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IS ACSA DISSOLVED ?

A motion was presented and carried to recommend to Pres. Ross that the Advisory Committee on Student Affairs (ACSA) be dissolved at the Advisory Committee's meeting on Tuesday.

The college presidents indicated that there was widespread disastisfaction and conflict among students and councils about secret meetings which might possibly affect student affairs. There was general agreement in the committee that ACSA was not working, was dividing the students, and that if the committee were to be set up again, the present system must be avoided since it hasn't worked.

Jim McDonald, Pres. of Glendon college council, said he will send recommendations to Pres. Ross urging him to reconstitute the committee but in a different form. Mr. McDonald feels ACSA will be immediately dissolved by Dr. Ross since without students on the committee, it has lost its purpose and legitimacy.

Al Kaplan, Pres. of Vanier's council, also agrees that the committee should be dissolved but hopes another will be set up in its place.

One Pres who was empowered to sit on ACSA as an individual by his council was Howard Nemtin, of Founder's College. Mr. Nemtin seconded the motion of dissolution, because, "the students didn't think it was working." He agrees, along with Keith Kennedy, Pres of SRC, that "Pres. Ross 'has' to dissolve it--no one will sit on it; he has no choice."

A main objection to ACSA has been the fact that the meetings were 'private'. Three council presidents withdrew because of this, and Founder's council, at a special meeting Monday night presented a motion to seat their pres. as a representative, not an individual, who would not be responsible to the council. This motion was defeated and one result was that 1st Vice Pres. Fred Holmes handed in his resignation. When informed of the dissolution of ACSA, Fred said there were "other considerations besides Howie's stand on ACSA for my resignation, and it still stands".

The man who set up ACSA, Pres Ross, was not available for comment, and presumably doesn't even know of its recommendation since he is out of the country at present. Mr. Best, Assistant to the Pres., said that "only Dr. Ross can dissolve ACSA". Mr. Best would not make a statement but "thinks ACSA will continue with some changes".

L. to R.: IAN FORRESTER, LORD DOUGLAS HAMILTON

Creamed!

British Team downs York Debaters

by Barbara Barris

Is Fred Holmes' blazing red tie really a vice? You probably had to admit it was if you were supporting the opposition in the York Debating Society's third debate of the season held in Vanier Thursday evening between two Scottish members of the British Union Debating Team, Lord Douglas-Hamilton and Ian Forrester, and York's Larry Rappoport and Thomas Beasley. The question at hand was a statement made recently by Barry Goldwater (who, according to Ian Forrester, recently cancelled a round-the-world trip for fear he might fall off) that "Extremism in defence of liberty is no vice."

Larry Rappoport, Vanier I, opened the debate on behalf of the government (the affirmative) by defining the resolution and restating it as, "Exceeding the limits of moderation in defence of a state of freedom is not immoral." Speaking clearly and confidently Mr. Rappoport, making references to Mussolini's rise in Italy and Ian Smith's regime in Rhodesia, asserted that "moderation in defence of liberty has failed in the past, is failing in the present and will undoubtedly fail in the future."

Lord Douglas-Hamilton who is presently on a 15,000 mile tour that will take him and Ian Forrester debating right across Canada and the U.S., spoke first for the Opposition. The tall, blond Scotsman stated that he was opposing extremism on the grounds that: no government is infallible in deciding what freedom is; extremism breeds only further extremism, and that within a liberal democracy the end does not justify the means. He concluded his argument with the optimistic prediction that moderation and determination working close together will eventually pave the way for human dignity.

Lord Hamilton was followed by Thomas Beasley, M.B.A.I, who was certainly the most unusual, although not the most complimented speaker of the evening. The laughter he drew by praising Scotland for providing the world with kilts, pipes, golf, curling and Scotch, almost immediately changed to hisses when stated that woman was "the last animal to be civilized by man", and boos when he innocently confided that it was a "pretty extreme" thing for Cleopatra to do, when she entered Caesar's tent wrapped up in only a rug. Beasley attempted to support the resolution by pointing to "extreme" actions taken by women in the past to defend what they thought was liberty. He even included marriage as an extreme action taken in defence of the right to have children. He concluded his argument with a highly debatable and thought-provoking question--"If some maniac comes at you with a knife, what will you do?"

The final speaker of the formal portion of the debate was Ian Forrester, ruddy cheeked and kilted who readily admitted that his best debating feature was probably his knees and that the chairman and members of the opposition were often quite excited by them. Mr. Forrester, however, didn't need his knees to get the House's attention. His argument, logical, reasonable and at times very funny, was the most well received of the evening. Like Lord Hamilton, he contended that extremism leads only to extremism, but concentrated mainly on the point that the evils created by it are frequently worse than the very evils the extremist is opposing.

When the debate was thrown open to the floor, most of the speakers assailed the opposition. Fred Holmes began the open discussion with the assertion that all men, at some time or other must take a reprehensible action unless they are prepared to die. Richard Sand of Vanier also supported the government by saying

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Thefts

by Rob Brady

A rash of thefts has occurred at York over the past two weeks. Four tape recorders were stolen from Psychological Services in the Behavioral Science Building between Friday night and Sunday noon on the weekend of Nov. 11. At least one tape was also taken, but it could not be learned if it contained anything of a personal nature. According to a spokesman for Psychological Services, they have no ideas as to who is responsible for the thefts.

Reports have also come in about thefts of money from the rooms of residence students. In one case $30 was taken.

The change machine in Vanier was broken into on Monday night and about $5.00 was removed before the culprits were scared off.

Coats have been disappearing from the cloakrooms on campus also. There is no way to trace or prove the guilt of suspected persons in small cases such as these.

McGill Fires Editor

by Anita Levine

An article claiming that a McGill researcher is aiding the American war effort in Viet Nam has resulted in the firing of McGill Daily editor, Sandy Gage, and the resignation of the entire Daily Staff.

The McGill Student Society met Thursday and forced Gage to quit after six hours of name calling, during which he was labelled a McCarthyite by the Council vice-president. In a final editorial Friday, Gage refused to retract the story and denounced the Council for not referring the case to the judicial committee which had recently been created to deal with just such a matter. A CUP investigating team has since been called in by the McGill Council and is expected to start hearings by the weekend.

Mark Feiffer was appointed interim editor at Monday's Council meeting, and managed to put out a paper with a temporary staff of 60.

Meanwhile, the accused researcher, Dr. Raymond Yong, has significantly failed to deny the validity of the story.

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LARRY RAPPOPORT