

Full-time students: the lifeblood of York

John Adams' committee has completed its work on a proposed constitution for a Student Representative Council.

It is gratifying to see the student councils proceeding with concrete plans for a university-wide government.

While we must now hope that childish rantings and personality conflicts do not deadlock the ratification meeting this Monday, we must also urge college councillors not to proceed so quickly that they overlook some of the important issues at stake.

Membership in SRC is still an unsettled problem.

Three weeks at the general-council meeting convened by Dr. Fowle, the general feeling was that a university-wide government at York should contain representation from all segments of the student population. It was also stressed that the new SRC would deal mainly with full-time student matters.

Full-time students are the life-blood of this university.

The constitution committee recognizes this principle, in the provision that only full-time students shall be eligible for the position of president and vice-president.

However, voting procedures for these posts have not been decided.

The university is the prime concern of a full-time student. It is only a secondary concern of Atkinson students, who lack the personal involvement and contact.

With night-time enrolment growing at a faster rate than day-time enrolment, there is a very real danger at York that the more conservative views of an equal Atkinson student vote will stifle the voice of the full-time student.

The idealism and involvement of full-time students must not be sacrificed.

Of children and chickens

Last Friday, Nov. 3, a group of York students let 40 chickens loose on the U of T campus. This incident was obviously a challenge an effort to promote a spirit of good-natured rivalry between the two universities.

In retaliation, several engineering students painted pornographic pictures in Founders' walkway. A few York students then countered by childishly painting obscene slogans on the walls of U of T buildings.

There seem to be people on both sides who are not capable of conducting themselves as mature members of the university. Competitive spirit is necessary in building a university. But in future let us confine our high spirits to unmalicious rivalry.

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letters to us

UNIVERSITY OR PRISON CAMP?

Dear Sir:

The reports of unpleasant incidents between the security guards and members of the York community are increasing in number and severity. Campus security is undoubtedly important, but security is overdone when overzealous, and arrogant, and rude guards virtually order students, staff, and faculty about the campus and impede the academic life of the University. The guards are here presumably to 'protect' us from the guards.

The intense antagonism cre-

ated by personal contacts with the guards at the numerous 'Checkpoint Charlies' on the campus has disrupted much valuable time and energy from academic concerns to innumerable discussions by members of the community about their latest episodes and clashes with the guards.

What is York...a university or a prison camp?

Let's get the guards away from the public as much as possible. At present, they spend more time acting like parking lot attendants than guardians of

Migawd the people that pass in the office, presidents crying crucifixion, editors on demand, and no phones ring (damn you, mr.who?). Five columns all over the front page, elsewhere embarrassingly. Did we ever print Anita nice hey? Thanks Richard, you sportsies in your rowboat and b-ball shoes, and photofinks, and who says newspaperpeople lose sight of sex soonest. What sports does the sports editor play? what drives cartoonists, and why do reporters wax so oratorical? It's all in the mind of the editor in chief—dark and dank.

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security. Why not use automatic gates at the parking lots which are controlled by key cards issued to appropriate persons? Then the guards could do what security guards are supposed to do...protect the persons and property of the University.

More importantly, the hostility and resentment created by daily face-to-face confrontations with the guards would be minimized and we could all go about our academic pursuits.

John Jung
Associate professor, psychology

VANIER COUNCIL INADEQUATE

Dear Sir:

The criticisms of the Vanier council by Mel Lubek and the rebuttals by Larry Rapoport have turned the attention of the College away from the major issue involved here.

This issue, is, of course, that the members of the Vanier Council although well regarded as individuals in the York community, are in fact not doing an adequate job for Vanier students. Indeed, judging by some of their recent actions, such as producing a very faulty constitution and revoking a grant made to the Debating Society without a formal vote on the matter, the sooner the Council is replaced, the better.

What has clouded this issue are the slanderous personality judgments that have been voiced. Mr. Lubek has made some well-founded criticisms of the Vanier Council, but has unfortunately lampooned two Council members in the process, Mssrs. Rapoport and Stott.

Mr. Lubek's views about Council inefficiency are appreciated by Vanier students; his disparaging comments about personalities of members are not. And Mr. Rapoport, as a Council member, has every right to attack Mr. Lubek's criticisms of the Council, but he has no right to ask Vanier students to write letters to the York Campus newspapers so that he can, as he said last Friday to me, get rid rid of Lubek for good. Personality degradations do not improve councils, Mssrs. Lubek and Rapoport.

RAPOPORT REPLIES

Dear Sir:

I cannot help but feel that Mr. Lubek's remarks concerning his removal from the presidency of the debating society in last week's Excalibur constituted a very 'poor show'.

His personal allegations were completely unjustified, and out of line with the facts surrounding the situation. First, it was Mr. Lubek, himself, as president of the society, who called the meeting. Secondly, it was again Mr. Lubek who brought forth the

motion of non-confidence. Thirdly, a secret ballot was held in which everyone, myself, included, had one vote. Mr. Lubek's defeat was clearly nothing more than an indication of the lack of confidence of the society in his leadership.

As far as Mr. Lubek's work in regard to the constitution is concerned, I would like to say that he did an admirable job. His criticisms of the constitution worked a little controversy in the college and got things stirring. It was his as well as any other college member's privilege to do as he did. What I did object to however, was Mr. Lubek's lobbying at the polls urging people to vote 'No'. I asked him politely to leave, a measure I would have taken against anyone lobbying for a 'yes' vote as well.

I believe that Mr. Lubek's new organization, SAVE (Society Against Vanier Errors), will prove beneficial to the college, and perhaps provoke a little political enthusiasm. This is something the present council has been attempting to do since the term began.

However, I would like to request that Mr. Lubek refrain from using such words as 'formal charge' and 'crucifixion'. These words are a little difficult to read groggy-eyed, sipping hot coffee in a 9 o'clock tutorial on Friday. I burned three fingers.

I would also like to request that Mr. Lubek purchase a copy of 'Alice in Wonderland' and that he read it carefully. And when he come to the character, the Queen of Hearts I suggest he pause for a minute for he may recognize himself particularly when she bellows, 'Off with their heads!'

Larry Rapoport
Chairman,
Vanier College Council

Notice Staff!

General Meeting for all Excalibur Staff, Tuesday 1 p.m.
Absentees will be eradicated, so BE THERE.

Excalibur salutes

Founders College Student Council for their co-operation and self-sacrifice in providing Excalibur with the funds necessary for our continued operation. Members of council literally slashed their own budgets to fulfill their promise to keep Excalibur publishing.

nostra culpa

Excalibur apologizes to Mr. Glen Williams and Mr. Mel Freedman for the inadvertant cutting of part of their dialogue in last week's issue.