

## Councillors fight for college system

'The administration of this university has not taken the college system seriously.'

This and other charges were made against York's administration Tuesday evening at the general council meeting in Winters dining hall.

The meeting, convened to continue ratification procedure for the proposed Student Representative Council constitution (see adjoining story), developed into a general criticism of the administration's handling of the college system.

Judy Roberts, president of Winters Council, pointed out students must centralize themselves in order to deal with a centralized administration. She said although the draft constitution for an SRC contained many serious flaws, councillors should continue the ratification procedure.

Paul Harris, past president of Atkinson Council, followed her remarks with one of the major speeches of the evening.

He challenged the administration and faculty to prove they are genuinely interested in fostering and promoting the college system here at York.

'Prove it with more than words,--with concrete actions. Prove it with more action than just involving students in the building plans of the next college complex. Prove it in the administration and faculty dealings and relationships with the students of this university.'

Henry Best, director of Student Services, answering the charges said the policy of this university is and has been to support the college system. 'I myself am committed to the college system but this does not preclude a strong undergraduate voice or a strong voice from other parts of the university.'

Master of Founders College, John Conway, agreed the administration supports the college system.

Miss Roberts illustrated

the lack of administration support by pointing out that the fellows of Winters College were under too heavy a work load to add to the college system. Some fellows even have their offices in different buildings she said.

A motion was made to ask President Ross to clarify the issues which had been raised and for faculty and administration to declare their support of the college system. The motion was withdrawn after much debate.

Other motions to confirm the councillors' belief in the college system; were ruled out of order for technical reasons.



Paul Harris, the Atkinson student who challenged the Administration at Tuesday's general council meeting.

## 'Master controls funds', Vanier Council told.

(STAFF)

Mismanagement of money was the accusation levelled at Vanier chairman Larry Rapoport and his council,

at a press conference Thursday.

Dave Warga, managing editor of Excalibur, strongly questioned the council's me-

thod of handling student funds.

Mr. Warga said, 'According to your constitution, the council is only an advisory body to the Master and can act only on authority delegated to it by the Master.'

Mr. Warga pointed out there are two jurisdictions over the Vanier budget: that of the master and that of the students.

He told the council, 'In your system, the Master tells you what he wants to spend the money on. But you need his approval for the spending of your part of the budget.'

Chairman Rapoport agreed with Mr. Warga's statement, adding, 'The system was agreed upon by the president, the Master and the council. Our control of the budget comes from the \$17 per student that the administration grants us.'

Mr. Warga asked if some of the student money has been absorbed into the Master's part of the budget.

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## ACSA discusses SRC constitution, in camera

(STAFF)

Student Representation has been approved on three Faculty-Administration committees at York Campus, following another secret ACSA meeting November 15.

The Advisory Committee on Student Affairs, is making arrangements for students on the Campus Planning Advisory Committee, the Presidential Committee on the Use and Allocation of University Facilities, and the Subcommittee on Parking.

According to the minutes of the so-called 'closed' meeting, Henry Best, Director of Student Affairs, is to arrange for students with the necessary experience to sit on these committees.

Mr. Best told Excalibur Wednesday that he will ask for volunteers from each of the college councils, as instructed by

ACSA.

Also discussed at the meeting, was the proposal to draft an alternative form to the SRC constitution now being ratified by a series of general council meetings among York students. Mr. Best, later denied that ACSA intends to propose an alternative. 'They just discussed the idea,' he said.

The meeting, held in the Behavioural Science Building, also heard opinions from several members on the subject of the College System at York and its relation to student government.

Some of the opinions expressed were: that the proposed SRC constitution provided a workable system for a centralized university but did not take the College system into account; that the constitution proposed would draw

the 'more dynamic students' away from the College Councils to the SRC office; that Masters, Senior Tutors, Dons, etc. would be 'dissatisfied to be left with just college dances to run;' and that the Administration would appear to prefer to approach students through a central body.

The committee discussed the proposal that the Council of Masters and other concerned bodies should state its views clearly to both the students and the central administration on the conditions required for the College system, but no decision was reached.

ACSA also feels that the President should be advised that the approach of the Administration to students should be examined to ensure that the College System is 'always taken into con-

sideration when dealing with undergraduates.'

Plans for the second college complex are to go before the architectural firms soon, and ACSA apparently is considering calling a student conference to make suggestions and comments on the calibre of student housing on campus.

Of the 23 members on the secret ACSA committee, the following 10 were absent: Messrs. Baker, Coleman, Coons, Eisen, Fowle, Johnston, Moens, Murray, Priestley, and Tatham.

Mr. Best told Excalibur Wednesday that the minutes of the ACSA meetings could definitely not be released to the press, but he would be happy to provide a copy of the agenda, on the occasions that one is drawn up.

## SRC Ratifications

### BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Ratification procedures for the proposed Student Representative Council (SRC) will begin all over again.

At a general council meeting in Winters dining hall Tuesday, MBA, Graduate Atkinson, Founders, Vanier, and Winters councils passed a motion 'to reconsider' the three articles previously ratified at the November 12 meeting.

Another meeting to 'refuse to consider', which would in effect stop all proceedings on the proposed constitution, failed to gain

the necessary two-thirds majority.

One of the few concrete steps taken at the meeting was the establishment of a finance committee to look into council financial needs for next year. Jim MacDonald, past president of Glendon Council, was elected chairman of the committee.

There were attempts to defeat the establishment of this committee, as some councillors felt the existence of such a committee presupposed the existence of an SRC.

John Adams, chairman of the general council meeting, denied this, saying no authority would be delegated; the committee would only be a collection of concerned councillors.

Several councillors felt the underlying principles of an SRC would defeat the idea of a college system.

Richard Sand, Vanier councillor, moved abandonment of the whole project, as the concept of an SRC outlined in the preamble was incompatible with the college system.

Paul Harris, past president of Atkinson council, was applauded for his speech challenging the administration of York to take the college system seriously. (See adjoining story).

It was finally decided that Bruce Kellam of Winters Council would chair a committee to redraft the preamble of the proposed SRC constitution.

A motion was also passed that the committee would draw up a concise statement of the underlying issues in the SRC problem. The three major issues were outlined as undergraduate versus university-wide representation, the character of college system, and the division of power between colleges and an SRC, and faculty representation.