

# Coffee houses save the college system

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Since my transfer from Carleton to York this fall, I've been trying to figure out exactly what the college system is all about.

As yet, I don't feel too much more at home in this set-up than I did when homogenized with 7,000 others at Carleton.

One very warm aspect of York, however, which makes me stop short of condemning the college idea, is the college coffee house.

I doubt there is another university in Canada which has six student-run coffee houses; Carleton had one, and that was just a weekend thing.

Competition seems to be the key. First year economics students would find in them an example of entrepreneurial competition. And we, the consumers, are the ones who benefit.

In case you haven't got around to all of them yet, here's a bit of a lowdown on each.

## The Cock and Bull

Seating 85 on busy occasions, Founders coffee house boasts the largest sales volume. It's dark all day long; so if you want to feel as if getting up never really happened, just drop in for a morning coffee. Mitch, the loquacious (use it six times and it's yours) manager, called it "the most superior, hospitable, coffee house at York."

**Location:** all of the coffee houses may be found very near the college junior common room.

**Hours:** Mon.-Fri. 8:30-12:30 am.  
Sat. and Sun. 1 pm-12:30 am.

**Food:** a whole variety of snacks, including hot chocolate.

**Entertainment:** Thursday is an open variety night, a time to "do your own thing". Friday features a discotheque-type dance, and on Saturday there is usually professional entertainment. All for nothing.

## The Argh

The Argh, in McLaughlin College, is a modern, custom-designed coffee house. Its chairs, for instance, are the same as those used in downtown's fashionable Boiler Room. It has 45 of these chairs and as many stools. Go on over and see it, if you haven't You'll like what you feel.

**Hours:** Mon.-Thurs 8:45 am-5 pm; 7-12 pm.  
Fri. 8:45 am-5 pm; 8 pm-1 am.  
Sat. 1-5 pm; 8 pm-1 am.  
Sun. 8-12 pm.

**Food:** snacks, including hot chocolate.

**Entertainment:** once or twice a week.

## 013

Winters' coffee house is under new management this year and promises to swing. I guess you'd call its atmosphere psychedelic, even though it features nursery school tables and chairs. It's the only coffee house to have its own printed cups.

**Hours:** Mon.-Fri. 9 am-5 pm; 8-12 pm.  
Sat. 7 pm-1 am.  
Sun. 7-12 pm.

**Food:** pop, donuts and coffee.

**Entertainment:** will be free. NFB films and cartoons will also be shown occasionally.

## Vanier Coffee House

With a seating capacity of 100 to 175 Vanier's coffee house will be able to host

some really good entertainment this year. New decorations are on order, and a sound system has been installed. "Once we get the thing organized we'll probably have the best on campus", John Eveleigh, the new manager claims. In another week or so, why not go over to see if he's right?

**Hours:** Mon-Fri. 8:30 am-4:30 pm; 8-12 pm.  
Sat. and Sun. 7-12 pm.

**Food:** the whole gamut, plus milkshakes.

**Entertainment:** Hopefully, films every Wednesday night, and a discotheque on Friday.

## L'Araignee

Greg Gatenby, a former student at Glendon, has painted up a storm down in Glendon Hall's basement. L'Araignee, seating 150, compares with many spots in Yorkville for entertainment; and will be considerably cheaper. It was a huge success during orientation, when Hair was performed. Three folksingers have even asked to return because they thought the atmosphere was so groovy, Gatenby boasts. The sound system will be ready shortly and Maury Haydn, a fantastic female folk-singer, will be there tomorrow. Glendon's coffee house is in a class of its own, and is well worth a trip from York Campus.

**Hours:** all week 7-12 pm.  
Mon.-Thurs. 1-4 pm (centre culturel français).

**Food:** coffee, pop, donuts.

**Entertainment:** plays every Thursday night. Both Friday and Saturday nights will feature professional entertainment, at a discount for members (two dollars for York students). On Sunday nights, movies for 25 cents.

## College E Coffee House

The un-college is making plans for an un-coffee house. A room has been set aside near the College E complex in the Ministry of Love (Hum building). There must be formal approval from the college caucus, however, before it may be set up.



A young damsel ponders the meaning of life and the college system in 013, Winters coffee house. Excalibur — Dave Cooper

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