Sunday, 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. — Tennis Club - Main Gym, Tait McKenzie

7:30 p.m. — Israeli Folk Dancing (Jewish Student Federation) - 202 Vanier

Monday, 1 p.m. — Akido Class - Judo Room,

Tait McKenzie (also Wednesday, same time, location)

7, 8 & 9 p.m. — Yoga Class - instructor Axel Molema - 202, Vanier

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

Tuesday, 6 p.m. — Gay Alliance at York - 227, Bethune

Wednesday, 12 noon - 1 p.m. — Intermediate Yoga Class - Atkinson Common Room

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. — York Christian Women's Fellowship - Religious Centre

6 p.m. — York Christian Fellowship - Religious Centre

8 p.m. — York Motorcycle Owners Association - Common Room, N. 4 Assiniboine Road (1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month)

### MISCELLANEOUS

Today, 12 noon — Non-Denominational Worship Service - Religious Centre

Friday, 5 p.m. — Sabbath Services (Jewish Student Federation) - Religious Centre

5 p.m. — 2nd Annual Anniversary Celebration - of the Great Blizzard of April 3, 1975 - no admission charge - Senior Common Room, Winters

Sunday, 7:30 p.m. — York Catholic Community - will celebrate official opening of Scott Religious Centre, Bishop Fulton presiding - all interested persons invited to attend - Scott Religious Centre.

Monday, 12 noon — Noon Mass - each Monday, Tuesday, Friday - Religious Centre

12 noon — Visual Art from the Bible - 223, Stong

Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. — Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - call Chaplain Judd (226, Founders) at 661-7838 or 633-2158

10 a.m. - 12 noon — Religious Counselling - each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - call Rev. P. John Varghese at 3055-345, Stong.