

# STUDENTS SAY

What has your council done for the Student body?

Harvey Margel

1) I have no idea who the council is and as far as I can see they have done nothing. In fact I don't see why we need a council. We just need a social committee and a cultural affairs committee.

Dennis Cook VI

2) I have had little connection with Founders College since I go home right after classes. I therefore don't know anything about the council. I don't even know if it accomplishes anything.

Pieter Waern FI

3) I don't know anything about it so I guess it hasn't done anything for me lately.

Esther Fireman FI

4) I don't think it's done much. I'd like to hear more about it since I don't even know the members on it. I think S.R.C. is doing more than the other councils because we hear more about it.

John Christian F2

5) Crap--all. No visible solid accomplishments. What's S.R.C. supposed to do?

Simon Rosenfeld FI

6) Council, what council? I'm not really that up on it. What did it do, the semi-formal? No, I don't know. I don't know what is going on.

Roger Hubbard VI

7) Vanier council doesn't have much to do in fact none of the councils have much to do. I think the S.R.C. is a waste of the students money. I think it is contrary to the principles of York.

Richard Sand VI

8) As far as I know it has done nothing. First of all we know nothing about it. The only time we know of a council is when there is an election. If they would print up the minutes it might help. I don't even know what the S.R.C. is.

Dina Rubinstein VI

9) Nothing! It's spent all my hard earned money towards C.U.S.. Have they sponsored some of the social activities? Did they bring out the Zzardvark? I don't know. I don't even know who I voted for. I don't know what S.R.C. has done.

Arnold Rose VI

10) I'm confused because they're having elections and I don't even know what each candidate is for. I don't know what Vanier council has done. I don't know anything about it.

Janet Stubbs VI

The year 1966/67 has been a failure for York University. We are not experiencing growing pangs for the simple reason that we are not really growing. Granted buildings are going up all around us but what is going on inside these buildings? Have we begun to mature as a university? I don't think so. Take for example the sorry state of our councils. I am sorry if I shocked anybody but we do have councils even though we never hear of them. Founders has one, Vanier one and what about our S.R.C. if there is one now.

As you see we have councils but what do they accomplish? What do they do? Well, er, um. For example, do you know who is the representative of your respective year? of course you don't. Do you know who you voted for the last election?

How can you? Our councils are doing very little to inform the students about affairs at the school. The lack of communication between the student body and the councils is a major problem and a major concern for all those involved.

Mr. Mel Freedman perhaps states it most aptly when he says that 'the councils have lost touch with the student. We don't know what they are doing and they don't know what we want'. How right you are Mr. Freedman. When was the last time you heard your president of your respective college make a statement of policy? When was the last time any council member made a statement of policy to the student body? The phrase is often used in professional politics that we see them before the election and then after the election, woosh they're gone. It applies here too, doesn't it.

Now a closer look at the councils. Not one council at York has a constitution. Now even if you are just the average York student you can still get it into your thick skulls that you can't have any order, that you can't accomplish anything worthwhile without a workable constitution. Right? Of course right! I would think that a constitution would be the major, the most important issue of business before council. Our council has been in office one year and still no constitution.

Let's go a little further now. Out of 29 representatives on all councils approximately 8 are day students. Nice percentage isn't it, especially when you consider the fact that three-quarters of the student body are day students. On Founders council out of 14 members with the exception of the first year members only one is a day student. It is obvious therefore that our councils just do not represent the entire student body.

ference of 24% amounts to over \$5,000. Is it any wonder that CUS membership was disputed for crass monetary reasons? Is it any wonder why the SRC had no money to finance university-wide clubs? Worse still, is it any wonder that Founders council was able to squander so much money this year (\$700 on the John Lee Hooker flop, hundreds of dollars lost on a series of dances from which the students stayed away in droves?)

## Recommendations

All this mess resulted from the planning, or rather, the lack of it by the two college councils. There's three of them now and they'll be back at their favourite pastime of 1966 on January 22nd when they will be considering the future form of the SRC. They should take a lot of lessons from this year's events. First of all, they should not rush into holding any elections. They should agree on the present powers of the SRC -- external affairs, campus-wide communications (the newspaper,

The importance of having a really representative council of both day and residence students is that day and resident students don't communicate enough. There is a vast gulf between the two sectors of our student body. It is wrong granted but it is there just the same. There is a gulf for the simple reason that we day students work bank hours at York--here at 9, home at 4. It's partly our fault, but I think it is the job which would interest the day student so that he either stays here later or comes back to York at night. Is it not obvious that these councils have failed miserably in this respect? Have they even attempted to do anything?

A look now at Founders council. It has an unworkable and cumbersome amount of 14 members on council. Have you ever tried to control or dictate order in a mob? A college the size of Founders 14 representatives is just too much. Mr. Nemtin when is Founders going to get that bulletin board?

What about Vanier? Its council has a tremendous set-up. In order to achieve a stronger union and a stronger understanding between students and the faculty the council has seen fit to include four faculty members in its organization. It is 'very nice' to have a closer union between the students and the faculty, but not on a student council. I could see a union on certain committees, but not on the student government. That reminds me of high school where the vice-principal had to sit in on students council meetings as an advisor and usually ended up dictating policy. A student government is just that, a student government. It should be elected by the students, run by the students, dictated by the students and organized by the students. Not by advisors.

Now to the S.R.C. It is a good idea. It should not be destroyed. It could perform a valuable role in the university given the adequate powers that it needs. This year was just 'bad news' for the S.R.C. But it is a necessary instrument of government that we the students need.

In conclusion, there is a lack of communication between the students body and the councils. There is no constitution for the councils to work with. Also our councils are badly represented. There is a vast gulf between day and residence students. There are simply too many members on Founders council. Vanier has non-students. And S.R.C. has not been given the powers it requires.

I can say that we have set a fine example of excellence and knowledge in the ability to rule ourselves that will be invaluable to Winters College and all the other colleges that follow. We are the leaders and what a damn job we're doing.

etc.), intercollege co-ordination (e.g. clubs that use the university name) and student-administration relations. Then they should distribute the financial resources in accordance with the powers. This means giving the SRC the lion's share. Let the college councillors be statesmen enough to accept this for the proper functioning of student government at York, an ideal which they never tire of expounding as their true, unselfish goal. To this end, the SRC should be given the entire budget to distribute to the other councils after the colleges have submitted their requests at a special meeting. Certain checks must be imposed such as a minimum percentage of the total budget that must be allotted to the colleges and maximum standards of variation in grants to the various colleges to guard against discrimination against one college while at the same time allowing some variation so that a college that is 'doing something' will have the

## Man of la Mancha

Don MacKay

It is impossible to properly review Man of la Mancha, now playing at the O'Keefe Centre.

Jose Ferrer can't sing, but he creates one of the most appealing characters to come from Broadway in a long time. Maura K. Wedge overacts, but she expresses the audience's love for Don Quixote perfectly. The music is generally dull and unoriginal, but songs such as 'The Impossible Dream' compensate for the poor music.

Man of la Mancha is a joy to see. It isn't because of the set, the rape scene, the twin horses or the songs. It is because of the glowing aura of idealism that is created by Don Quixote's quest for the impossible.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Brilliant Entremont

'Brilliant' is the best word to describe Philippe Entremont's piano performance at Massey Hall Saturday night.

The only trouble with brilliance is that it implies sparkle, drama, technical excellence, but not necessarily depth of interpretation.

Entremont exhibited magnificent technical precision and fine regard for melody and tonal shading in his approach to all the pieces in his programme which included Scarlatti, Mozart, Schumann, Debussy, and Prokofiev. But for all the aesthetic brilliance and surface beauty which characterized his total performance, there was something missing. Entremont seemed to forget that each composer requires different considerations in interpretation, so that the listener began to feel that Scarlatti, Debussy, et. al., were one and the same. Schumann's Etudes Symphoniques surely require an intensity of emotion very different from the simplicity of Scarlatti's sonatas.

Entremont is a brilliant pianist whose technique and artistry are irreproachable. Still, I found myself slightly disappointed with his recital, and wished that there was real passion and depth of feeling underneath all that glorious brilliance.

money to pull it off, but, for the sake of saving the student government structure from complete paralysis, the SRC must be given the deciding power and not some ad hoc committee from the conglomeration of colleges that there will be in a few years.

### SRC on the block

Given this sort of structure, the SRC-idea has a good chance of working to the benefit of students, provided it is well planned out in advance. I repeat, under no circumstances should elections take place until the financial and division of power aspects are worked out in full. This campus can and must get along without an SRC next year, if need be. In fact, the year without the SRC would benefit York in several ways. Most important of all, it would give time to the councils to set up all the aspects of the SRC. The year would also demonstrate to the students on this campus the need for an SRC that the three college councils will find difficulty in filling, or it might just show the lack of need for an SRC. In either case, the council's planning will be greatly aided by whatever happens and if they take the lessons to heart. What about it councils? How about taking it easy on January 22nd and doing it right this time?

## SRC Failure *cont'd from p.2*

things--distinct powers and prescribed financial resources. The elected SRC had neither. How then could it succeed?

### College Councils misgovern

Some people in student government harboured the belief that, in time, the SRC would be able to evolve and develop its format. If there was a vacuum of power in the affairs of student government at York, the SRC could have 'evolved' and 'developed' into it. But the college councils held all the powers and alas, the colleges did not know how to share authority graciously and the SRC did not know how to manoeuvre the colleges into sharing. In previous budgets of the student governments at York, the amount of money spent on what now are the powers of the SRC accounted for 64% of the total budget. The college councils finally decided on giving the SRC a niggardly 40% of the total student fee. The dif-