

Wait! We have our rights

Professor Pritchard has blown his cool a little further, and definitely filed his "suppress the press" motion for action by the Senate.

Pritchard's inane desire to push this senseless attack on criticism, will now reach the point of embarrassing over 100 senators who are going to have to vote down a colleague, and implicitly slur the president, in order to uphold the undeniable right of free speech among students.

Whether or not individuals disagree with Mr. Goldstein's comments in that December 5 column is now no longer relevant. What matters now is the manner in which Pritchard went about trying to enforce his opinion over that of Mr. Goldstein's.

Pritchard refused to enter any open forum for debate with Mr. Goldstein or the editor, by letters, or personal conversation. He simply tried to enforce his view.

Pritchard is also quoted as saying "students are transients in this place. They don't warrant equal rights." (Excalibur, Jan. 9. P. 1).

Pritchard also accused Goldstein of biting the hands that feeds this university, implying students should not criticize the government.

Pritchard's actions in using the Senate to

enforce his minority and undemocratic views is a paramount exhibition of "irresponsibility."

Pritchard's belief that student criticism is not in the best interests of the students of this university is in itself not in the best interests of students at York.

Therefore Excalibur officially serves notice of motion to the Senate that professor

H.O. Pritchard be censured for actions detrimental to the essential freedom of the press in this academic community, and request him to refrain from further "irresponsible criticism."

Hopefully this motion will go no further than Professor Pritchard's "silly season" effort — and should be withdrawn before the week's end.

Think about it, Mac

Mac students have ruled themselves out of the university. They have voted to remain non-members of the York Student Council.

The college has turned its back on the rest of us despite the fact that the majority of its councillors favoured joining YSC.

Perhaps the rest of the university should boycott Mac students' attendance at university wide functions, prevent them from reading Excalibur, the yearbook, Zzaardvart and any other publications sponsored by YSC. But it seems more likely that we will have to go on considering them as York's welfare case.

We certainly sympathize with any student who voted NO because of his opinion of the

present council personalities. But that is no excuse for rejecting the institution itself.

YSC, or a reasonable alternative (for which there have been no publicized suggestions of note to date) has been rejected by the students of Mac college, and thus so has the only central collectivity for bettering the lot of students in this university.

Do Mac Students not care for the welfare of York? Are they afraid to care? Or are they naive enough to think that any college can exist in isolation and not be affected by the administrative decisions that bear on all the students of this university, regardless of college?

Something for all Mac students to think about now that 30 per cent of them have already made the decision for their fellows.

Open letter to the chairman of the chemistry dept.

Dear Professor Pritchard,

Such pomposity does not suit you. In your memo to the Secretary of the Senate, you state that a student should be expelled because he expressed a point of view contrary to that of the President of York.

Then you go on to suggest in the strongest terms that EXCALIBUR slips below the line when it supports a writer by allowing him to voice a view that you call undemocratic because it goes over the head of Senate.

What then would you have suggested Mr. Goldstein do? According to your proposed dictum, he should have first talked the idea over with President Ross at great length, to ascertain both points of view and any similarities and differences there might be.

Then he should have typed up a proposed letter to the Education Minister, and had it cleared with each Senator, as well as yourself and President Ross. Accompanied should have been a request for opinion and discussion.

Then, once these opinions had been collated and evaluated by Mr. Goldstein, he should have redrafted his letter, including in it any arguments and points that he had received as a result of the first draft.

Then, in careful consultation with the paper, he should have sent his letter to publication, safe in the knowledge that nobody would have their toes stepped on.

Unfortunately, this exacting process would be considered rather extreme by those you propose should have to sift through piles of student opinion.

Therefore, since this was only an opinion, a 'view' it should offend nobody. But it did offend you.

I would suggest in all honesty that it is much better by far that you should be offended than a student with a very bright future be expelled from university for expressing a point of view.

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Your action does not leave much of your thinking to the imagination. What are you afraid of?

George B. Orr

Tradition

I cannot help but think that there are some students on the York Campus who would believe the content of an article by one George B. Orr that appeared in your January 9 edition of Excalibur under the sensationalist (naturally) heading **Bilingual Glendon calendar bombs**.

Mr. Orr has made the mistake that many of this university's politicians and newspaper writers are constantly doing. He has set himself up as a self-proclaimed critic of something of which he is obviously ignorant.

This is our college's first attempt at a bilingual calendar and nobody expected it to be a masterpiece but it is definitely many times better than we expected. Of course improvements are to be made in future editions but only if there is a good logical reason for them. If Mr. Orr can think of one, other than the fact that it is too full of "pictures and stuff", I am sure it will be consid-

ered.

Mr. Orr's article seems to follow the Excalibur tradition: "If the administration moves, hit them." I will be looking forward with interest to your upcoming editorial that will condemn the Senate for breathing.

Bruce Kerr
2nd year, Glendon

McLaughlin and YSC

On Tuesday, Jan. 14 McLaughlin College voted against joining the York Student Council. I cannot help

but feel that the reason for the negative vote was that many McLaughlin students were either blind to the facts, misinformed or reflecting their dissatisfaction with certain YSC personalities. In the last instance, the personality evaluation was based entirely on one incident — the widely publicized parking sign escapade.

I hope that McLaughlin students who voted against joining YSC are aware that by staying out of YSC they will certainly not regain their \$10. I hope that these students will not complain in February, when YSC elections are held that they cannot run for election or vote; and most important I hope that they do not complain about the articles in the revised YSC constitution or any actions that YSC takes, for they are responsible for the fact that now that McLaughlin will have no representation, no voice whatsoever in the framing of this new constitution. Remember that like it or not McLaughlin College is part of York University and the affairs of the university in which YSC has a hand will affect all of York's student.

Randy Barrs (M I)
Mac Council

No weapons

B'Nai B'Rith Hillel wants us to demonstrate at the French Consulate to protest the arms embargo on Israel.

I won't be there. But I would support a demonstration at the British high commissioner's office, the U.S. Consulate, and the Russian Embassy (in Ottawa) to protest their shipments of arms to the Middle East and Africa.

Gordon McCaffrey
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Political Science

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