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Comment

Education Unlimited

by Rolly Stroeter

The Canadian Union of Students (CUS) was founded in 1926, following the lead of British students who had already established a national student organization in England.

The early Canadian student union was not very influential, partly due to a lack of organization, and partly because of the disinterest of Canadian students in such a project.

After World War II, this attitude changed rapidly, but it was not until 1960 that CUS held a national conference and found a platform which was attractive enough to interest most of the student councils. By 1960, most of the student councils had established themselves firmly and began to realize that there existed certain matters outside the university which would nevertheless affect their individual communities directly. And individual students became aware that their purpose in attending university was not merely vocational but to gain an understanding of their present society and to be able to fulfil their responsibilities as a citizen.

CUS research proved that 75% of students currently attending university came from families whose annual income was over \$7,000, while those from families with an income of \$3,500 per year represented only 25%.

Therefore CUS is lobbying provincial and federal governments in order to achieve equality as well as quality in university education for the future. The great amounts of money spent by the Dominion and provinces on education in recent years is not a mere coincidence. CUS has

plaints from both faculty and students that lunchtime announcements are disturbing; however, let's face it people--there is no other way in which so many of you can be reached simultaneously to convey short-notice items of importance.

I am not advocating a prolonged announcement period but rather one of five minutes from, for example, 1:00 p.m. to 1:05 p.m., during which concise and relevant information only could be relayed to you by a member of the Council.

Should this system be utilized I am sure that activities at York would be increased in both quantity and quality and participation would similarly increase. I ask the Councils, therefore, to consider this opinion, bearing in mind that as representatives of the student body they are bound to act in the best interests of those students. Sincerely,
Chuck Andrews

FREE FOLK DANCE LESSONS
Every second Thursday at 4:00 p.m. Chaverut will sponsor free folk dance lessons. For more information see Howie Nemtin.

been largely responsible for making the governments aware of the lack of equal opportunities in obtaining higher education.

CUS also fights the growing influence of industry on universities. Industrial magnates contribute a great deal of the money spent by the universities and are therefore given seats on the Board of Governors. Is it surprising, then, that a university is operated like a business ('Education Unlimited?'). CUS president Doug Ward emphasized that it is necessary for students and councils to be aware of this new development. We should watch out for this mass production of standardized eggheads and be prepared to fight it if it seems to affect basic educational and democratic principles.

CUS provides Student Councils with information concerning latest trends in Canadian universities, and conduct research studies to this end.

You may say, 'But what do I get from CUS directly?' The issues stated above may affect your life more directly than you think. If you don't agree, take note of the following:

CUS rented a hospital with 400 beds in Montreal to provide all interested students with cheap accommodation when they visit Expo '67. CUS plans to mail complete information and a return envelope to each student in order that they may reserve accommodation in this hospital. The price will be only \$3.50 a night.

By the way, this offer applies only to students whose universities are members of CUS. Now how do you feel about York's membership in CUS?

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12
Biz Bash 9:00-12:00 \$2.00
Bobby Kris and the Imperials

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13
Every Sunday at York--Burton
8:30 p.m. Film 'Red Desert'

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15
V.C.F. Dr. T.H. Leith is speaking on 'Christ or Existentialism' 1:00 p.m.--2:00 p.m.
Founders Student Council meeting 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17
8:00 p.m. in the Colloquium Room--York Debating Team vs British University Touring Debating Team

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18
Dance at Founders 'The Ugly Ducklings'

If you wish to have meetings or school events announced in Excalibur please leave the information in Rm. 002 Founders on or before Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Editorial

Constructive Criticism Please!

Keith Kennedy, our S.R.C. president, has charged that any person who sits on the Advisory Committee on Student Affairs (A.C.S.A.) is 'cowardly, dishonourable, and deceitful'.

Strong words, these! However, blatant, vulgar name-calling is hardly constructive criticism. Heaping deprecations on the committee members personally only frustrates any measures for change in the committee, if change is necessary.

There is merit in Mr. Kennedy's insistence that A.C.S.A. meetings be open.

There are often good reasons for in-camera meetings (even if they do frustrate EXCALIBUR). If President Ross never makes the claim that the committee legitimately represents the students in decision making in the university (for it does not!), if students on the committee continue to sit only as 'individuals'--if this committee's only true

merit continues to be the opportunity for its students, faculty, and administrative members to meet with each other for the sake of better understanding, then in-camera meetings are fine.

However, an advisory committee to the university's president is more than just an informal get together. It directly influences university legislation. It should either cease to advise the President or hold open meetings.

This is the point Mr. Kennedy should be stressing. The A.C.S.A. members may be naive in thinking that they can advise the President without being in part responsible for his actions. However because they are naive does not mean they are necessarily 'deceitful, cowardly, or dishonourable'.

You have a good point in demanding open meetings, Mr. Kennedy. You should not have diluted it with a loud personal attack on A.C.S.A. members.

lack of education, and lack of interest. The lecturer is interested, and has spent a great deal of time and work preparing and giving a lecture.

If you are not interested or polite enough to be quiet and sit there, even though you might tragically lose five minutes of your 'valuable' time (my aren't we busy!), then don't come to the lecture. Oh, incidentally, if you are not interested, what are you doing at university, especially York???

Pete Cameron VI

Letters

Dear Sir:

(Some) York students are SLOBS!! I am referring specifically to those who:

- walk out of lectures (with a 'look at me--I'm a hero' look on their faces),
 - generally make it their duty to be as noisy as possible during lectures,
- and
- pack up their books, with a fantastic amount of noise and talking, while the lecturer is still speaking.

These actions show rudeness,

Dear Sir:

I would like to ask the College Councils a question which, I believe, will indicate part of the reason for poor representation on the part of the student body at the various organized activities.

Having served on Council as Cultural Affairs Chairman, I think I can safely say that I recognize the necessity of maintaining constant communications with the students in order to obtain their active support.

Why then, has the Founders Student Council discontinued their most efficient system of communication thereby badly damaging the link between Council and Students? And why has Vannier's Council refused to even make an attempt to utilize such

a system? I am referring, of course, to the P.A. system in the dining halls and J.C.R.'s of the two colleges.

Everyone knows that a very small percentage of the students read posters and that a very large percentage of students eat lunch in the dining halls and J.C.R.'s. It seems to me, therefore, that the most effective and efficient way the councils could solicit student support and make themselves and their actions known would be through communicating concise and relevant information to the students when they are in the greatest concentration, in one place, and at one time.

I am well aware of the com-