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'THE GREAT DEBATE'

Debate Debt Sparks Inquiry

by Mike Snook and Ross Howard

An unexplained debt of nearly 7000 dollars resulting from the International Centennial Debate has sparked a demand for a university inquiry.

President of the York Debating Society, Mel Lubek stated: "I don't know where the money went. Nobody can answer that. Perhaps an inquiry can explain the loss."

The University administration has absorbed the debt with assurances from the Debate Society that it would be repaid.

Mr. Lubek has called for "as intelligent answer or a statement from former Debate Chairman Harry Lipskar", regarding the debt.

Following the public success of the debate, March 31, Mr. Lipskar was elected president of the Society. On receiving a University auditor's report June 22, which revealed the debt, and termed Mr. Lipskar as "uncooperative" towards the administration, the Society unanimously impeached him as president.

"His interests were too far removed from those of the Debate Society", said Mr. Lubek.

Much of the controversy centres around the disappearance of 500 tickets reportedly sold to U. of T. by Mr. Lipskar. The U of T agent denied any knowledge of either the tickets or Mr. Lipskar. Mr. Lubek said there was no satisfactory answer as yet as to the whereabouts of the U. of T. tickets.

Additional bills, for unrecorded expenses, are still being received.

The budget for the Debate was based on projected income of 12,000 dollars from ticket sales. Only 4300 dollars was realized. The original debt was reduced to its present state by the 5000 dollar sale of television rights to CBC.

Mr. Lubek said that he hoped to prove that some of the bills were unauthorized, and the persons responsible would be

charged with repayment.

Additionally, after March 21, the sale of tickets was handled by more than one individual, and accurate records were not kept.

Mr. Lubek stated he felt the main causes of the debt were: too much power in the hands of one person, and general mismanagement of business affairs by the Debate Society.

He recommended that the inquiry be public, and composed of disinterested members of the administration, faculty and student body.

Ken Johnston, President of S. R.C., said "If the Debate Society does not move for an inquiry, then we will. We feel the board should consist mainly of faculty and students, not administrators."

He said, "If considerable illegalities are found following the inquiry, the S.R.C. will recommend disciplinary action be taken."

Mr. Lipskar's only comment was that "the truth will come out at the completion of the inquiry."



Harry Lipskar - 'The Truth will Come'

credit - Ira Goldhar

Doctor's Orders York Arteries Harden - CUS

by Anita Levine

Resolutions passed by the 31st congress of the Canadian Union of Students could be just what the doctor ordered for York University.

Ken Johnston, president of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) says York is already developing hardening of the arteries and the new activist attitudes shown by CUS may help to arrest this condition.

Mr. Johnston said one of the most important events of the Sept. 2-9 congress at the University of Western Ontario was the implementation of the Declaration of the Canadian Student as the rationale of the CUS movement.

The idea of the student as

a citizen rather than the student as a student dominates the Declaration.

The goal of education is stated in the Declaration as serving society by "developing the full potential of all citizens" and helping to achieve "equality of the essential conditions of human living".

University students must get off the campus and make the high school students aware of their rights to individuality of thought and action, said Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Johnston also criticized the congress, saying the delegates were more concerned with thoughts than with actions.

Glendon Sleep-in: No Room in Res.

by Linda Bonen

It was no room at the inn for 50 York resident students last weekend.

The students arrived on campus during registration week expecting to be assigned rooms in their college residences. Apparently, the rooms just don't exist.

The 50 are being housed temporarily at Glendon College and commute the 10-odd miles across town to their York campus classes by bus. (The bus service is thoughtfully provided by the University). But the residences at Glendon became so crowded over the weekend that cots had to be set up in one of the common rooms.

One student ended up spending a night at Pres. Ross's house, while another occupied the Founders College guest suite.

George Tatham, Dean of Glendon College, said students were partially responsible for the situation because they apply to several universities. York over enrols both its courses and its residences because it counts on students who have been accepted

not showing up.

Tatham also blamed the overcrowding on the construction strike and on late registration:

"Office space was unavailable because of the strike so rooms in the Winters and Vanier residences had to be taken over for offices. Students who registered late because they had low averages were also left without rooms."

But one don at the York campus called the overcrowding a "disgusting screw-up", and blamed it on the administration.

A student is automatically given a room in a residence as soon as he pays his \$15 deposit. No one bothers to figure out the exact number of rooms available. This year the number of rooms didn't quite match the number of students granted rooms.

Dean Tatham said that he expected every student would be housed on the right campus within two weeks.

The rumour that the overenrolment caused a man and a woman student to be room together in a double room proved un-

fortunately, to be unfounded. The two students did end up in the same room, but it was because the freshman managed to settle into one of the women's houses without a maid or porter inform-

ing him of his mistake.

(The student left a pair of pants in the room. By Wednesday he still hadn't claimed them. Informed sources suggest he may be embarrassed.)

