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## Warga Speaks

### Hate and Enjoy Yourself

Do you feel yourself a University student in the sense that you imagined the phrase to mean? Do you picture yourself a concrete part of your University, of your College? York University has been founded on the 'college system' with, as the University Calendar says:

...All of the extra-curricular life of the student will be college-centred. In this manner York plans to combine the advantages of the large university with the more intimate quality of the small college...The college system as planned by York University provided an ideal setting for a sound intramural programme.

I had hoped that this would mean intercollegiate competition. But where is this competitive spirit.

To achieve York's 'Whole Man' I advocate 'hate' as a prime requisite. Hate thy neighbouring college. Founders show thy abhorrence to Vanier. Vanier show thy spleen that Founders' carpets may turn as red as thine. Form a pact against Glendon, a Triple Alliance against the U. of T. Artsmen trample aliens. Men of Science retaliate with Lazer guns.

Get a real education, hate and enjoy yourselves. (But do not exhaust yourselves. Winters' College will be opening soon.)

Dave Warga FII

## Editorial

### Is C.U.S. Worth It?

A few weeks ago the student council of the University of Waterloo voted 'no' to 'free tuition,' despite the threat of resignation by their president. Since then a student referendum has ratified the council's stand.

Unless the University of Waterloo is a freak exception (and this is most doubtful) student councils across Canada and the Canadian Union of Students, in particular, should take this warning to heart. While student leaders for the most part (and here the Waterloo Council is an exception) are united in supporting free tuition as a foremost social objective, there is little evidence that the majority of students do. They cannot just assume student support. Waterloo has shown that when the issue comes to a head their efforts may have been in vain. They must continue even more vigorously to enlist student support, quite apart from lobbying the provincial governments for more student aid. Free tuition is still a very long way off. The struggle has just begun.

The question then arises: how effective is CUS in promoting and lobbying for greater student aid? How effective can CUS be if it continues on its new course of activism not only on behalf of student aid and greater services for the student but also on behalf of international political movements? By opting for political activism on an international and ideological scale do they not dilute of their efforts on behalf of common student objectives due to political disagreement? Obviously this is so--seven universities have dropped out of CUS this year and McGill, its

only remaining representative in Quebec, may well follow the other drop-outs in January.

Equally, it may be asked: do they have the right to speak of political matters for all Canadian students? The students have not elected the executive of CUS and most student councillors are (or should be) elected for their administrative abilities rather than their political opinions.

This new course for CUS may well sabotage its efforts on behalf of the students' common interests at a time when it is crucial that every resource be utilized on their behalf.

Finally, and this point applies especially to York, can we afford the questionable services and policies of CUS? Including conferences, CUS costs each student 85 cents. It deprives our student council of much needed money--money which could be spent on our poverty-gripped clubs; money which could be used to finance a decent yearbook; money which could give our SRC an opportunity to actively lead the students in student affairs (surely such direct action would be more profitable than the mountains of CUS printed matter which weekly floods the SRC and seldom leaves their filing cabinets.)

Our council should at least, take a thorough look at CUS. It should seriously consider withdrawing from this organizational millstone called the Canadian Union of Students. Indeed, we feel it should serve notice, that unless CUS changes policy and drops out of the fascinating but time and effort consuming arena of political activism, it will secede from the union.

### Natural Science 101--To Be or Not To Be?

If you are looking for a York University fan, stop with this writer. York is truly the institution which will provide you with a well-rounded education. But, certainly, York is by no means perfect.

A notable exception to perfection here is that hulk of human knowledge classified as Natural Science 101. 'Nat Sci I' embodies the history and philosophy of science of the past 2500 years. The baffled freshman is introduced to 25 centuries of knowledge and asked to digest this in six months. Oh, for the genius of Einstein or, at least, the memory banks of an I.B.M. computer!

The course covers so much ground that it certainly provides something of interest for almost everyone. The fault lies not directly with the course but with the examinations that complement it. Dr. Leith (for whom

I have, as one of his former students, considerable admiration) and his colleagues have realized this and last year provided students with 27 essay questions, some of which it was known would definitely be on the exam. The exam was so arranged that to be certain of doing well, the student had to research, write, and then memorize 21 of the questions.

Here, Dr. Leith, lies the error of your ways. Is this the acquisition of knowledge? Does this allow the University student to really think? Is this a true liberal education or simply high school memorization in its ultimate form? If you think the course valuable you must also admit that it is not suited for examination purposes. Do away with the exams or do away with the course.

Dave Warga FII

### It's What's Up Front That Counts

(CUP)

The position of sex in Britain 'has been the same for years--women on their backs and men on top', says Professor Michael Brian of Sir George Williams University.

Prof. Brian was answering a question during an SCM discussion on Playboy and sex.

During the same discussion panel member Prof. John Rossner said that men are afraid of Playboy's buxom beauties and wouldn't want to engage in intercourse with them because of a feeling of inferiority.

Prof. Brian replied that the flat-chested models found in fashion magazines are 'no good in bed--you'd probably get bruised.'

He said the recent increase in sexual activity was caused primarily by the church's decision to recognize sex.

Unfortunately, he said, some people misuse sex. He cited the example of someone saying to

a girl, 'I wish to sleep with you because I want to commune with your soul.'

Returning to Playboy, Prof. Rossner said that it is a romantic image and sophisticated symbol of freedom. Prof. Brian said, however, that the models in Playboy are not even real.

He defended his statement by pointing out that no hair was found on any part of the body and that the models were even from top to bottom.

'They're more like mannequins than women. Besides they probably 'don't', he said.

Both panelists agreed that Playboy represents a type of pseudo-sex used as a substitute by those who are not fornicators.

The choice of the flat-chested models over the buxom ones was defended on the grounds that flat-chested girls look better in clothes; with the others, the reverse is true.

## Letters

### OPEN LETTER TO YORK STUDENTS

Mel Lubek, VI

In the recent elections for Vanier S.R.C. reps., there was only one election rule to which all candidates had to comply in order to retain their right to candidature: that is, that all campaign signs and posters had to be removed from view before the Friday night dance.

That this rule was violated by the two successful candidates may, in itself, seem very insignificant. However, taken in context of the totality of the York election machinery, their irresponsibility in not removing their signs meant that they had forfeited their right to even run for, let alone sit on the S.R.C.

Therefore, if Mr. King and Mr. Lipskar are allowed to con-

tinue on the S.R.C., a dangerous precedent will have been established; for now, we would be saying that as long as a person gets elected, it does not matter what means he uses or which rules he breaks. Therefore, we are saying that the end justifies the means, an idea totally inimical and out of place in democratic society.

It is for these reasons I've stated that I hereby give public notice of impeachment. I move that impeachment proceedings, as preparatory to removing them from office be instituted against both Mr. Dave King and Mr. Harry Lipskar on the grounds of complete and purposeful neglect of campaign rules resulting in their election to the S.R.C.

Dear Sir:

Bridge is an excellent game. It combines logic, the skill of intellectual play and the thrill of winning into several basic essentials of communications and deduction. The excitement of playing mounts steadily as the good player advances from the novice stage to the echelons of the masters; every level presents challenges in exploring new conventions and systems. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than defeating a 7-no-trump contract doubled redoubled and vulnerable but nothing gives me greater disgust than to see the way some of our York students take the good name of Bridge and drag it into the dirt.

If Bridge is a great game as I say it is, why is it at York it has such a poor name with most students?

There are six to eight very obnoxious Bridge players who do not seem to give a damn what

room they are playing in, what kind of mess they leave, how much noise they make or who they inconvenience. They are the people who take a good name and not only play it poorly but also make the words 'Bridge' and 'Garbage' synonyms.

If I were a good Bridge player like Gary Armour, Al Ely or Frank Trotter I wouldn't let a group of half a dozen childish brats ruin what I consider to be a great game. The serious players should demand a certain level of Bridge behaviour and make our common rooms liveable and give back to bridge the respected name it deserves.

A bridge club is in the formation at York; perhaps this will provide a method for raising our standards.

Let's ask the obnoxious ones to play 'Fish' or 'Old Maid' in a secluded, soundproof garbage dump somewhere.