

# We govern ourselves!

A radical change in university rule-makers has been accepted by the administration, giving students the majority voice at the decision-making level.

All authority formerly vested in the president regarding all legislative and judicial matters is to be handled by a new York University Committee, composed of eight students and seven appointed members.

The committee will deal with all matters concerning the conduct of students and student activities at the university-wide level. The eight students are to be elected from the student body, the seven other members are to be appointed by the president.

The recommendations for the new judiciary-rules body is part of a report accepted by the board of governors and the president Monday night.

The report was issued by a four-member committee set up

in December 1967 to study the powers of the president as outlined by the York University Act, section 13-2-c, Ontario Government.

Previously the president had all "power to formulate and implement regulations concerning the conduct of students and activities."

The board and president also accepted the report's recommendations for the councils of the colleges and professional schools of York to have all authority over student activities and conduct within the colleges. Previously the control of student activities and conduct had been delegated specifically to the master or dean of the college from the president.

The president will have the power to exercise a veto over the new committee's decisions, but must explain his use of the veto in writing to the committee.

The new committee will be the judging body for all infractions of university-wide regulations, and will have the power to set up new rules for the conduct of students, as well as deal with matters referred to it.

The president will have the power to decide whether infractions, rules, etc. fall under the new York University Committee area of power, or are to be handled by the college or professional school councils.

The 13-2-c committee was composed of Richard Schultz, Glendon student, Harry S. Crowe, faculty representative and chairman, Henry Best from the administration and A. E. Barron, from the board of governors.

The committee said it did not receive any complaints concerning previous presidential decisions on conduct, but noted that students did not want an advisory-only position on the now-inactive Advisory Committee on Student Affairs, which formerly represented a parent-child relationship between students and administration.

The new committee will have the power to deal with matters similar to the one now before the temporary court-committee set up Tuesday, to try the YSC executive for removing parking signs on campus.

The temporary court-committee will have to deal with the parking signs problem since the new committee will take some time to elect and appoint students.

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Council president John Adams relates parking protests to greater issues.

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## 'Gobbledygook' says Laskin

by David H. Blain

"That's gobbledygook to me," was the response of Bora Laskin, Chairman of the Committee on Rights and Responsibilities, to excerpts of a letter run last week in Excalibur in which R. M. Dale expressed his disapproval of the committee.

Justice Laskin was a professor for twenty-five years and is a past president of the CAUT (Canadian Association of University Teachers). Today he is a Chief Justice of the Ontario Supreme Court and a member of York's board of governors.

As a lawyer, he was careful at the beginning of the interview with Excalibur to explain that the opinions he was voicing were his alone and in no way reflected those of other members of the Committee on Rights and Responsibilities.

Justice Laskin explained that when the committee was formed he asked all the members to indicate how they viewed the assignment and the scope of the inquiry. One faculty member and one student were then chosen to go over the lists produced by the members and come up with common elements for the inquiry.

He explained that no member see "Gobbledygook" p2

## Council defends itself at protest

The "mass parking protest" last Friday: 350 students — several profs — Vice President Healy — and one student yelling "I think our image is becoming one of a violent university."

The student, McLaughlin councillor Tim Delaney, was shouted down by hecklers.

The issue was the removal of several parking signs from campus lots by five members of the York Student Council executive, in an attempt to raise student interest in parking and other, more important matters at York.

The council executives, and other members of YSC told the students in Founders JCR that parking as it now exists at York, with faculty and administration getting "choice" parking spaces, is part of the social inequality existing here, and in need of correction.

Some people cheered the idea of abolishing all reserved parking spaces. Others told the speakers they had no right to criticize the university which is providing

them with an education.

Vice-President (Academic) Dennis Healy told students he was "tired of these hateful divisions between the students, faculty, and administration."

"Get some of your good ideas forward and get on with the job — we are all in it together."

He criticized the council for failing to act through the regular committee on parking regulations and grievances, which now has students on it. YSC president John Adams pointed out Healy was in error in claiming the YSC had anything to do with putting students on the parking committee. (See Dr. Healy's letter, page 6).

YSC External Affairs commissioner Glen Murray said parking was not the real issue of the meeting; parking had only been used as an example and a means to draw students to a large forum to get them more involved and aware of the problems that YSC is trying to handle.

He said students should be concerned about things like inad-

equated Modes 171 courses, antiquated marking and grading systems, and lack of student membership on the board of governors.

John Adams, president of YSC, said students should have more voice in the decision-making bodies of the university, to see that students are consulted on issues like courses, and chapels.

The hero of the "protest" was graduate and tutorial leader Dalton Kehoe, who told the students, "The system changes when you take direct action. Dammit, if you want action, do like Glendon, keep kids out of classes. Hit at the core, hit at the teacher."

Kehoe predicted the YSC parking sign robbery would be written off as a prank, and told the council to "get away from this petty parking issue."

"Why not boycott Modes, if you're not satisfied," Kehoe said. "Get yourselves on the committees that really count, and get changes."

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## Hawker-Siddeley barred from campus - students to decide



Photo by Dave Cooper

War-recruiting companies, beginning with Hawker-Siddeley aircraft manufacturers, are to be barred from campus pending a decision by a YSC-sponsored student forum.

Henry Best, director of student services, asked Hawker-Siddeley to postpone their visit after the Committee to End the War in Viet Nam visited him last Friday and suggested student referendum.

The committee presented Best with a letter to President Murray Ross requesting the postponement. The group claims the aircraft company is "complicit in the manufacture of arms and planes now used in Viet Nam."

Best's decision was a complete reversal of the administration's former policy on campus recruiting.

Last December, when the anti-war group protested Hawker-Siddeley recruiting, President Ross consulted the now-inactive Advisory Committee on Student Affairs (ACSA) which advised

him to continue to allow employment recruiting on campus by all companies supplied by the National Employment Service.

It is the National Employment Service, a government agency, which operates the Student Placement Office on campus.

Linda Munro of Student Placement (who arranged job recruiting by companies on campus) said the Viet Nam Committee had not approached her. She said government bodies such as placement services cannot discriminate against companies.

Best himself had said Friday, "If we have accepted placement services on campus, then we cannot set their policy. They are an autonomous government body."

But later that day he changed his tune. Best said he feels those people who want to be interviewed by Hawker-Siddeley have a perfect right to be, but he also defends the Committee's right to protest, and agrees with their proposal for a referendum.