

# Cabinet minister criticizes Slater on Glendon college

Cabinet minister Gerard Pelletier has charged that York president David Slater does not want Glendon college to obtain a federal grant for its bilingual programme.

The Glendon newspaper, Pro Tem, in an interview with Pelletier at the recent Liberal Party convention, says the secretary of state claimed that both Slater and Ontario education minister William Davis were not pressuring Ottawa for the grant.

"If they wanted the federal government to give funds to Glendon they would have applied

pressure on us. They have not done this. In fact, they have done quite the contrary," Pro Tem quotes Pelletier as saying.

Two years ago Glendon asked for \$250,000 from the Ontario government to bolster Glendon's bilingual programme. The money was to be obtained from a federal fund set up to promote bicultural activities in Canada. The money has never been granted.

Pelletier told Pro Tem "the president of York thinks that Glendon is just another college in the York complex and that funds for any part of the university must

be distributed by the York administration.

"If he won't go to bat for Glendon what can the federal government do?"

Slater was unavailable for comment yesterday but Glendon principal Albert Tucker who talked to Slater about the matter told EXCALIBUR:

"It's simply not true that we haven't put pressure on the federal government.

Tucker said both he and Slater have at times phoned Ottawa concerning the grant.

Pelletier claimed Slater and

Davis were saying "one thing in public and contrary in private."

The secretary of state said Ottawa "was not going to interfere in a province's education if it was obvious that the provincial government involved wanted us to keep out."

Tucker commented, "We only speak to Davis in public. What he says in private we don't know."

Tucker admitted that Davis does not accept Glendon college as a bilingual programme, in itself, but rather considers it a college that has a bilingual programme within it.

Tucker argued that Glendon is a programme because French is compulsory.

He suggested that Pelletier was passing the buck to the Ontario legislature "so they (Ottawa) won't have to deal with the issue directly."

"They could have approached us more directly than they have," he added.

He said the problem is a constitutional question of jurisdiction over education that has to be worked out between Queens Park and Ottawa.

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## College council vote 3-2

# McLaughlin calls for referendum to leave CYSF

By DAVID CHUD

McLaughlin college council Monday night voted 3-2 to call a referendum on McLaughlin's membership in the council of the York Student Federation.

They are unhappy about CYSF's policy of allocating funds to off campus groups and are dissatisfied with EXCALIBUR.

The referendum must be held within 30 days and a minimum 10 per cent turnout is needed. A two-thirds majority is needed to pull out of CYSF.

According to the CYSF constitution approved by the colleges and the university's board of governors McLaughlin cannot pull out in mid-year. Should the referendum be in favour of withdrawal, it will not take effect until next year.

At present all colleges are members of CYSF as are the graduate student association and the MBA (Masters of Business Administration) student association.

John Laskin, the CYSF member in charge of the budget told EXCALIBUR that about 15 per cent of the council's clubs budget goes to off campus groups while the rest is used by on campus organizations.

Jim Cameron, one of the McLaughlin council members who voted for the resolution calling for the referendum, explained his personal reasons for doing so:

"I am generally dissatisfied with CYSF, the policies of their executive and its allocation of monies. The students of this college receive hardly any benefits from CYSF."

When asked to be more specific in his criticism Cameron declined, saying that he was too busy to talk about it at the time.

EXCALIBUR pressed him on the issue of off campus spending and asked whether he thought 15 per cent expenditures on off campus groups was fairly low considering that the university and the community are so closely interrelated.

Cameron declined to comment and suggested that EXCALIBUR come to the next McLaughlin council meeting, Monday.

There is presently a move underway by some members to have McLaughlin council reconsider the decision to hold a referendum.

One of the anti-CYSF members wants to call a snap referendum Wednesday, one day before EXCALIBUR publishes, so that the

newspaper will be unable to provide further information about the situation.

Another McLaughlin council member, who declined to give his name but said he voted against calling the referendum, said as far as he could see "CYSF is not fulfilling its obligations to students."

He mentioned specifically the high cost of EXCALIBUR and the fact that its a "biased paper". He also could not be more specific in the council's criticism of CYSF.

CYSF president Paul Axelrod told EXCALIBUR, "As far as I know, the two issues that they are concerned with are EXCALIBUR and CYSF grants to off campus organizations."

"In effect, what they're implying is that CYSF should not give money to EXCALIBUR because McLaughlin council does not agree with EXCALIBUR'S politics. That is, they want to be censors of the press."

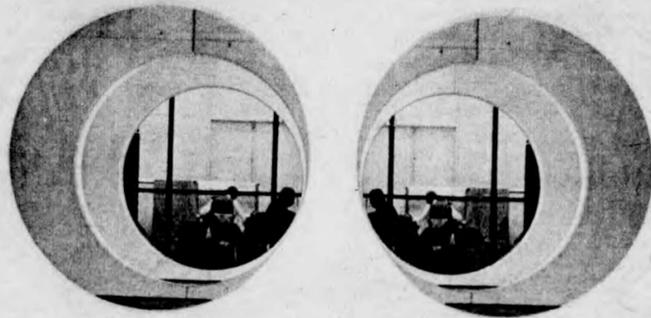
"If they were really concerned with the financial aspects then they should have worked through the Board of Communications which is a body that includes representatives from all the colleges and that recommends the minimal amount of money it takes to put out a campus wide newspaper of reasonable quality, instead of calling a referendum which costs money anyway."

"In the second case, if they would not get so hysterical and instead look at the facts, they would find of CYSF's allotment for clubs over 85 per cent does go to York groups specifically."

"The rest is distributed based on the CYSF's recognition of the fact that the university is not an ivory tower. It is a social institution paid for by the public with social responsibilities and if a group, whose source of income is limited and who council feels is worthy of support, requests funds then we are not so narrow and egocentric to automatically turn them down."

EXCALIBUR editor Bob Roth said McLaughlin council should remember that the paper has never refused to print an article because of its political view and that if they had a point of view they wanted expressed all they had to do was bring it to EXCALIBUR.

None of the three council members who voted for the referendum has ever submitted articles to EXCALIBUR.



Big Brother is watching

Excalibur - Harry Kitz

## Girls being accosted in colleges

By JOHN LIVINGSTON

Increasing acts of property destruction and the accosting of girls in residence have sparked concern among members of the York community about the influx of "outsiders" that have been invading the campus on weekends.

John Priestly, senior tutor of Founders college, in a letter to resident students warns that "over the past weeks there have been reports of threats being made to resident students and porters, an alarming amount of vandalism and theft, instances of older persons seen trying to enter the towers and unsightly messes in the junior common rooms."

C.G. Dunn, director of safety and security, has received reports of older men accosting girls in the college complexes and one security guard was actually attacked while escorting someone from the university premises.

"If the situation in the college deteriorates to the extent that it is deemed necessary to ask for the assistance of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department to evict trespassers who have refused to leave on request such assistance will be called for by security only at the specific instigation of the master, senior tutor, or a don of the college concerned," Dunn said.

Security measures have been increased over the last few weekends and as a result, guards are now patrolling inside the college complexes and locking them up tight at an early hour.

It has been suggested that York students as well as security guards ask to see York identification cards and ask those who cannot produce them to kindly leave.

McLaughlin and Vanier are experimenting with the idea of student porters and a full-time night porter for the protection of resident students.

Two of the biggest problems presented by the great number of non-students are vandalism and theft. A TV has been stolen from Winters residence common room, wall clocks have been removed, an

adding machine was removed from Vanier and two microphones were stolen from the coffee shop. Glass panels have been deliberately kicked in, in various places in the college complex.

Resident students have lost many valuable items such as watches and stereo sets. Many other thefts and acts of vandalism are not reported to the department of safety and security and as a result it is difficult to get a true estimate of the extent of the problem.

### Form vigilante committees

## Engineers attack leftists

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Police allegedly told a group of engineers to organize a vigilante committee to throw a Maoist group, the Internationalists, off the University of British Columbia campus.

The engineers subsequently got into two skirmishes with the Maoist group at their literature table in the student union building.

The president of the engineering undergraduate society told the UBYSSEY, the student newspaper, "We asked the police to drive these guys (the Internationalists) off campus."

"They told us they didn't want to have anything to do with it and said, 'Why don't you guys organize your own group to toss them out of the building.'"

The RCMP have denied they counselled the engineers to attack the Internationalists.

It was reported that a former B.C. Lions tackle who is in engineering at UBC was among those who provoked the fights.

In an editorial on the subject, the UBYSSEY commented, "The current Canadian political ethic, expressed by people from Pierre Elliot Trudeau down, is that unpopular opinions should be outlawed and those who try to

It has been suggested that president David Slater write to the principals of local high schools explaining the situation and emphasizing the serious problems of turning the university into "Downsview's playpen."

Since the individual colleges are responsible for their own security, the collaboration of college masters and senior tutors, in order to institute a university-wide security procedure could also serve to ameliorate the situation, it was suggested.

express them crushed as quickly as possible."

The UBC student council passed a resolution condemning extra-legal vigilante action against political groups and said such action should be prosecuted to the limit under the criminal code.

The council was told that the Internationalists had been involved in fights with other students before the incident and that assault charges had been laid by the students involved.

## Vanier master announces his resignation

C.D. Fowle, master of Vanier College, has announced his resignation.

Fowle has been master of Vanier since the college was built 5 years ago.

A spokesman from Fowle's office said there are no exceptional reasons for his resignation.

Fowle just thought it was time to bring new blood into the college, the spokesman said.

A committee of students and college fellows is expected to begin the search for a new master.