

# QUESTION ENGINE

F E T A L E D I T I O N

By LISA OLSEN

"Do you support the doctor's strike against the ban of extra billing and (b) how do you feel about bonbons?"



Anthony Itas, MBA I

"No, I don't feel that money should come in the way of a person's health, and I wonder where the doctors' priorities are. (b) Bonbons undermine the moral fibre of our society."



Katherine Yonge, Biology Grad

"No, because I've had to really pay for the services before, and I don't think people should have to pay for being ill. (b) I like bonbons."



Rob Scodellaro, Visiting Student

"I agree with the reasons for the strike, but not with the tactics they're using. (b) I think they must be gay."



Wayne Banner, Arts I

"Yes, because I'm unsympathetic towards governments. (b) Bonbons are delectable."



Paul Brook, Matrix/Chemistry II

"One the one hand, I feel that they should be able to set their own wage; after all, they are businessmen, but not at the cost of public health. (b) I think the capital should still be at Berlin."



Janet Smylie, Lab Assistant to Dr. Glickman

"No, I think they should think of a different solution. They could figure out within themselves which doctors are worthy of more pay. (b) I like them, I eat them all the time."

## Campus break-ins plague York

By ZENA McBRIDE

The map of York University in Eric Pond's office is dotted with coloured thumbtacks.

"Each of those tacks marks where a break-in has occurred on campus this year," the Security and Safety Services investigator said. The recent robbery at the Farquharson Life Sciences Building is not just an isolated occurrence, but another in a recent series of break-ins at York. According to Pond, "The total number of break-ins was 37 in 1985 and there have already been 56 break-ins this year since January."

Pond divides these break-ins into two types. The first, and by far the most frequent, are petty thefts, where damage done during the break-in outweighs the value of the goods stolen. These jobs are sloppily conducted by what Pond cites as "local teens in the 14-18 year age bracket," who are just looking to take whatever they can find (calculators, petty cash, and in the case of pub break-ins, liquor).

The second type, of which the Farquharson incident is an example, involves theft of valuable items. These are well-planned and neatly carried out with little unnecessary damage to the premises, according to Pond. "These thieves know what they want and where to find it," says Pond.

Pond remarked that the Ross Building, the Administrative Studies Building, and Central Square are the main targets for theft, probably because they are easily accessible and contain a large quantity of valuable goods. In addition, the break-ins occur mostly on the weekends, when fewer people are around.

Even so, Pond is at a loss to explain why the number of thefts has climbed so drastically of late, and did not accept the allegation that there is little security on the weekend as a reason. "Weekends are treated like any normal day," Pond said. "There are a total of six security people on duty at all times: one su-

pervisor, one desk supervisor, and four patrol people. York is just an easy target," he concluded.

According to Pond, many of the buildings remain open around the clock, and it is easy for prospective thieves to pose as students, thereby avoiding suspicion. As well, many offices are accessible through the ceiling crawl space. "If the thief replaces the ceiling tiles when he leaves," Pond said, "there is no way of knowing for sure how he got in."

More significantly, Pond feels that "many people at York have not viewed security as important in the past." This is quickly changing, however. "With insurance deductibles going up from approximately \$1000 to \$5000 (on electronic equipment)," Pond remarked, "more people are becoming security conscious."

York Security and Safety Services

has commenced a crime prevention programme to increase public awareness campus-wide, warning people not to leave valuables in their offices, and to lock all doors. Pond also advises that computers and typewriters be literally "nailed down" to desks by means of various devices commercially available for that purpose.

But while security bulletins advising of safety procedures are being distributed among some 50-70 York personnel, given the total population of York, still more has to be done. "Everyone must be made aware of the problem," Pond said. While there are some suspects in the most recent incident (the break-in at Farquharson), none of the break-ins to date have been solved.

Therefore, in Pond's opinion, the best solution to campus crime lies in educating York's occupants in crime prevention tactics.

## Italian president among honoured at convocation

By DAVID BUNDAS

While over 4,000 students were granted degrees last week (June 14-21) at convocation, York also conferred nine honorary doctoral degrees.

The prestigious list of recipients for the honorary degrees included: the Honourable Jean Chretien (former politician, lawyer), Marshall Cohen (President, Olympia and York), Paul J. Crutzen (atmospheric chemist from West Germany), Margaret Fulton (President, Mount Saint Vincent University), Madeline Hardy (Director, London Board of Education), Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie (social historian from France), Janet McPhee (educator), Clara Thomas (Professor Emeritus, York University), and the Honourable Madame Justice Bertha Wilson (Judge, Supreme Court of Canada).

In a separate ceremony on June 12, the President of the Republic of Italy, Francesco Cossiga, was bestowed with the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa. His nomination came from the local Italian community and comes as an effort to build bridges between York and the community. In the words of York President Harry Arthurs, "This ceremony is also an expression of the recognition we wish to extend to our students, to their parents, and to the Italo-Canadian community, whose hopes and dreams we all share."

Cossiga, the Italian President since 1985, was a brilliant student and later a leading professor of the Faculty of Law at the University of Sassari. He became a Cabinet Minister in 1974 and served twice as Prime Minister of coalition governments before he became Head of State.

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