

## We got off ours

To initiate the 'let's get off our collective asses' appeal made in last week's editorial, Excalibur invited the college councils, the School of Business council and Atkinson representatives to a meeting Thursday night, October 19, to discuss SRC.

This issue of the paper went to press before the meeting, so we don't know the results, but we would like to explain our actions.

We believe students should play a more responsible role at York. We support the activists who in the past years have been advocating such a policy.

We believe in the 'community of scholars' ideal. We believe that students, faculty and administration should interact as a community, not as a hierarchy.

But more and more, we see students creating greater stumbling blocks to progress than the Administration, which is so often pictured as the big bad wolf terrorizing the helpless sheep.

The Administration held a dinner for the college councils last week and will hold another dinner-meeting this week.

Why?  
The Administration is also frustrated at the students' inability to straighten up their own affairs. President Ross says he would like to see the students solve the problem of university-wide government by themselves.

As much as we appreciate the dinners the Administration is giving, we must realize that such gestures represent a great blow to the image of the 'responsible York student'.

How can we ask for representation on faculty and administrative bodies when they are the ones who must prod us into taking action to settle purely student-level problems?

We must clean up our own house before we ask to be admitted to any other.

## Vanier bomb

On Wednesday afternoon, Vanier College Council held the first in a series of college conferences designed to give the Vanier students a chance to talk with council members, Master Fowle, and special guest President Ross.

Students were promised the opportunity to air their beefs, question the panel from the floor, and meet with the college council for coffee following the discussion.

The event was announced via posters, handbills, and a special Tuesday edition of the Vandoo which screamed in one-inch letters: VANIER COLLEGE CONFERENCE.

Wednesday afternoon arrived, but the students didn't. The number of students present in Vanier dining hall was exceeded by the number of their counterparts placidly playing hearts in the Vanier card room.

We counted at the most 25 bored-looking "activists" dutifully pretending to listen. Pretending to listen to people who were honestly trying to reach them, interest them, and maybe--just maybe--make them think.

And if the use of the word apathy were not banned in this newspaper, we'd scream: "A...y!! A...y!!"

## Who pays for York

In the absence of a central university-wide government many campus organizations and activities have had to haggle with the individual college councils for operating capital. York clubs are waiting with outstretched palms. There will be no 1967-68 Yearbook because no one seems to where to go for the money.

Excalibur has had to appeal, hat in hand, to each student council for operating money. Although we were well received by Founders Founders President Mel Freedman and his council, who promised what we consider to be 'their fair share', we do not anticipate bargaining with each of the college councils.

If, for no other reason than this, WE NEED UNIVERSITY-WIDE GOVERNMENT.

Who speaks for York?--No one! Who pays for York?--Ay there's the rub.

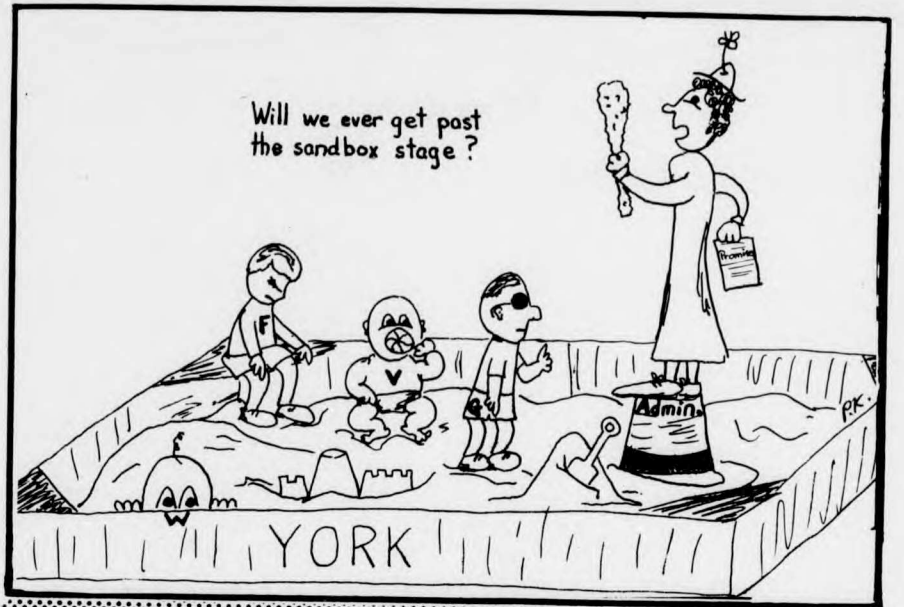
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## letters to the editor

### Tackle the Hockey Problem

Dear Sir,

Your article ("Tackle Football To Come", September 29, 1967) presented views which are not only ridiculous but unrealistic. Rather than speculating about a distant future football team that will be "absolutely essential to the kind of spirit necessary to unite all students", could we not devote all our present efforts behind the two major sports presently played by York? These are basketball and hockey.

I should like to comment on certain facets of the York Hockey team.

Ice hockey, a uniquely Canadian sport (one of the few left where the best players are Canadians) has been totally neglected by the University faculty, staff and most important, from the point of view of support, by the students. This may be evidenced by the miserable attendance at games, (usually those who do go are friends or relatives of the players).

Poor administration by the uninterested Phys Ed Department is certainly not unusual. For example, the bus which was to take the team to away games usually left late and arrived at the destination at game time giving the players no time to get into their uniforms. As yet, the University does not completely supply the team with equipment, as it does most other sports. And at present, the team needs more ice time for practices, though this problem is not the fault of the Phys Ed staff.

What has this team done to deserve support? Last season, with only ten players, they won 6 games straight, under the guidance of their excellent coach Mr. Bill Purcell. They have represented this University well, generally at their own expense and loss of study time.

I have called the recent tackle football article ridiculous and unrealistic. Let me present you with some realities:

1. Ice facilities for hockey are being built now, and should be completed within a year.

A football stadium is not planned for the immediate future.

2. We have a hockey team, and a good base from which this team can build up.

We do not have a football team.

(note: the same may be said of our basketball team, i.e. we have a team and facilities)

3. There is little support for the hockey team now, and hockey is a major University sport.

Question: How will we be able to support a losing football team, without enough people to fill a large modern stadium?

I wonder how much the United

### we love letters

Are you mad because there will be no Yearbook for 1967-68? Complain to your councils, but tell Excalibur too, via letters to the editor, typed 66 strokes per line, double spaced.

Speaking of the Yearbook, how did editor Ron Lieberman get 22 pix of himself in it?

### Voting

### Conservative

### Like MOM and DAD

Dear Sir,

Excalibur is a most narrow-minded, slanted newspaper. I am referring to page 5, upper centre, in your October 13 issue. (the cartoon by Colin Gray).

Excalibur offers no positive editorial opinion concerning the provincial elections other than stating it feels the students should be aware of the issues in the campaign.

It offered no opinion on how Excalibur suggests the students vote. Rather, it throws stones at the Conservative Party in Ontario.

Any newspaper that would throw stones at one party and not offer an editorial opinion is a most near-sighted, narrow-minded effort.

Have some courage! Express yourselves editorially!

D.E. Allison  
(Winters 1)

States influences life in Canada. Are we to be just another "joy league" school? Or can we develop our own spirit and approach according to York's standards, rather than being another typical American-style college?

I feel, that an exciting, dynamic sport is being neglected. There are great possibilities here to create school spirit and pride in things other than our academic work. Can the students and faculty of York meet this challenge?

David Winter  
(Vanier II)

...come here, children, i'll tell you all about it...you too, richard...the great orcup orgy...frank, phyllis, clark, frances under the umbrella...ross met bruce...gayle guzzled, kandy cuddled...anne, alan, alison...linda's room miked...dufort and ice cream at 5 a.m., anita?...where's fred...yes kelsey, there is an excalibur.