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S.R.C. . . . SLOWLY SINKING

by Jim Stoyan



KEN: 'Hey Greg, what would I look like in a beard?'

Another York University hopeful appears to be emitting dying gasps following the resignation of three more members of the council last Wednesday evening--Keith Kennedy, President; Greg Barnett, Vice-President; and Harry Lipskar, Vanier representative. Dave King another Vanier representative has also submitted his resignation (however it has not yet been accepted). Ken Johnston, formally external affairs, became the new President.

Mr. Kennedy set the tone for the meeting with his ideas about a future for S.R.C. In his recommendation of more college autonomy, he aligned with the Vanier idea of a 'service committee'. He also recommended the dissolution of the present S.R.C. for three reasons: at present it is not practical to continue (no money left); in its present form, there is no need for it; and legally, it's slated to dissolve between February 1 and March 3, 1967 anyway.

It was unanimously admitted among those present that one

of the big problems had been personnel. 'No one', said George Kitchen (treasurer), 'has done their job' This feeling was echoed by Howie Nemtin, President of Founders, who said the S.R.C. had been 'wholly inadequate, inefficient and incompetent'. Mr. Nemtin, along with Jim Macdonald, President of Glendon student council, favours an S.R.C. with its present structure but with personnel change. 'Excalibur' also received scathing criticism from all sides. Jim Macdonald accused the student weekly of giving too much play to S.R.C.'s shortcomings and boycotting 'the one meeting where it got a lot done'. Ken Johnston charged too much coverage of S.R.C.'s mistakes and no coverage and/or criticism of the college councils.

Next year?--Vanier wants a service commission, Glendon will likely continue separate; Founders Council suggests continuing the present structure of S.R.C.; Winters College--anybody's guess. And will the administration finally recognize an S.R.C.?

A.C.S.A. REBORN

by Jim Smith

A.C.S.A. is still alive. The Advisory Committee on Student Affairs for communication between the administration and the student body was almost destroyed when the President of the Student Representative Council at the time, Keith Kennedy, walked out of the first meeting because it was held 'in-camera'.

However, President Ross feels that A.C.S.A. can still perform a very necessary function. A letter to this effect was sent by President Ross to Howard Nemtin and Alan Kaplan. In the letter he suggested a re-defining of the functions of the committee. He expressed a desire to hear advice from the students on practical matters in the University.

There were two meetings, on January 5th and 6th, during which discussions were held on current

problems affecting the University. The Committee discussed security on campus, especially at the library, and the problem of student housing. No conclusions were reached on these problems at the meetings.

The question of in-camera meetings was considered and the committee decided to defer the issue until a later date.

Al Kaplan, President of Vanier Council, discussed the reformation of A.C.S.A. with Vanier Council on Jan. 10th. The council voiced approval of Kaplan's attendance at the meetings already held.

Howard Nemtin, President of Founders Council, stated:

'So far as I can see A.C.S.A. is doing nothing but good for the student body. There has been no indication whatsoever that the well-being of the student isn't the foremost concern.'

NO INCREASE IN RESIDENCE FEES.

'Student fees will not be increased next year,' assures Mr. Parks, Vice President of Finance.

In an interview last week, Mr. Parks told Excalibur that despite rising costs at all Canadian universities, high residence fees are already getting such unfavourable publicity that the administration will conduct a financial investigation before considering a hike in fees.

WOMEN SHOULD BE KEPT BAREFOOT?

Several weeks ago York's debating team was pitted against the Oxford team of Ian Forrester and Lord James Douglas-Hamilton. The Oxford team succeeded in defeating York. And just recently the Oxford team met Marianopolis College, a tiny all-girl college and Oxford was defeated by a surprising vote of 300 to 3 (two of Oxford's votes were male). It seems a tiny girl's college could do what York could not. Oh, incidentally the topic was Resolved: 'Women should be kept barefoot, pregnant and in the kitchen.' How could they have lost?

To all students who helped make the Russian Gymnastic Display the success that it was I would like to express my sincere thanks, and those of the Department of Physical Education.

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ASSISTANT WOMEN'S
ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Howard Nemtin on his engagement to Miss Wendy Narod of Vancouver, B.C.

Retrial for Holmes

STUDENT COURT FIASCO

by Jim Stoyan

Fred Holmes, Vice-President of Founders Council was not convicted at a joint student court-residence council meeting last Tuesday evening.

The complaint against him centered around the fact that on four separate occasions he entered the girls' residence at times other than those set aside for such visits. This was not substantiated by any documented evidence at the trial.

During an hour of heated debate, questioned procedural rulings, and lack of corroborating witnesses, it became apparent that the court did not have sufficient evidence to convict.

Although the court was never presented with a written charge (in violation of its constitution), Peter Christian, court chairman, took it upon himself to issue a court summons a week ago.

Mysteriously, however, a charge was read out at the court. Peter Christian had no comment about the origin of this 'charge'. The 'charge'--its wording, lack of documented dates, times and corroborating evidence--was under constant fire all evening, but no one questioned who wrote it. There was also a number of important witnesses absent.

The verbal complaint, laid by Linda Newmarch, Senior Don of B House, last week was initially brought before the Administrative Board by Master Conway. The Board decided it was a matter for the student court to handle.

According to testimony, Mr. Holmes on two of the occasions arrived from a half to one hour earlier than the prescribed visiting hours. On one occasion he was seen on the stairs and on another just entering the door of the women's residence.

According to Shelagh Townsen, President of A House, at least

one half of the girls break the (visiting) rules at least once during the weekend and almost all break them some time or other during the week. Mr. Holmes is the first to be charged with this offence since its inception a year and a half ago). Robin Irwin, President of C House, admitted a few do it once in a while, usually the same girls.

When it appeared that the court did not have enough evidence to convince in at least two of the instances of the 'charge' it was suggested they rephrase the 'charge'. When brought to the attention of the court that this procedure would be illegal, the court was asked to 'vote on it' by Prof. Cutt.

By 8:30, the court had extended by thirty minutes the original half hour suggested by Prof. Cutt as a limit for the trial, Residence Council, apparently having other business to attend to, voted to end the trial.

After the proceedings, the student court met to change the constitution into a more comprehensive document.

The following day Prof. Cutt presented Mr. Christian with two formal written charges and although their exact wordings are not known, it is evident that Fred Holmes will be retried.



'WHO, ME?'