

Excalibur

Everything secret degenerates; nothing is safe that does not show it can bear discussion and publicity — Lord Acton

CYSF should get entire student fee

Last September, Excalibur made it quite clear just how we felt about the college system. It simply had to disappear. It seems that Council of the York Student Federation is totally oblivious to the follies that various college councils insist on embarking upon these days.

Through total lack of co-ordination and effective publicity, the last three social events — The Chase, Crowbar concerts and McLaughlin's Festival '71 have cost students \$7,000, a tidy little sum for anyone's imagination.

Yet CYSF president Michael Fletcher, the great compromiser has seen fit to produce another great scheme to save CYSF and the college system.

In the grandiose introduction to the first draft of the new constitution, CYSF is to supervise and direct "social cultural and athletic activities in the best interests of the university community."

Just how willing have the college councils been to coordinate anything or

even speak to each other? They have still maintained their petty, egotistical little empire games since their conception. By their very nature, they will continue to bog down York at the cost of the students.

What is most appalling, is that CYSF has now decided to maintain the present fee structure to accommodate this division of powers. While the colleges throw their money away CYSF will get just enough to make things for itself a little more efficient but not much. It still won't have enough to hire a full-time business manager to regulate proper expenditures.

The time has come for CYSF to consolidate York students' resources into tangible services. Before that can begin, CYSF must get the entire \$27 student fee and employ full-time personnel to standardize financial procedures. The abysmal college council record is nothing to laugh about; let the colleges come to CYSF and get their expenditures approved. The time to abolish the division of powers is now.



"The Last Straw?"

Parity a must in selection of new dean of education

One would have thought that after the Tarnopolsky affair — with one graduate on the selection committee — that York's administration and more specifically, president David Slater might seek to reduce any cause for suspicion on the selection of academic administrators.

Not so. At today's meeting, senate will face another search committee — this time for the dean of the faculty of education. Out of a 20 member com-

mittee, only two students are slated to sit and make formal recommendations. That's roughly 10 percent, the same ratio as the academic vice-presidential search committee.

The most incredible aspect of this new debacle is that the two students are to be chosen by the president himself — not by CYSF, or any elected student body.

It's nice to know that when the president talks about York's community action, we know just who he's talking about. And it's not students.

The president's audacity to ride pompously over the largest constituent member of the York community is not all of his own doing. After all, it was his senior policy committee that endorsed

the entire procedures and nothing is more infallible than a faculty committee we're told.

We agree with the president's preamble that this dean's selection is very special. The appointment is to take place before any department has taken shape. And secondly, various York faculties are interested in the implications of the planned integrated curriculum in education. Although no appointment is ever considered not special, we agree the appointment of this dean is important.

But again, the president has gone blithely ahead with his own criterion for selecting the dean of education without even consulting the consumers, who

happen to be students. We have two suggestions: 10 students on the committee, four from Lakeshore Teachers' College and six from York chosen by their elected representatives or chosen by election. We hope that simple democracy — with student parity — can be exercised here at York.

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everyone come

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Day care — a top priority issue

In a May survey, parents of some 203 children said they wanted to enroll their kids in a campus located daycare centre. At the end of August, a waiting list of 100 names lay stockpiled.

The centre, in graduate residence 3, is licensed by the Day Nurseries Branch for 45 children. But the crowded conditions made the co-ordinators decide to limit the number to 35 or 38. Continuing the cycle of woes, 41 children, at the charge of \$55 per month, are needed to cover costs.

Beyond the physical inadequacies of the existing centre for its 38 charges, there is the vast inadequacy of the facilities for the great majority of applicants who apply. A guaranteed spot for this year meant applying last March.

Cases not accepted this fall included an unwed student mother who had to give up a partial scholarship because she could not afford other arrangements and a married couple who left their son in Sudbury and travel up every month to see him.

The York University Daycare Long Range Planning Survey recommended in their May report that York plan for the development of a number of medium sized (30-50 children) daycare centres with diverse organizational structure. Several colleges have offered space for centres in their buildings.

The big question is the financial one. Such long range recommendations are not responding to the expressed need for facilities



now. This year, Council of the York Student Federation pledged \$2200 to the centre. But

this barely covers debts totalling \$1950.

Unless the university recognizes the community's need for adequate facilities, the crowded make-shift rooms in the graduate residence are going to continue to service a small proportion of the applicants.

Atkinson College is creating a good part of York's reputation. As Florence Bird, chairwoman of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, said when she visited York two weeks ago, "other universities would do well to follow York's example in the field of adult education."

A great number of Atkinson students take evening classes. The Day Nurseries Act allows a daycare centre to remain open until 10 p.m. With such part-time service available, more adults could enroll at Atkinson.

Possibilities for community service in the daycare centre extend beyond staff, students, faculty and Atkinson College parents. The centre could become a source of data for the behavioral sciences faculty and the Lakeshore Teachers' College.

With the government cut-backs in education funds, the university is slashing costs and drawing a tight priority line. No adequate daycare facilities can be created without university subsidy. The scope and potential of such facilities, for not just a narrow segment of the university population, but a vast cross-section of the York community, make adequate provisions not a mere convenience, but a necessity.