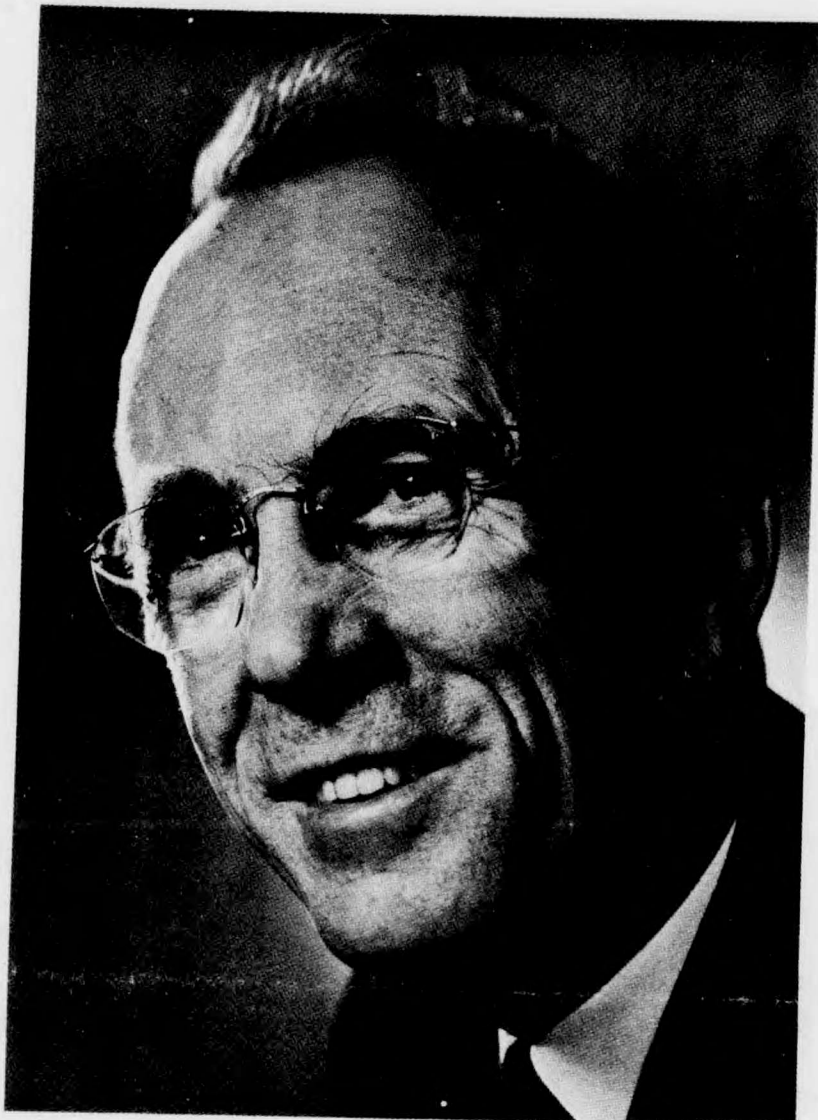


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Great Debate Postponed

The international debate that was to have been hosted by the York Debating Society at York in March has been postponed until October. The March debate on Vietnam was to have featured debating teams from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Russia.

Mr. Richard Banigan, Chairman of the Debating Society, said that the response to the planned March debate was overwhelming and the Debating Society required 'more time to organize it.' Mr. Banigan said that both the French, Italian and other governments had also indicated a desire to send national student debating teams. He added that Rabbi Feinberg of Toronto had told him that he might be able to get students from North Viet-Nam to participate, and that Mr. Tonner of the British Consulate had informed him that an Oxford University wished to compete.

Eleven universities from Canada, ten American universities, a Russian team and a team from Glasgow were originally scheduled to attend the tournament. The Russian team had been guaranteed a berth in the finals. The

debate was to have been televised by an American and a Canadian network.

The March debate was to have been held in the new gym in the Tait-Mackenzie Physical Education building. However, the Society is now going to look into getting Maple Leaf Gardens or another large arena for the October event.

Although, the Debating Society had informed the participants on January 17th that plans for the March debates were 'finalized', Mr. Banigan said he thought the universities had received 'adequate notice' of the cancellation.

Mr. Banigan asserted that the Debating Society was in 'great shape' financially and money therefore had nothing to do with the postponement. He refused to comment on whether any legal difficulties had been encountered.

Asked whether or not the Russians had guaranteed they were coming. Mr. Banigan said that they had 'verbally' agreed to come and that he had every reason to believe that they would come. However, it is known that the other universities had agreed to come on condition that the Soviet team appear.

York Students Clash with Musicians' Union

The Toronto Musicians' Association (TMA) has threatened to blacklist York University as a result of an incident involving the Founders Coffee House and The Churls--a non-union group.

Prior to the Christmas holidays, Mr. Del Foster, then the manager of the Coffee House, hired The Churls for a performance. The Musicians' Union received a complaint about the incident and sent their business representative, Mr. Victor Bridgewater, to investigate. After his investigation, a letter was sent to Mr. Doug Barrett, the new manager.

The letter demanded that Mr. Barrett give just cause why the Coffee House should not be placed on the Locals Unfair list, and an application be made to have them put on the National Unfair list. This would mean all union services, in particular, our weekly jazz concerts, would be cut off.

Mr. Barrett sent a reply to Mr. Gurney Titmarsh, Secretary-Treasurer of the T.M.A., agreeing to cease hiring non-union groups but protesting the Union's action.

Mr. Barrett said it was regrettable that the union singled out the Coffee House, a 'non-profit' enterprise and that the Union had threatened the entire University.

The letter went on: 'In conclusion, it is my own personal feeling that I am being forced to make this agreement for no good reason and that the Coffee House is not now, and never will be, in any position to take or hinder in any way the business of the Musicians' Union.'

The affair broke open again last week when Mr. Mike Snook, former co-editor of 'The Fountain', wrote a combined exposé-editorial in 'The Fountain'. Mr. Snook, in one part of the article accused the Musicians' Union of the strong-arm tactics often credited to Hal Banks.

Mr. Snook was asked by the Union to either retract his statement or back it up with proof.

When interviewed on Tuesday, he said, 'due to a lack of legally creditable evidence, I will retract the statements in the next issue of 'The Fountain'.

Mr. Titmarsh said he was upset by the attack, and thought it was unfair to be compared with Hal Banks. He went on to explain the musicians' position and said it was general policy of the union to blacklist an entire organization if one part of it went non-union.

Dr. McCauley, Director of Music at York and a member of the Musicians' Union, has suggested the whole issue be cleared up at a meeting of all those people involved in the dispute.

Goldstein - New Glendon President

Larry Goldstein, editor of Pro Tem, is the new president of Glendon Council.

Mr. Goldstein won by a 17 vote margin over runner-up, Al Whiteley. Mr. Goldstein ran with three other candidates on a 'progressive slate', nine point program, endorsed by the New Democratic Club at Glendon. The other three candidates failed to win seats on the new council in last week's election.

After the election, Mr. Goldstein resigned as editor of Pro Tem and Jim Weston, former assistant-editor, took over as editor-in-chief for the remainder of the academic year.

Other election results were: Murray Coolican, acclaimed vice-president; Glen S. Williams, elected communications chairman; Dave McMillan, elected external affairs director; Mike Scott, acclaimed treasurer; Terry Boyd, elected fourth year rep.; Robert Bedard, acclaimed third year rep.; and Jim Jack, elected second year rep.

FOUNDER'S ELECTION RESULTS

by Anne Wright

In last Friday's election for Founders' Student Council, 358 out of the college's 758 students turned out to vote. This was an increase of ten per cent over last October's electorate.

Bill Tilbury defeated Bill Dolman by a large majority for the office of second vice president. With this office, Mr. Tilbury, a mature student in second year science, assumes the position of chairman of the student court. Doug Barrett, Ruth Ann Whipp, Fred Halpern and Harvey Margel were elected councillors at large.

The positions of president (Mel Freedman); first vice president (Rolly Stroeter); third year rep. (David Anderson); second year reps. (Kim McLaren and Paul Fort); and treasurer (Donald Lindsay) had all previously been filled by acclamation.

Screening of Students to Strengthen Security

In an effort to conserve York's taxed library and study facilities for York students steps are being taken effective Friday, Feb. 17, to screen non-members of the York community from Founders and Vanier college and from the Steacie Library.

From 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mon. to Fri. and from 1 p.m. to 12 midnight on Sat. and Sunday, Security personnel will be stationed at these buildings and students will be asked to produce their admit-to-lecture cards.

After 6 p.m. Mon. to Fri. and on weekends access to Founders college will be by the West entrance only and to Vanier by the East entrance only.