

# the Editor

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## More support for York's pigeons

Is this how I am supposed to be proud of York? Contributing towards the extermination of wildlife. If so, then I wish to be no part of York ... Let's allow nature to be part of York. Anita Bannert

... I have come to the conclusion that any sentiment deserves to be considered a moral end. Indeed, would there be any need for ethics if there were no sentiment to life? Yet in, as it were, saying to the pigeons

we are human and you are non-human, therefore we have the right to poison you we are in fact making a racist distinction which totally ignores the fact that the birds are capable of feeling pain and enjoying their lives as we are.

How can York University expect people to take that "We at York ..." bullshit engraved on the Ross Building seriously when it engages in wanton acts of destruction? How can the university justify its existence when it acts just as perversely as any other institution? And where the hell are all the fucking York University ethics professors?

Murray Teitel  
University of Toronto

... It was a shock to hear about the extermination of these helpless creatures. Instead they ought to get an efficient clean-up campaign — and save the only wildlife on campus. Please add my name to the other supporters.

Vera Schwartz  
Vanier



President Slater receives the pigeon letters, sent in by Excalibur's readers, all at once. Photo by Jon Price

I put the picture of the dead pigeon on the wall at Bennington Heights school and the following people signed to protest the killing of the pigeons. We hope these names will point out that this kind of action should not be allowed.

So I hope that this will help stop the needless killing of the pigeons.

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We wish that the extermination of the pigeons (of the Murray Ross Building) would stop.

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| Paul Hoodless  |                 |

I read in the Toronto Star about a hired exterminator for the pigeons at York, I think it's the most horrible thing I've ever heard of.

I've lived in York Mills for 30 years and have had a bird-feeding station all of these years...

The pigeons cover the squares in the famous cities of the world. I can't understand why an architectural atrocity such as York University would be worried about pigeons...

M.S. Macdonald

To the Murdering Minds of Nature's Anarchists:

You are those whose petty fears

Rule your passions and enslave your thoughts,

Whose naked, weak spirits poorly peer

Into the stone-still silence and not Into Life's warm consuming fire, Whose stale motion remains in ashes

Scattered around silent funeral pyres

And refuses to rise or lash Out against opinionated air.

You are criminals not worth your crime,

The fumbling thieves of nature's life-time.

Albatros, skylark or pigeon you victimize

Against the lonely cries of birdless skies

For concordance in man's world sublime.

Richard R. Truhlar

## And two skeptics

Dead pigeons! My, how awful! A suggestion for a more humane way to deal with York's pigeon problem was quite obvious to me in the same issue, page nine. (Jack Kleib's article, re: war research). Since no one on this campus thinks it's the

least immoral to have war research on campus, you know, the kind that liquidate babies and pigeons alike in Vietnam, why not let our York war researchers wipe out the birds. I'm sure it would only bother their consciences a little while, since, after all, they are used to murdering people 2,000 miles away and safely out of sight. But just think what a thorough, neat and bloodless job they could do, with all that experience, money and total lack of human feeling.

After all none of us can be bothered being upset that U.S. military research is here at York, that our total complicity and complacency in the war will enable it to go on and on and surely we don't care more for a pigeon than we do a human life. Like hell we don't.

Darla Stipanovich,  
Secretary and American  
Immigrant, here to  
Plunder and Pillage.

The policy of eliminating the pigeons from York is sound medically (disease carriers), financially (preservation of buildings) and socially (over-population of the bird). Worry not about eliminating all the pigeons in Toronto, New York City will send you a few.

Unfortunately, the New Yorkers have not acquired the York administration's advanced policy on pigeon control; therefore, this city suffers from the ills mentioned above.

Your bleeding-heart liberals need an issue, even a hollow one. So don't worry about volume - just quality.

Rachelle Bouchard,  
Purchase, New York.

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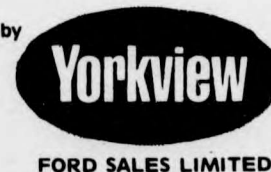
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March 4th, 1972

Approximate length: 55 miles or about 2 hours, North of York campus. Meet at 10:00 am Saturday morning in the North lobby, 2nd floor Ross building for registration and instruction. Cost per car will be \$2.00 on Saturday. You may, however, pre-register on Thursday and Friday from 12 noon til 3 pm in the North lobby, 2nd floor Ross building, and save yourself \$1.00. Everyone welcome. Look at these prizes!

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