

Those select few..

'Excuse me sir, I am from Lower East Meemico Higher Institute of Learning, and I have been sent up here to York to report on the claim that it is a university where students are consulted.'

'Consulted?'

'Yes, you know, where students are sitting on committees and giving their opinions.'

'Oh, yes.'

'Well, what committees are there?'

'I don't really know...Oh there's ACSA.'

'What does ACSA do?'

'I don't know.'

'What about other committees? I've heard of one looking into the York Act, on studying the Duff-Berdahl report, a planning committee, a food committee, and a new presidential committee looking into the obligations of the university and the responsibilities of its members?'

'Well, I don't really know.'

'What about the students on these committees? Maybe I could ask them?'

'I don't know who the students are.'

York University is playing the Mickey Mouse game, as recent Ontario Union of Students newsletter labelled it.

'This is the game of co-option: a few student officials are invited into the councils of the mighty to play the old game by the old rules.'

In York's case the main fault lies with the students. Those select few who are on the committees are keeping quiet. Ostensibly they sit on these committees to ensure student opinion is heard, but in fact all that is heard is the subjective whims of our student elite.

Real student opinion cannot be developed until the student body knows what is happening.

With the advent of York's new YSC, students now have a means of affecting a truer form of the 'community of scholars.' Student representatives on York committees must become responsible. Reports by these students to the YSC and discussion of the activities of the committees in YSC meetings must become a regular feature at York.

No longer can we place our 'trust' in the political elite that is currently purporting to be student opinion.

YORK UNIVERSITY - WHERE STUDENTS ARE CONSULTED



What do you suggest I make my next one; a Dow or a Molson's?

we get letters

THAT WONDERFUL BORDER

Dear Sir:

Since the little people of York U. see fit to comment on American involvement in Vietnam, I feel I should put in my own comment, for what it's worth.

Those who decry the war are failing miserably to face the economic and social facts of life. Those who feel that the US is forcing its presence and power in a place where it is unwanted should stop and think for a minute. Granted that the Americans may have gone off the deep end in their rush which must be maintained if they are to maintain our way of life.

In their latest budget, they are alloting \$300 million in defense spending to Canada. Without this, we would be deeper in financial trouble than we are at the moment. The evil men of Hawker Siddeley, Dow Chemical, and even

C.I.L. contribute money and jobs to our economy. This is a fact of life. Whether this is blood money or not is not the point to those who live off it.

The logical end of American non-involvement in military matters would be their non-involvement in other less forceful, but nevertheless important, fields of trade and commerce. If you believe that they will be kind enough to support us if we don't support them, then you, dear reader, are sadly mistaken. The American people are in the grip of a series of manias; that to protect their world from the coming of the worker's revolution of Communism. This can be accomplished by both fighting in the field and keeping the worker at home happy with his lot.

But once their world neighbours refuse to toe

their economic and political line, then it is the American government who will turn against them. For then, the need for quiet internal economic growth is much more important than external relations in any form with loud-mouthed, backbiting neighbours.

Before we turn on them completely, do we honestly think that they would try and pin us to the wall, like they are in the process of doing to France now? Fortunately for France she has other economic ties to fall back on, but Canada does not.

The more we scream about their inhumanities, both to their own and to their enemies, the more we should reflect on how mighty the American backlash of anti-Canadianism will be. We can shout and scream at them, and not hurt them at all, but should we irritate them too much, they can crush us with a wave of their economic arms.

George B. Orr
Vanier II

SORRY SPORTS REPORT

Dear Sir:

Sports reporting is in a sorry state of affairs when the team has to do its own reporting. This certainly seems to be the case with most sports at York.

A case in point is women's badminton. York hosted the OQWCIA tournament on Saturday, January 20th. An important sports event but no Excalibur photographer or reporter. Incidentally, for those who might be interested, York tied Waterloo for first place.

And how about some reports on the swim team. (They've been in two meets since Christmas but no report in Excalibur). I'm sure there must be a men's volleyball team here too but Excalibur doesn't seem to realize it. In fact there are quite a few teams around which are not getting Excalibur coverage.

So come on Excalibur, shake a leg. It's not really that difficult.

Marie Shier,
Founders III

LET'S SELL YORK

Dear Sir:

Concerning the apparent domination by 'teen-boppers' at school dances, I feel that you have selfishly neglected an important point. York University is a relatively young institution and thus, is still faced with a massive public relations job--'selling' our school to the community and city-at-large. One of the best and easiest ways to do this is to allow a limited number of high school students entrance to the dances.

Although I was as frustrated as you by the crushing numbers of high schoolers at the dance of Jan. 12, I rather doubt that we would have realized the financial profit that we did without them. In future, I encourage the new YSC to distribute a 'specified' number of complimentary tickets to the Toronto high schools.

We've got lots to sell so lets get the bell out and do it.

Scott Rutledge
Vanier II

o migawd what a time to realize that without the regular vamp of the copy desk to write thanks to Bob Layout and Phyllis Photo and mike and val and doreen and dave and Kandygale, I'll have to do it. Is it true that and greg and Judy are all cahoots in collusion about cavorting through the copy. Sportswriters sweated it out, with Frank, while the photo staff made money selling dirty pictures to the administration. Arim Pitt pulls Fred's leg, but sure speaks to weirdies on the phone. This type of insertion is supposed to improve staff morale. I wonder what it does for their morals?

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OBIT: GOD IS DEAD

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Died: God (5,000,000,000 B.C.--1968 A.D.) of natural causes at his home in Heaven (a small suburb of Hell).

Famous for his amazing six-day creation of the Universe, the Big G. as he was familiarly known, never lived down the unfavorable publicity he received over a notorious 2,000-year-old adultery case involving a Hebrew woman which resulted in the production of a half-breed child arbitrarily named Jesus. Though he had hoped to impress mankind with his potency in his old age, the attempt boomeranged, and God in his decline became increasingly aloof from the world.

His Court of Judgement heard well over a billion cases in the later days of his life, during which he exhibited ruthless zeal in condemning to everlasting torture all those who had disobeyed or were not acquainted with him. (His energy let up

recently and he began allowing ignorance of his laws as a defence.)

God is survived by his son, (full name Jesus Christ), who had returned to his father's home after a brief and largely unsuccessful political career on Earth. This too had been a major disappointment for God, who had tried to make the best of a bad thing by using his son as his chief wordly agent and propagandist.

Jesus was reported to be off on one of his 40-day camping trips and is apparently unaware of his father's death.

Palace reactions to the death varied: the Devil, Mayor of Hell and God's Minister of Fear, commented that, 'I saw it coming when he couldn't bring off the Millenium 1,000 years ago. He was getting too lenient with Man anyhow.' Chief groundskeeper Peter was more dismayed: 'We'll miss him. He was such a heavenly host. Just when we had this key club off the ground too...'