

## 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. 5 p.m.

# NIMR reference library largest in Canada

For your information and the current awareness of the university community at large, the National Institute on Mental Retardation, in the Kinsmen NIMR Building (#706 on the York University map), houses the "John Orr Foster Memorial Reference Library" which has developed over a period of years into the most comprehensive repository of mental retardation literature in the country.

Present holdings include approximately 7,000 books and major reports on such topics as child psy-

chology, education, behavior modification and mental health, plus subscriptions to all allied professional journals and an extensive collection of reprints, newsclips and pamphlets.

A film library is maintained and used extensively by provincial and local associations, universities and community colleges, schools and departments of education, schools of nursing, other voluntary organizations and government agencies.

The library is a National

Reference Service and therefore, library books may not be taken out. However, there are many comfortable areas located in the library suited for quiet study.

The library is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and remains open until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Mary Ann Hutton  
Assistant Librarian

isn't in order, you may find yourself - passed by by hundreds of empty cars.

Smarten up.

Dave Basskin  
Osgoode I

## Cox is incorrect says Andronache

In an article by Allan Cox in your last issue ("Bethune Lacks Campus Voice"), he wrote: "The Bethune council cannot provide a range of activities that will satisfy all its members, and continues to fail in its attempts to do so..." Mr. Cox wrongly went on to say that I admitted the above statement at a recent Bethune college council meeting. How could I publicly make a statement with which I

wholeheartedly disagree?

As a matter of fact, Bethune-sponsored programmes seem to be filling a void created by CYSF and some of the other colleges, let alone catering to the needs of our own college community.

In September, 15 Bethune sponsored programmes drew over 3,500 people in total, 40 to 50 per cent of these from other colleges. Our pubs, movies and concerts seem to be a big draw in other colleges as well as our own.

Let nothing more be said, our record stands on its own. I'm afraid that the only person we're continuously failing to please is Allan Cox.

And for that we're truly sorry,  
Alex Andronache  
Bethune College Council

## Comment

# Death: last taboo of western society

By JAMES McCALL

"The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation.

...But it is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things"

Thoreau, Walden Pond

Suicide may be attempted or even committed for a variety of half-explained reasons, but what fascinates the living, crowding around in horror, is the sincerity of the gesture.

Even if the attempt succeeds in spite of the victim's second thoughts, it is playing a game of chance on a monumental scale. Death is the last taboo of western society, the one great unspoken fear that sickens us and yet holds us riveted.

To choose to die is a freedom

that most of us deny exists. That denial was persuasively refuted here a month ago.

Two hours after the fact three police cars were still parked at the top of the Ross building ramp; and, though people stood about almost in expectation, all that remained of the event was a viscous pool of blood inside the chalk-inscribed form of the body.

That something had happened was unmistakably reflected on everyone's face. But it was as though the event were incomplete, and nothing could set things right again.

Even the official presence of the police, so ineffectually in charge after the fact, was of little comfort. Only the teeming mass below in Central Square seemed utterly unmoved.

## Fatcat car-hogs get thumbs down

Every weekday, thousands of affluent students roll up to York in cars - some new, some old, but all in reasonably automobile-like condition. And just as regularly, most of them leave every afternoon.

Now, by the main exit road, several lamp posts carry signs showing a destination, and erstwhile hitch-hikers stand under them, hoping for some kind soul to pick them up. If you've never participated in this daily exercise in frustration, then you'd be surprised at the hundreds of greedy car-hogs who cruise by in their big, empty cars without even glancing at their fellow students.

What's the matter, you suburban sweeties? You're just as bad as the fatcats downtown, who have that "If you can't afford to drive, why then you must be a sub-human" attitude. It's likely that invectives like this one have little effect on Homo Irresponsibilis, but one feels compelled to make them anyway.

Wake up, you self-centered fools. A hitch-hiker won't kill you; you might even get into an interesting conversation.

Unthinkable as it might sound, you might have to do it someday. And brother, if your cosmic balance

## Notes from the radiator...

By RICK LIBMAN

There are two things I learned from a very wise economics professor of mine. The first is, if you want to leave today's stock market with a small fortune, you'd best begin with a large one.

The second is that the mark of a successful first-year student during the first few weeks of school, lies not so much in what he knows about York University, but in how well he is able to deceive others about things of which he knows absolutely nothing.

The learned fellow's point was simply this: school is what you make it (with a little help from your friends, of course) If one is to look for gloom, he will have no trouble finding it. Indeed, someone clad in a Leo Cahill T-shirt was whistling the

following tune one Monday morning. "Oh, what a tempestuous morning, Oh, what a doom-laden day.

I've got a beautiful feeling Argos will lose on the last play."

Over at Central Square, lines the size of those last year at the complaint desk of Toronto Toro games formed in the bookstore. I saw a \$4 price sticker fall off a copy of Freud's General Introduction to Psychoanalysis and reveal the true \$3.45 tag.

Now, I know all about some place called Zaire where George Foreman will defend his crown against Ali, and how hamburgers cost \$5 and a dish of ice cream will go for \$2.20, but surely, a book marked over by that much is criminal.

Evel Knievel, methinks, wasn't the only one who laughed his way to the bank this past September.

## On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to Department of Information and Publications, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

### SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - Development of Teaching Skills - this week's topic is "Conducting Discussions in Tutorials and Seminars" - 108, Behavioural Science Building

4:00 p.m. - Guest Speaker (Mathematical Science) "Nonlinear Eigenvalue Problems" by Professor Norman Bazley, Mathematics Institute, University of Cologne - N203, Ross

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - E.G.O. - Innovative Approaches to the Helping Relationship (Centre for Continuing Education) "Gestalt Therapy" by Les Greenberg - admission \$6.00; \$4.00 for students - 107, Stedman.

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Distinguished Speaker Seminars (Social Science Division) - "European Sociology and Colonial Society" by Professor John Rex, University of Warwick (U.K.) - Faculty Lounge, S869, Ross

7:30 p.m. - "Losers and Politics" - featuring Messrs. Broadbent, Harney, Copeland, Laxer-Heroes and beer - Bethune JCR.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - E.G.O. - Parapsychology and Frontiers of the Mind (Centre for Continuing Education) "Spontaneous Psychic Occurrences and Qualitative Parapsychological Investigation" by Howard Eisenberg - admission \$5.00; \$3.50 for students - Faculty Lounge, S872 Ross

### FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, 9:00 p.m. - Film (Winters) "I Drink Your Blood" - admission \$1.25 - L.Curtis

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Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - 8:20 p.m. - Film (Humanities 180) "The Sorrow and the Pity" - I.Curtis

8:20 p.m. - 10:25 p.m. - Film (Humanities 174A) "Open City" - I.Curtis

Wednesday, 4:15 p.m. - Film (Humanities 373) "Battleship Potemkin" (1925; S.M. Eisenstein) - 204, York Hall, Glendon

### CLUBS, MEETINGS

Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - Ontology Club - "Art of Living" series by Joe Houlton is continued - 110, Curtis

4:30 p.m. - General Meeting - for graduate assistants - Senior Common Room, Founders

7:00 p.m. - York Flying Club - election of officers - D, Stedman

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

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - General Meeting - for Graduate Executive Council - Graduate Lounge, S783, Ross

### SPORTS, RECREATION

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - British Sub Aqua - 110, Curtis

### MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Bus Trip & Hike - all interested persons welcome; trip is to the Bruce Trail and tickets (\$2.00 each; includes bus and supper) are available from N917, Ross - bus leaves from #4 Assiniboine Road

7:30 p.m. - Roman Catholic Mass - 107, Stedman

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation - for appointment call Chaplain Judt at 661-5157 or 633-2158

5:30 p.m. - Student Served Dinners - each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - Winters Dining Hall

Wednesday, 12:00 noon - Student Christian Movement - organizational meeting; everyone welcome - N105, Ross

4:00 p.m. - Christian Science College Organization - S501, Ross.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Stargazing - Twin Astronomical Observatories, Petrie

### COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

For days and hours open, please call the individual coffee houses:

Absinthe Coffee House - 013, Winters (2439)

Ainger Coffee Shop - Atkinson College (3544)

Argh Coffee Shop - 051, McLaughlin (3606)

Comeback Inn - 2nd floor, Phase II, Atkinson (2489)

Cock & Bull Coffee Shop - 023, Founders (3667)

Green Bush Inn - T.B.A. (3019)

Just Another Coffee Shop - 112, Bethune (3579)

Open End Coffee Shop - 004, Vanier (6386)


Orange Snail Coffee Shop - 107, Stong (3587)

Osgoode Pub - JCR, Osgoode (3019)

Tap and Keg Pub - Wed. at 8:30 p.m. - Bethune dining hall

Norman's - Bethune (3579)

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