

## YORK RANKED NO. 20 BUT WEBB BLAMES MACLEAN'S EDITORS

York students should be happy about their position (20th) among the top 20 universities in Canada.

Dr. C. Wellington Webb, author of 'A Consumer's Report on Canada's Top 20 Universities (Maclean's, November '67), said that York students should like being Number 20 considering that there are 30 other universities that do not rank.

About 300 students in Winters Junior Common Room heard Dr. Webb defend his article.

Dr. Webb places the blame on Maclean's for the comment 'suburban and sober' and 'glorified college' which aroused the defiance of York students and faculty.

He said he was not responsible for the sketches on the universities, but only for their ranking and for a research essay on the subject.

'I did not want to stigmatize any university by putting it at the bottom of the list. But Maclean's did. A scholar should not commit himself in this way, but editors do not have an objective view since their readers wouldn't be interested.'

Dr. Webb said he has been barged with letters since the publication of his article. One criticism was that the article suggests students get a superior product from certain universities. But he said that there is no direct relationship between the rank of a university and the quality of scholars it produces.

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# Joint council meeting gets SRC moving

by Paul Perlove

The form that the Student Representative Council (SRC) constitution will take was agreed upon Tuesday night at a general council meeting.

The councillors passed the preamble to the constitution in which the articles of the constitution will be based. The form of preamble is as follows: 'To protect and further the interests of the college system, we establish a central body. This central body is an instrument of the individual constituent members. It shall be open to representation from: 1) all undergraduate colleges, 2) all graduate schools, 3) faculty. It operates on authority delegated by the constituent members. All residual powers are held by the constituent members.'

To date, preamble is all there is of the constitution. The councillors had previously succeeded in ratifying three articles of a draft constitution but in later meetings these were withdrawn.

The councillors had difficulty in getting a quorum of 21 for the meeting. The sentence by sentence vote on the preamble had to be delayed for one and a half hours until 21 members were finally counted.

The preamble makes it clear that the 'constituent members' of the SRC will have the bulk of the power. The discussion that took place before the vote on the preamble gave vent to varying ideas on exactly how much power the SRC should have over the individual college members.

Richard Sand (V II) said on the question of powers: 'There are two systems which are feasible;



— Scott McMaster

I don't know whether you were here earlier or not but I already said it was those nasty editors, not me, who wrote those comments.

one in which the consensus of the SRC is taken as the determining factor in decision, and one where the consensus of the constituent members is taken.'

Mr. Sand said he favored the latter policy.

### You lose something, maybe?

Physical Plant has established a Lost and Found department, under the director of Mr. J.A. Thompson, Director of Safety and Security.

The office will be located in room 102 of the Physical Plant workshop building.

One of the lost articles which may be claimed there is a brown leather Birkdale attaché case.

### Quebec year 8:

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The Saturday night debate between ex-Liberal René Levesque and federal Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys Jean-Luc Pepin was the star attraction of the Forum.

Levesque predicted a sovereign Quebec within five and possibly two years, warning English-Canadians, 'The harder they fight it, the sooner it will come.'

He described a common market arrangement between the sovereign Quebec and the rest of Canada. Pepin denounced the plan as unworkable, since unlike the European Common market on which it is based, the arrangement is not headed for political co-operation.

Pepin accused separatists like Levesque of destroying the federal structure just when decreased decentralization is beginning to work. 'There are things the federal government can do better for people in the provinces, including Quebec, than the provinces can do.'

The Forum settled down to a platitudinous end on Sunday with Gilles Gregoire, Prof. Fernand Ouellet, Frank Scott and Father Louis Balthazar discussing the sociological and ecclesiastical repercussions of separatism.

Despite Prof. Scott's assurances that the St. Lawrence River will continue to flow through both Ontario and Quebec, and despite Father Balthazar's assurances that nationalism is outside the role of today's Church, despite Gregoire's impractical assurances that Quebec will suffer no economic loss whatsoever should she separate, the participants in the Forum remained largely restive.

When the raconteurs gave their seminar reports, it became clear that the only majority opinion was in favour of separatism.

Mel Freedman (FII), president of Founders council, suggested an addition to the preamble, which would specify exactly when the SRC should have power over the constituent members.

His amendment stated that 'the SRC could not take precedence over any constituent member without the approval of two-thirds of the constituent members except in those areas specifically delineated in the constitution.'

While most members were in accord with the general idea presented by Mr. Freedman's amendment, it was decided that such a statement would be more appropriate within the constitution and not in the preamble.

Most members of the general council meeting also agreed with another idea, that of opting out.

As Winter's vice-president Bruce Kellam said: 'There are areas in which we (the constituent members) have to abide by the decision of the SRC. But there are also areas where the college body can decide that it doesn't agree with the SRC's decision. It should be able to opt out.'

Also presented at the meeting, was a letter drawn up by Bruce Kellam and Stan Bunston, Winter's Treasurer, which will be sent to the faculty and administration of York University stating the support of York Students, as represented by the general council, for the college system.

The letter asks the administration to increase their efforts in the implementation of the college system and to ensure that improvements will be made. It urges that a committee be formed composed of all parts of the university, 'to study the college system and to make recommendations for its continued application.'

The meeting ended with the motion that a committee be set up to redraft the constitution according to the preamble. Two representatives are to be chosen from each council to make up the committee and to report to a joint meeting of councils on January 8, John Adams (V II) chairman of the general council meetings was chosen as chairman of this new committee.

### Century II

### No Money - No Editors

Shauna Melnyk and Sandra McCulloch (F III) have resigned as Century II yearbook editors, as a result of financial difficulties with the college councils.

Miss McCulloch said 'We found it difficult to negotiate with the colleges separately for money for the yearbook. I left two separate messages at Winters and got no response either time.'

Miss McCulloch is making arrangements for a small publication to act temporarily as a substitute for the yearbook. This will consist of grad pictures and highlights from the year's activities.

She said, 'This would be mainly of interest to grads. We feel that pictures of graduating students are most important to the graduating class, and that we should try to at least publish this much as a memento.'

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