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Excalibur columnist Larry Goldstein, vociferous in his objection to Professor Pritchard's proposal to have him expelled, feels that the Senate wouldn't support any motion as patently illogical as Pritchard's.

Press censorship: Jan. 23

A motion to expel Excalibur columnist Larry Goldstein and censure the editor of the paper will be introduced at the next senate meeting by Professor H. O. Pritchard.

Goldstein reiterated this week that he thinks Professor Pritchard's position is indefensible, and that he will be surprised if the motion actually reaches the senate floor.

York President Murray Ross had no comment, but did say he would speak on the subject when the motion comes before the senate on January 23.

The York Council executive issued a statement Jan. 12 saying that Pritchard's action reminded them of the headmaster of an 'English public school'. They further stated that they feel no student should suffer academically for any non-academic offence. Finally they recommended that the senate refuse to consider the motion.

Ross Howard, editor of Excalibur, said it would be ridiculous for the university senate to take issue with Goldstein and the paper's right of free speech. He went on to say that if the senate passed such a motion, it would raise a lot of unnecessary trouble.

The issue involved seems to be the right of a student, or any member of the York community to criticize the university without fear of expulsion for "behavior in the best interest of the University", a nebulous phrase appearing in most of the college handbooks. This is accompanied by statements similar to "conduct becoming ladies and gentlemen."

Goldstein has repeatedly complained about the authoritarian nature of the University, and has used his Excalibur column to criticize our educational system.

Professor Pritchard seems to think that such criticism, when it involves financial issues (as did the column under question) is good grounds for the action he proposes. However, he has made

no basis for his claim except to say that "students are transients in this place; they don't warrant equal rights."

Excalibur is threatening to serve a counter-motion through student senator Dave King. This motion will be to censure Pritchard for the irresponsibility of his motion. However, should Pritchard withdraw his motion, Excalibur will do likewise.

Bikini brains

by Arnim Pitt

A leading group of Toronto businessmen have announced their intention to donate a generous sum as a scholarship to any Toronto university student judged most qualified.

Sounds exciting, and a real boon to education, doesn't it?

The leading group of businessmen is the Bad Boy Appliances people, who run a cut-rate chain of appliance stores in Toronto and elsewhere. Their front man is a lady named Joyce Barslow — a public relations officer.

She phoned Excalibur Tuesday, all enthusiasm and rapture for education, to ask if we would help find qualified applicants for this scholarship.

The scholarship — "It's for \$300 — and I guess it lasts until the winner spends it, or something," as Miss Barslow put it.

The qualifications (remember this is a scholarship, for education and all that) are rigorous, and so very relevant to education.

The qualified applicant must win the Miss Snowflake Bikini contest, January 25, at the Colonnade, in Toronto.

Great, isn't it? A scholarship awarded on the basis of some girl's body.

It sure makes you glad Toronto businessmen are so interested in higher education, and the problems of education finances.

You can bet the really needy student isn't a guaranteed winner.

McLaughlin narrowly votes no to YSC councillors confused, divided over results

by Michael Fletcher

McLaughlin College students have rejected entrance into the university-wide York Student Council.

Over 30% of the students in the college turned out, and the final decision was closely contested. Of 272 votes cast, 142 opposed entry to YSC and 134 supported it. The college has about 840 members.

Had they voted yes, McLaughlin would have been seated on YSC in time for Mac students to be eligible to vote and run in the upcoming YSC elections.

Tim Delaney, a Mac councillor who opposed joining YSC said Mac students were not ready to decide what they wanted to do and after a new executive was elected in February, a second referendum might vote Mac into YSC.

Delaney believes that YSC is often too radical while Bill Moull, another council member added "YSC does not reflect what should be the basic structure of the university; that is, the college system."

Several councillors suggested the referendum campaign was run far too much on personalities and said YSC members should not be the central issue in such a referendum.

Mac students complained that YSC has not done enough to help the colleges, and they also feel that YSC is too far away from most of the students to keep fully in touch with student opinions.

Dave Coombs, Tim Delaney and the other Mac students who voted no to YSC point out they are not against old forms of co-ordinating university councils.

However, John Adams, YSC president, said that no real alternative had been publicized and it was difficult to accept the anti-YSC councillors' statement. He also deplored the rush involved in the referendum and said not enough publicity was given to the points of the campaign.

Adams also said McLaughlin students had not been offered a third "special status" alternative in the referendum, a situation where YSC receives only part of the fees and in return, only some services are obtained by the college.

At a council meeting the same night the validity of the result was questioned because two ballots were cast by persons ineligible to vote. Delaney said it didn't matter because "the margin was greater than two votes anyway."

At present, YSC is composed of four delegates each from the three other colleges, grad students and MBA students and two from Atkinson. A president and vice-president are also elected by the students at large.

The Mac councillors decided at their meeting Tuesday night to pay all costs incurred by YSC on their behalf, except those dealing with actual administration of the YSC's business. It was decided that they would only accept responsibility for 50% of the amount invoiced to them for this purpose.

Saskatchewan students fight back

REGINA — (CUP) — Students at this University of Saskatchewan campus are calling for a written contract between their council and the board of governors for collection of compulsory union fees.

Their demand came in a referendum Thursday as they voted 1,101 to 539 for the proposal for a written contract between the student council and the administration that would direct the administration to collect council fees from students at registration.

The proposal specifies that the council is responsible for disbursement of these fees.

At a three-hour meeting the day before, they also censured the university's board of governors for refusing to collect fees on council's behalf this term.

The board announced Dec. 31 that it would not collect council dues because of council's financial support of the Carillon, which it said has undermined confidence in the university's senate, administration and governors.

The decision to stop fee collection was made without consultation with either students or faculty.

A board of governors press release explained the action by claiming the Carillon "has pursued an editorial policy clearly aimed at undermining confidence

in the senate, board of governors and the administration of the university."

Wednesday's general meeting was addressed by several student leaders, among them Martin Loney, president-elect of CUS, who attacked the board of governors as representing the province's corporations and the Saskatchewan Liberal party.

"For the past while, the press has been talking about outside agitators, a militant minority attempting to mould students' minds and destroy the university," Loney said. "I have been looking for these people and now I think I have finally found them — on the board of governors of the University of Saskatchewan."

Regina student councillor John Gallagher told the meeting that the issue is not the Carillon but the survival of the student council here. With support from Ralph Smith, council's past president, and Don Mitchell, council president in 1966-67, Gallagher outlined previous administration attempts to suppress the Carillon.

The Regina administration maintains it has left open channels for discussions and negotiation between the student council and the board of governors, although council has consistently charged the governors with imposing censorship and restricting

free speech within the university.

In a statement Wednesday, the administration outlined its version of past conflicts with the Carillon and said:

"One of the duties of the board of governors is to have regard for the welfare and advancement of the university. If any organization of the university, including the student newspaper, persists in acting in a manner considered to be harmful to the university, the board must disassociate the university officially from any involvement."

The student council earlier dismissed this argument by pointing out the university's calendar urges students to carry on a continuing examination of institutions and ideas.

The calendar adds: "This constant critique must be applied first to the structure and function of the university itself."

The student council at the U of S campus at Saskatoon also condemned the governors' action, demanding in a meeting Tuesday that the board reverse its decision and guarantee the autonomy of student press and student government at both campuses.

The Saskatoon council demanded a response by Monday, although a general student meeting called Wednesday failed to gain a quorum. Those present, however, overwhelmingly supported their council's decision.