

Editorials

CUS - YES

The question of continued membership in Canadian Union of Students has and will continue to be a contentious issue at York. There are those on college councils who believe that CUS is not worth the 1700 dollars or more spent in membership fees. They would rather see the money used to develop on-campus activities. Their other criticisms of CUS--merely a service organization, (arranging trips to Europe, etc.), or overly committed to social change--are well taken.

However, these are not CUS's failings: the change in CUS in the last three years has refuted the "service organization" argument, and has defined its role as a social reformer.

The recently passed "Declaration of the Canadian Student" reads in part; "The Canadian Student has the right and the duty to improve himself as a social being and to contribute to the development of society by: Engaging in fundamental action, as an individual or in a group; to confront society with discoveries and to promote consequent action to bring reforms into practice."

Here at least, is a group striving for unified social betterment. As Glen Williams, Glendon Council Communications Officer stated when confronted with the argument that CUS was becoming an institute for social change, "Well, I damn well hope it is!

Let college councils continue planning dances and other functions, but not restrict their students to campus activities only. The student perhaps more so than other groups in society has a social obligation. This obligation cannot be fulfilled through college councils alone. How could one college hope to change an entire social system?

A more complete evaluation of CUS's worth is needed in the light of the resolutions and programs passed at the recent Congress.

Debates Irresponsibility

Naughty Children, you Debators

The Debate Society has announced the loss of nearly \$7000 on last spring's International Centennial Debate, and the Administration has picked up the tab.

Thanks, Debate Society.

Your "general mismanagement" and "too much power in the hands of one person", as described by the latest president of the society, cost us a lot more than just that fat pile of missing money.

The Debate Society did a laudable job in putting York on the international campus scene, following the public success of the affair.

But the Debate Society did a lamentable job when it came to showing the maturity of their own organization, and the student body they are a part of.

The cry on this campus and at the far more vocal Glendon has been "student power", and "student responsibility."

The irresponsibility of unexplainable debts, and unrecorded expenses will do nothing to further any movement towards the student body assuming our proper positions in university administration.

The call for an Administration inquiry now that the damage has been done will do little to show that as a responsible student body we can manage our own affairs.

The inquiry itself must be a model of correct and responsible procedure, and must clearly fix the responsibility for this mess on the shoulders of those who are to blame.

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letter to the editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

This will be an anonymous letter, mainly because--despite your Name That Goon contest of last week--I still don't have a name. You and your lousy contests.

Speaking of girls' washrooms... the water pressure in York's are still practically nil (but don't ask me how I know).

Or maybe all the water is being used for the grass? All the watering that's going on is making this place into a mudhole already. Come on guys, the autumn rains will be here soon enough.

Did you know that three people have starved to death waiting for the elevator in Vanier Tower? I have started taking lunch at breakfast time so I can start lining up for supper right at 2:30 p.m. It's the only way you get to eat around here.

There's a disgraceful lack of draft beer in the vicinity of this university. The only local joint (joint!) is the Beverley Hills. What a rotten spot for a campus pub.

Well, this is your friendly goon signing off now.

P.S. Won't somebody please give me a name?

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EXCALIBUR SALUTES

After being shunted from basement to shanty, Excalibur has finally come to rest in the music practise rooms of Founders college. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Master Conway for his help and interest in the newspaper.



We venture to make the comment that this picture illustrates quite neatly the urbanization principle that . . . Will you please shut up! . . . Yes, I will. (You have just witnessed for the first time this year a student crying out in despair in a lecture.)

letters to our readers

Dear readers

You are invited to contribute your ideas in this space. Air your beefs, disagree with our editorials, complain about courses, blast or laud the administration, write love letters to council representatives... This is your chance.

do you think they're still alive? . . . Who . . . layout . . . no . . . what will happen next week . . . reincarnation . . . a lot of new help - mostly chicks looking for a job - shall we mention their names - Phyl. Ker. Wen. - we like obscurity - then there's Heath. - and the lay. ed. in the com, who thinks he owns the place . . . Look, he's says he wants it done THIS way. Kill him . . . if YOU want to help, drop in to the offices.



Normally, we don't run pics on the staid editorial page, but we could not pass up the opportunity to show to you a candid and secret shot of the GOON whose earnest plea to be named appears elsewhere on this page.