

## Still no leads on missing Calumet College secretary

By LINDA JANASZ

Police are still searching for a York employee who disappeared almost two months ago from her Maple area home.

Ida Maria Boulter, 52, a secretary at Calumet College, was last seen at about 8:15 a.m. November 15 by her husband Lawrence, an associate professor of psychology at York, and her son Keith, a student on campus.

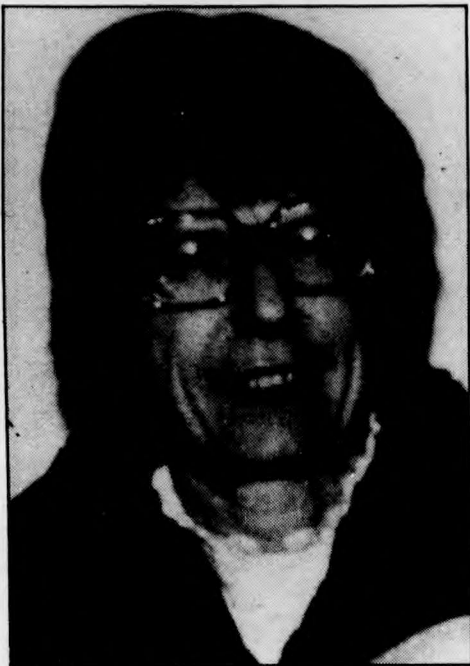
"She would have left a note if she went out for a walk. She had been sick with the flu for three days prior to her disappearance. She may have been disoriented. Perhaps someone offered her a ride," said her husband.

York Regional Police Detective Peter Thompson said police have found no trace of Boulter. "There appears to have been no plans for her leaving (her home) and no evidence of violence. She was last seen walking near her home."

Lawrence is undertaking the task of "sustaining media coverage" in the hope of eliciting more interest in her whereabouts. He's also taken it upon himself to contact various papers in surrounding communities.

"We have very strong ties between us and I know that if she is alive there would be some way of her contacting me," he said.

Boulter is 170 cm tall (5'7"), 59 kg. (130 lbs.), with short, dark brown hair, and brown-framed thick glasses. She may be wearing a



Ida Marie Boulter  
brown three-quarters length coat with a dark brown fur collar.

Anyone with information can call York Regional Police at 773-1221.

## YUFA vows to resist Stephenson's proposed university commission

By LILY CONTENTO

Education Minister Bette Stephenson's decision to appoint a commission that will turn the university system on its back met strong resistance from the York University Faculty Association (YUFA).

"It's a final maneuver by a desperate Minister to bring about her vision of what the university community should look like," said YUFA chairperson Janice Newson.

The Commission will look into the Ontario university system and will attempt to reorganize the existing educational system. The restructuring process has been motivated by the Ministry's unwillingness to allocate more money to Ontario's universities.

YUFA called an "emergency" meeting last Friday to express its concern over the establishment of the Commission—about 50 professors were in attendance. Newson is set on challenging Stephenson's preliminary steps.

Harold Kaplan, former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and currently a professor in the Political Science department, expressed his objection to Stephenson's approach. "It seems to me this is a wrong way of solving the financial problem," he said. "Universities are inadequately funded."

"What the Commission will follow is a mythical image of the university system that will overlook the reality," said David Bell, Political Science professor and Dean of Graduate Studies. According to Bell, the Commission's attempt to reduce or eliminate programs (especially graduate programs) at the newer universities and concentrate these activities at the older, more "established" universities flies in the face of considerable evidence about the quality of these newer universities, including York. "There is no basis for the Commission's implementing such a scheme," he said.

Kaplan's belief that the Commission's proposals will probably have no significant impact are weakened by Stephenson's stern actions. The Minister has already enacted a formula that will affect universities in general. A January 10 *Globe and Mail* article reported

William Farr, York University Vice-President, as saying: "York University, with a budget of about \$100-million, will receive about \$450,000 less in government grants under the new formula than it would have received under the previous arrangements."

The Commission, which will primarily affect undergraduate students, seems to have stirred concern among the York community. However, no action is being taken to alter the outcomings of the Commission. "I am disappointed that the Commission is not going to be responded to by the University community as it ought to be," said Newson. "The Commission presents the most serious threat, it's not the beginning, but it's the end of a threat."

Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) President Chris Summerhayes said Council has not yet addressed the establishment of the Commission but "I don't think we will try to stop them (the Commission) as much as we will try to get our view across."

"Universities have so far served as reproduction factories for the economy" said Social Science professor Rudy Grant. "That relationship has temporarily gone helter skelter. The Commission, reflecting a crisis in Western societies, is a frantic effort to bring things in line again."

York's entrance requirements have been raised from a Grade 13 average of 60 to 70 percent. The new measure can be considered a penalty on the University's acceptance of potential students.

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) called for the resignation of Stephenson Tuesday on the basis that "she has lost the confidence of the university faculty in appointing the Commission." Stephenson did not comment on OCUFA's comments.

University President H. Ian Macdonald, who has set up a University Committee to advise him on the position York will take in relation to the Commission, believes the allocation of funds to the universities to be a government responsibility.

## Youth a priority with feds

By CAROL BRUNT

In a demonstrated show of support for Canada's youth, the federal government, in its Speech from the Throne, has placed young people as a priority, devoting a large proportion of job creation expenditures to youth.

Figures released in December set unemployment at the 507,000 mark for youths between the ages of 15 and 24. The federal government is trying to establish some kind of future for Canadian young people, according to Barry Appleton, past president of the Ontario New Liberals, representing young Liberals in Ontario.

According to Executive Director Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario), Reva Karstadt, the speech "reflects the issues that the grass roots of the party identified as priorities and put forward as resolutions."

The Youth Opportunity Fund, outlined in the speech, will use \$1-billion in reallocated and new resources to help young Canadians in acquiring new skills. Since the announcement an extra \$250-million has been budgeted for the Fund. The New Democratic Party questions the extra money as funding was cut from \$1.6-billion to \$1.3-billion between April and September 1983.

The Fund will be administered through apprenticeship and Summer Canada programs, the proposed Environment 2000, and college and university graduates lacking work experience.

Environment 2000 is to address the dual other career access programs, all of which provide first jobs for school dropouts and problems of high unemployment in certain areas and problems in national parks. It will employ people in rebuilding and replanting forests that previously had no immediate plans for restoration.

Ministry of State for Youth has been established and is to parallel the Ministry of State for the Status of Women. Celine Hervieux-Payette was named Minister of the Youth Ministry Tuesday afternoon. There are tangible benefits to be derived from the youth ministry in improving the lack of youth representation in parliament.

It would provide Canada's youth with one person in government who was responsible to them, according to Appleton. Young Canadians will then "have a voice within the government structure in cabinet and caucus similar to other groups, bringing their concerns to cabinet and lobbying on their behalf," said Karstadt.

In opposition to the speech, the NDP believes the problems of unemployment are not adequately covered. "We recognize the need for employment programs geared to youth and stress the importance of youth unemployment however, the programs do not go towards solving the problems," said Judy Giroux, assistant director of research for the NDP in Ottawa.

## Students face 5% fee hike

By LAURA LUSH  
and PAUL O'DONNELL

York's 900 winter/summer students will face a five percent tuition increase this year because the Ministry of Education has ruled that these students' January to August school year covers two different fiscal years.

Vice-President Bill Farr calls it a "sticky interpretation from the government" and considers it "nuts." But efforts by the University to appeal the ruling have been unsuccessful, and will likely remain so—unless the University is prepared to lose money.

The Ministry of Education bases tuition fees on the formula fee system. Student enrolments submitted to the Ministry in November, February, and June decide the total cost per student expected by the university. From these figures the government subtracts the tuition fee to determine the amount given to student grants.

At present, the government considers approximately \$4,000 per student per year—when subtracting the \$1,200 tuition fee, a

\$2,800 grant figure is set. A refusal by York to raise student tuition fees would result in a loss of approximately \$30 per student.

Assistant Vice-President of Student Relations John Becker said the government's justification for raising fees despite increasing university cutbacks is due to a decrease in student contribution towards tuition in the last three or four years. During the past 20 years, tuition fees have remained fairly stable because student contribution has composed 20 percent of fees. In the last few years the student contribution has dropped to 12 percent. Until that level can be brought back up to 20 percent, "we can expect rapid tuition increases" in the coming years, according to Becker.

Becker said universities are not free to set their own fees, and the fact that York is the only university in Ontario to offer a winter/summer session does not contribute to the fee increase.

He said although administration "kindly hates announcing increases" it "tends to abide by the provincial government because we always need more money."



York President H. Ian Macdonald works out in the newly-opened Bobby Orr Clinic in the Metro Track and Field Centre at York. See story on page 12.

## Vandalism at York rising: Security

By PHIL EINSTOSS

"Things have never been this bad," said Safety and Security supervisor Geoff MacLeod. "I just can't recall anything like this."

MacLeod is referring to the rash of vandalism that's hit York's hallways in the last two weeks, causing a total of over \$6,000 in damage in separate incidents of glass bashing.

A large tinted plate glass window on the sixth floor of the Ross Building was smashed December 28. That same night two other windows, also in Ross, were destroyed. Total cost—approximately \$3,000.

Two huge plate glass windows, on the second and third floor of Ross, were broken, causing

about another \$3,000 damages January 2. Then, later that night, a window on the upper floor of the Curtis Lecture Halls was smashed.

A floor ashtray just outside Curtis is the object Security could come up with as a possible weapon. "Of course I've seen damage before but not to this extent, especially the plate glass. They're very large and very expensive," said MacLeod.

"It's an upsetting problem, very, very bad," said physical plant director Donald Dawson. He said he's heard about vandalism around pubs but "this (vandalism) was done far away from any pubs."