

The real student reps must stand up

So this is York, the liberal university. The university with students sitting on the senate, the faculty councils, the parking committees, committees on students affairs, on campus planning, on rules, regulations and responsibilities and a hundred other things. What do you, the average student, know about all this democracy, responsibility, this freedom from heavy-handed administrators ruling oblivious to us.

Nothing. Because our dozens of involved, participating students on the various committees aren't setting out to find what the rest of the student body wants and needs. (Maybe they're too busy just sitting on their asses in committees to bother finding out what ails us!)

Who are you! It's time you told us who you are, and where we can find you, to ask, complain, point out, or maybe punch you in the mouth, about our problems with the multiversity. Stand up and be really representative, all you representatives.

Excalibur will donate free space to any student, or faculty member serving on a university committee.

We demand that you as representatives of the student body, tell who you are, what committee you are on, what you stand for, and how any student can reach you.

Those who don't speak out now will be found out.

Open the senate

The Senate of York University is "Big Brother".

The Senate controls the following facets of university life on this campus: "the academic policy of the university; the establishment (by recommendations of the board) of all faculties, institutes, departments and chairs; the creation of faculty councils which are legally committees of the Senate; the appointment (in consultation with the board) of the President and Chancellor; the regulation of admission

Dropping out of school, for a rebel, is a little like going North for a negro. You can't really get away from it so you might as well stay and raise hell.

from "Student as Nigger,"
Gerry Farber.

standards; the awarding of scholarships and fellowships as well as degrees; the content and curricula of all courses of study." (Dave King, Student Senator, Excalibur, Oct. 9).

There is not much left to deal with. You, as student, are in this university by the grace of the senate.

You, as student, have only five representatives on the senate.

The senate's meetings are closed to non-members. You cannot see what the most important body of the university is doing, to you and to your university. Dig it.

The meetings of the Senate and most of its committees should be open to the view and comment of all the students and faculty of York.

President Ross has suggested an open Senate meeting, John Conway, Master of Founders College, and John Stiff, Student Council President of Founders, have offered the dining hall for this use. What about it, members of the Senate?

Again we repeat, "This university belongs to the Students. Dig it!"

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Founders girls unite

Dear Sir:

Each week I look at your letters to the editor columns headed "letterlotsofletters" etc. and like you, I hope that there will be lots of long, lyrical letters, etc. but you have now driven me to the point of contributing my own meagre, long but not necessarily lyrical letter.

When I saw the cover for this week's Excalibur, I thought, "Groovy! Really dramatic!" Then, unfortunately, my eye slipped down to the bottom left-hand corner and I perceived that you are still handing out that same old student power rubbish. Here's to say, I disagree.

OK, York isn't Utopia, but from what I can gather from student power advocates, I don't think it would be so much better if things were left in your hands.

You want change? OK To what? - be specific.

You think the faculty is ignoring you. I think the majority of faculty members try a lot harder to make lectures and tutorials stimulating and worthwhile than the overwhelming majority of York students do. What do you mean, ignoring you? Do you want them to hold your hand and tell you how deeply and personally involved with you they are.

You need people who think we're not getting a good education. You could say that you think we could be getting a better education, but no, it's just plain "not good". What do you want? - be specific.

You need people who think the system here at York is wrong and should be changed. You could say that the system could be improved, but no, it's just plain ol' "wrong". What's wrong. What are you going to change it to? - be specific.

You want people who are probing and opinionated. Well, you certainly fit the latter category, but I have my doubts about the former.

Then, as if my blood pressure wasn't up high enough, I read your column entitled "To learn or to Pray?" I should have known better. What sophisticated, smug rot.

If someone wants to give this

university \$350,000 for a chapel, who are you to say that you know better than anyone else what is obviously for the best, primary needs of York? Why don't you wail and howl about your football team instead? I'm sure, if we don't need a chapel that we don't have to pay for, then we don't need a big-league football team either. (Except maybe that Rah! Rah! football is much more the "in thing" than any kind of pause for thought and reflection - perish the thought!)

I believe in building a better society just as much as you do but I wonder whether a provision for a place where we can go to reflect on the better society we are trying to create, or a place to reflect on whether or not we are just busy little activists (activity for the sake of activity!) is really all that preposterous and inane. I'm not saying it isn't. After witnessing your narrow views, I'd hate to be too categorical.

However, after I'd calmed down, I must admit that several of the other articles in Excalibur were downright constructive and intelligent. You can always find good if you look long enough.

M.B. Montcalm WII

Think for me, too

Dear Sir:

It's that time of year when we start our outcry of student apathy again, this time in connection with athletics.

One of the great ideals of the Physical Education department is participation by everyone in the athletics program and for most people this will be on the intramural level.

So where are our intramural sports? In most cases the college athletics representatives have not really tried to set up an intramural system, being content with finding intercollege teams only. The Founders Women's Athletic Council is trying to follow Glendon's lead and set up a successful program to show the other colleges that it can be done. But the council cannot do this alone. We need your help. So Founders girls, unite and participate. (So what if you're not especially talented. Intramurals are set up for you, the average student, for your enjoyment.) And

students of the other colleges, prod your athletic representatives into action or join your college's athletic council and help create a well developed intramural program.

Marie Shier

Founders Intramural Manager

On the move in Canada

Dear Sir:

In response to the commendable and provocative comments of Mr. Harvey Simmons - Department of Political Science, in the Oct. 3 Excalibur, here is one student who will perhaps bring joy to the heart of one Political Scientist.

As the months unfold in this academic year, Mr. Simmons can be sure there will appear some critical comments and propaganda of a nature that will make the powers that be squirm with more than uneasiness. Writing that will hit at the hearts of the "Big Men with Big Money" who hide behind facades of benevolence and toleration, patience and leniency. It is this writer's intention to reveal some of the "juicy little facts" about our home ground Canada, and that little speck on the map, York.

However, you must grant us a little time to get settled and well prepared so that we do not go off half cocked, but fear not, you can be sure that there will be, from time to time, lines in Excalibur to inspire thought and action.

To begin with, it was to the credit of SEER (Sept. 27 issue) that a scant account of a rally held at City Hall by Local 183 of the Labourers Union was reported. Protesting the cessation of the Winters Works Program, Gerry Gallagher, business agent for Local 183, predicted more and bigger demonstrations in the future. SEER also noted that leaders of the Ontario Union of Students and U of T SAC President Steven Langdon joined the Labourers in condemning the Federal Government in scrapping the Winter Works Program. Langdon rightfully emphasized that student and worker are plagued with the same problem, including the difficulty of finding decent places to live. This happened in Toronto, Canada.

Another event happening in

Canada has been missed by not only the University Papers, but by the daily press as well. Two weeks ago striking members of the Union of Pulp and Papermakers (Confederation of National Trade Unions) at East Angus, Quebec, took over the mill of Dominion Tar and Chemical Company (Domtar) and ordered the company's security guards off the premises.

The day before, their fellow workers at Windsor's Mills fifteen miles away had demonstrated when hired Pinkerton Agency guards made their appearance at the mill. The strikers' demonstration persuaded the Pinkertons to withdraw.

The two mill towns have a combined population of 13,000. The strikes have become the struggles of the people in the two communities against the Domtar Company, itself part of the vast Anglo-Canadian monopoly concentration, Argus Corporation.

A company manager has complained that in East Angus "the strikers have taken over the

whole town." Domtar provoked its workers to strike when it demanded a one-year extension of the union contract. The union refused and demanded wage parity with other Quebec paperworkers.

While paperworkers held the Quebec mill towns, in Montreal 2,000 supporters of striking Quebec Liquor Board workers applauded a representative of the General Union of Quebec students when he stated that the students of Quebec are today "waging the same struggle as you are, against the same system in the Universities".

In Ontario, the United Automobile Workers Union offered support to 300 striking students, from W.D. Lowe Technical High School, in Windsor with the use of their hall and legal advice.

Forces are on the move in Canada. What are they? How do they affect University Students? Who is on our side? Whose side are we on? Who is the enemy?

Look forward to more, later.

A worker at school

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Richard, not only are you obnoxious, stupid, but you are melodramatic. Such were the happy times last Tuesday evening, while close to 25 people turned out a post-Thanksgiving Excalibur. Gale, Kandy, Anne, Claire, Glen, Wendy, Bob, Anita, Stu, George, Tony, another Tony, Frank, Ross, Mike, Don, Grant, Sheila, Olga, Dave, Rolly, Scott, Rick, Howard, Alan, Dave M, the pastie-girl, Ruth, Phyllis and several by-lined chickees whose names you find throughout the paper. Special notes: SUPER STAFF MEETING THURSDAY AT 5:00 p.m. Check in office for details. Other accolades go to Ross and Mike for putting together a class paper (We love you), Rolly who orders pizza, and the flunky who causes all the fights (shall we name him?). Good night.