

Glendon residents angry at new rules

By JOAN SHIRLOW

Members of Glendon's Women's Liberation Movement helped avoid any confrontation between students and a night porter guard in the lobby of Hilliard Residence Monday night when the new Glendon residence rules came into effect.

The women sat with the guard and explained to men trying to get into the women's residence that the rules were brought in by Glendon dean of students Brian Bixley, and that the guard was only doing his job.

In the summer, at the request of Glendon's council on student af-

fairs, an advisory committee to principal Escott Reid, Bixley formulated what he called a "starting draft" of instructions to night porters who would guard the women in Hilliard Residence from 4 pm to 8 am.

The doors of the women's residence are locked at 7 pm every weeknight, although the visiting hours extend to 10 pm. No visitor is allowed from 7 to 10 pm unless accompanied by a Hilliard resident.

Led by the Women's Liberation Movement, many women in the residence are contending one par-

ticular rule: "If more than one visitor claims entrance with one resident, then, unless the group is clearly a family group, the night porter guard shall ask the name of the resident. He will record the name with the number of guests, and this record shall be made available to the master of residence and the residence council."

In a petition presented to Bixley, a group of women said the regulation "implies in tone and enforcement, whether intentionally or not, some kind of adverse moral judgement about male visitors in girls' rooms . . . in the repressive and alienating society in

which we live, these are the friends that will, more than likely, form the tribal group that replaces the nuclear family of today.

"We are forced to seriously question the document in its use of 'family' in a philosophical, theoretical and sociological sense."

Bixley said the rule was "designed to prevent the small number of girls who make it difficult to keep out uninvited guests, thinking they are rebelling against authority or displaying independence."

Girls in A, C and E houses in the residence have passed motions this week pressing for open hours all week in the building. Night porter guards would still be on duty.

A second major point of contention is the lack of democracy involved in the implementation of these rule changes.

In a petition circulated last spring, a large majority of the women in residence indicated they did not wish their rules to be different from those of the men's residence. This has been completely ignored as the men's houses each decide independently what they wish their rules to be.

The female house presidents, all members of Glendon's residence council, unanimously passed the rules without consulting the members of their houses. Sandy Stewart, a Hilliard resident, told Bixley last Thursday:

"I am convinced that the house presidents are not acting democratically. Only one house president even spoke to her girls. These

people did not go to residence council with any kind of consensus."

To this Bixley angrily shouted: "I am infuriated by the smug, complacent, self-righteousness of you people. Do you want to run the houses or do you want the house presidents to run the houses? If you're so wonderful, why didn't you get elected as house presidents?"

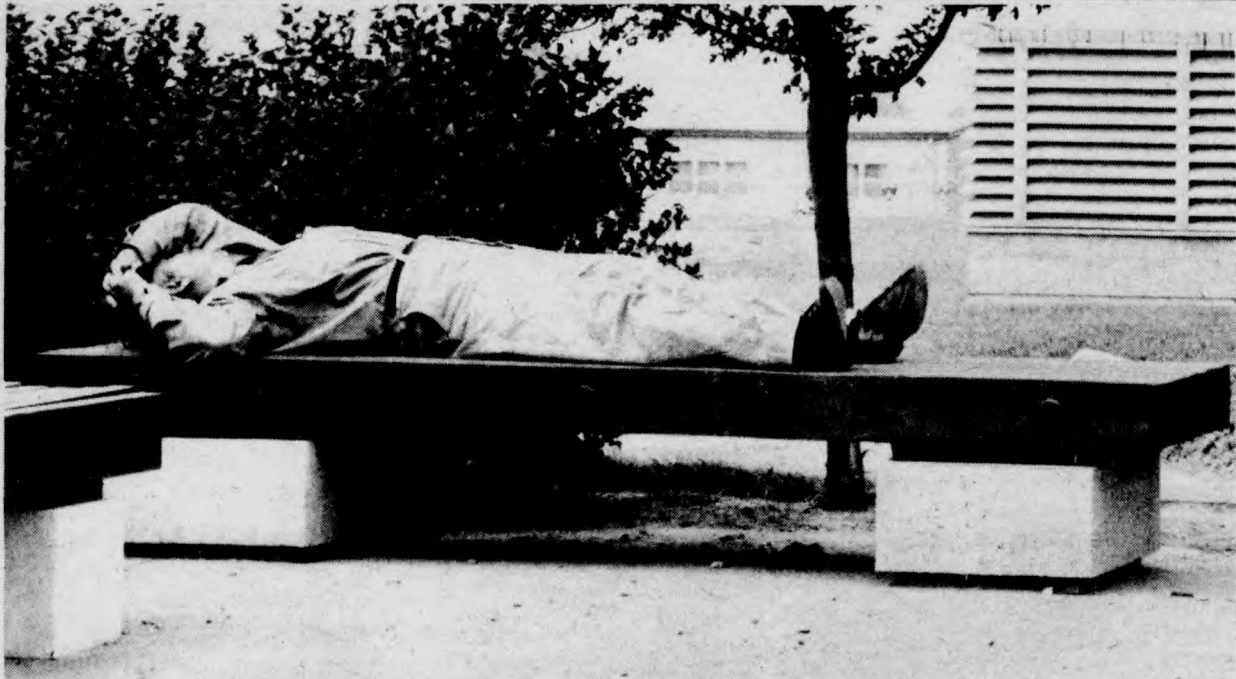
Bob Gibson, a student member of COSA, replied to the outburst: "I'm worried about the rules people have to live under. If you're talking about democratic procedure, then let's not have some kind of sticking to non-democracy, just because that's the established procedure. These rules have not been passed by the girls who will have to live under them."

A third point of contention is that the campus security officers, who will be acting as the night porters, in most cases are uneasy or unhappy about their new roles.

On such a small campus, the guards know many of the students by name and are friendly with them. One says he doesn't know how he can take down the name of a visitor leaving the building after visiting hours if that visitor has been a friend for two years.

V. L. Berg, Glendon's senior administrator, brushed off the objection, saying: "It is not the practice in the university to ask employees if they mind doing something. We tell them to do it and they do it."

COSA will review the rules again in October.



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Three student-run corporations soon to exist on York campus

By GREG McCONNELL

If all goes well there will soon be three student-run corporate giants on campus. The Council of the York Student Federation and Winters College Council plan to join the Green Bush Inn as legal corporations.

Briefs prepared by both councils are presently being examined by the university solicitor. According to John Becker, assistant vice-president (student services), he will likely advise the board of governors to approve the action.

Prior to a board decision, both groups expect to have formal stu-

dent consent. Marshall Green, Winters' president said that his council, which had already agreed in principle, will look at the matter at one of its next full meetings. He also mentioned a possible referendum.

CYSF President, Paul Koster, on the other hand, did not think a referendum necessary. "Although the constitution must be reworded to suit the framework of corporate law," he said, "it would basically be the same." He foresees no objections from either the council or its constituent colleges, all of which must also agree.

Over the summer the legal firm of Spencer and Stewart was hired by each council to study the feasibility of incorporation. Their report was favorable, and stressed the liability issue:

"There is no doubt that the administration of the large sums of money involved in the student council budget, and various obligations and contingencies may arise with respect thereto, is getting into the big business. To conduct this type of operation without the protection and advantages that can be afforded by the corporate structure might be considered negligence in itself."

The prospective directors were also cleared this summer by the OPP, RCMP, and Justice Department.

Incorporation will cost \$400 initially for each council, as well as \$150 every year thereafter for a financial statement. Both Green and Koster felt, however, that the benefits will far outweigh the expenses.

Limited personal liability is a major advantage. In case of a debt, the councillor who has signed the contract will not be financially liable.

On the other side, the university itself will no longer have the ultimate responsibility for council financial bumbles.

Koster felt this would give the CYSF more independence from the administration. A definite contract involving the collection of student activities fees, he said, would avoid any incident similar to the Regina experience last winter.

As well as making contracts, the councils will also be able to take out loans.

Renovations to the Winters coffee house, for instance, might cost more than one council could raise in a year, Green pointed out. Koster seemed keen on student cooperative housing. Gone, however, will be the days when each new council begins a year with no financial obligations.

Legal recognition will entail businesslike methods. Sounding something like a souped-up version of a paper boy ad, Spencer and Stewart concluded that "the more sophisticated corporate approach . . . could only be beneficial in developing the commercial responsibility and awareness of the people involved."

The Green Bush Inn seems to have the liquor licence idea sewed up. Neither Koster nor Green suggested this as a possible benefit.

One problem is the necessity for company directors to be 21 years old. Green said that Winters had plans for a nominal president who would automatically resign when the council leader came of age.

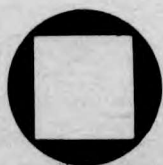
Koster even mentioned subsidiaries — possibly Radio York, a board of publications, and EXCALIBUR. EXCALIBUR editor Bob Waller, however, suggested the paper might incorporate by itself next year, if all goes well with CYSF and Winters.

The other college councils will probably watch with great interest this year's experiment in "if you can't beat the corporate elite, you may as well join them."

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