

Editorial

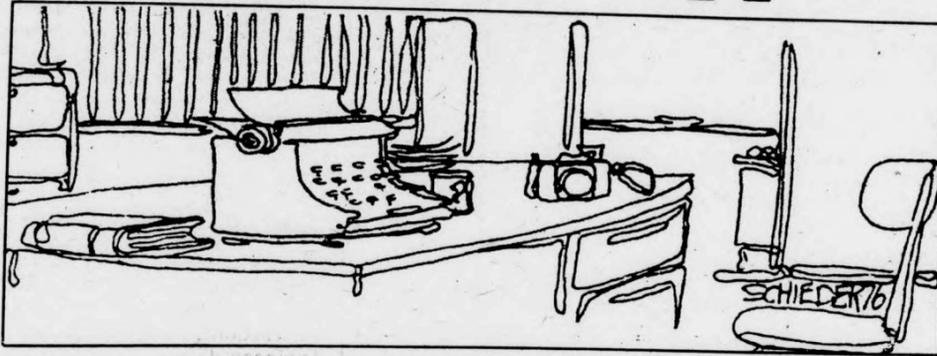
Relief effort deserves support

Few York students, staff or faculty can be ignorant of the tragic earthquake that struck southern Italy, or unmoved by the mounting death toll and the hundreds of thousands that it has left homeless.

We share the horror, felt the world over, and therefore commend the efforts of the York Italian Canadians Association who are joining a city wide effort to raise relief funds for the area.

The YICA is accepting donations at a table in Central Square, a table that a surprising number of people are just walking by. "You should hear the excuses some people are coming up with" one fundraiser lamented.

It's hard not to be shocked by this sort of attitude. While many



York students are hard pressed to make ends meet, the habits of Central Square are not a group known for their frugal living. Somewhere in all that velour there have got to be a few extra dollars. We can think of no worthier cause to contribute them to.

Wiberg heads new Board

Observant readers will see a small change in our staff-box this week, as Neil Wiberg moves from the very bottom to the very top. Neil, formerly *Excalibur's* legal counsel, has taken the helm as the new Chairman of the Board of Publications.

Neil's depth and diplomacy are well known, and his understated sense of humour endears him to many. His election took place at Monday's meeting of the Board, an event as dry as it was important.

The meeting offered good news to *Excalibur's* staff and readers. While we're still in serious debt each weekly issue is bringing us further and further out of it. Wildly optimistic plans to repay our

creditors have proved viable, and if we get the student council grants that we're anticipating, we should have no trouble living up to our commitments.

Much of this good news is the result of the efforts of the outgoing Chairman James "Jimmy-james" Carlisle. James, working closely with the other members of last winter's management committee, made sense of some rather senseless financial data and help put *Excal* in the black again.

Soft-spoken and understanding, Jim gives new life to an old cliché. He is a gentleman and a scholar. Were it not that his place is taken by one as worthy as Neil, his resignation would be all the more regrettable.



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