# Letters to the Editor

No cause for worry over rights: Becker

If I may be permitted, I would like to inform your readers of some facts that were missing in your news comment by Bob Roth that appeared on the front page of your Feb. 26 issue concerning the Laskin Report.

The 15 recommendations, or parts of recommendations, that have been approved or express existing university policy are attached. These were the ones which evidently caused some concern in the mind of the president of the CYSF. If you will peruse them, you will undoubtedly and quickly realize that many of these points have been in effect since the university began in 1960 and, rather than causing students discomfort, have resulted in the maintenance of workable and harmonious relations. Four of these reflect a reservations policy concerning the booking of rooms, two concern the freedom and fiscal responsibility of student organizations to their members, one supports the existing policy of not giving security staff members police powers, one protects the confidentiality of student records and four refer to the accreditation of university organizations and the

use of the university name, motto or coat of arms.

If any of these 12 recommendations, which have been enshrined in the practice of the university for a decade are unacceptable to any member of the new or old CYSF Executive, I have not been made aware of it. Further, no student or faculty member has commented adversely on these points. In the light of these facts, the comments of the president of the CYSF are a little difficult to follow.

Three other recommendations refer to the university court system which was first recommended, in a somewhat modified form, in a report of a board-senatestudent committee which reported in September of 1968, 18 months The specific recommendations in the Laskin Report simply repeat an interim recommendation which was made in February of 1969, 12 months ago, which was designed primarily to clean-up the constitution of the proposed court and does not alter the spirit of the earlier recommendation. These recommendations were then accepted by the president and the court system came into being in the late spring of 1969, nine months ago.

I hope that it is evident that none of these recommendations have been acted on hastily and, in fact,

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none have been acted on within the last nine months. The new CYSF was made aware of some of these facts at their meeting on Feb. 24 and their president was informed the previous Friday on the 20th.

I would also like to allay any fears that the simple act of reprinting and publishing the report means whole-hearted acceptance of the report as university policy. The process is a little more complex than that. The reprinting has been necessitated by the widespread interest in the report the way it stands, whether or not this university proceeds to implement the majority of the recommendations or not.

With regard to one other point raised about the committee's work, the CYSF president noted that we did not concern ourselveswith the York University Act. The reasons for this are fully stated in the preface to the report and, more particularly in paragraph 6 and the terms of reference of the committee which were accepted two years ago by all members of the committee, faculty and students.

John A. Becker, Assistant Vice-President, (Student Services)

15 LASKIN RECOMMENDATIONS **COVERED BY EXISTING** REGULATIONS OR **PROCEDURES** 

4. Where meetings or demonstrations are held on University premises, the University should be entitled to be satisfied that adequate arrangements exist to supervise those events and to ensure peaceful ingress or egress so that disorder or injury may be averted.

7. The University may ask the organizers of a meeting or demonstration to state its purpose so that proper arrangements as to place and time, if it is to be held on University premises, may be

Reservation procedures through Space and Facilities or college offices.

15. The University should continue to make available information on its records about faculty members or students only to senior administrative officers of the University and not to others without the consent of the faculty member or student.

21. The University should not be concerned with the aims or activities of any faculty or student associations or clubs except where: (1) they seek the use of University premises; (2) they seek a University identification; (3)

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# PRE-REGISTRATION

FACULTY OF ARTS

Students in the Faculty of Arts are receiving preregistration information by mail this week. It is essential that all students pre-register, to assure themselves of places in the programme and courses of their choice.

Nearly all departments in the Faculty are planning mid-March meetings to discuss their major programmes. These meetings offer freshmen ideal opportunities to get the information they need before deciding what their major subject is to be.

#### SCHEDULE OF

## DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

### FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

TIME

Thursday, March 12, 2-4 pm S872 Ross English Wednesday, March 18, 4 pm Graduate Common Room S783, Ross French Literature Tuesday, March 17, 10:30-11 am 114 Founders Tuesday, March 17, 2:30-3 pm 104 Founders Thursday, March 19, 10:30 am Foreign Literature Thursday, March 12, 2-4 pm 107 Vanier Geography Monday, March 16, 3 pm N306 Ross History Thursday, March 19, 12:30-2 pm F. Stedman Mathematics Wednesday, March 18, 3-4 pm S869 Ross Philosophy Tuesday, March 17, 3-4 pm 118 Founders Political Science The department has prepared a descriptive supplement to the Calendar for prospective majors, and copies are available in Room S657, Ross, (A-L) Wednesday, March 18, 3 pm 291 BSB (M-Z) Friday, March 20, 3 pm Social & Political Thought Wednesday, March 18, 12:30-1:30 pm Sociology

Members of the Sociology Department will be available to talk to students on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, March 16, 17 and 20 in Room S872, Faculty Common Room, Ross. For information, you may telephone 635-3715.

Urban Studies

DEPARTMENT

Thursday, March 12, 10 am 119 Vanier

General Honours programme Thursday, March 19, 2-4 pm (no major)

Faculty Common Room, S872, Ross

the University; (4) they seek the imposition by the University of a tax for their support or the collection of their fees by a checkoff arrangement. (1)-(4) express existing

practice.

22. There should be no general accreditation or recognition bureau for faculty or student organizations, but this does not mean that no faculty or student organizations should be recognized as the collective voice of faculty or

23. The use of the University's name by a faculty or student organization for descriptive purposes only should not be prohibited, but the University should be notified of such use.

The Colleges, their Councils and the CYFS are currently the agencies 'notified."

24. The use of the University motto or coat of arms can only be with prior permission.

26. The exercise by the University through its Board of Governors of authority to tax students to provide funds for their activities has not involved any Board control of the objects of student activity expenditures, and the Committee recommends that this policy continue.

28. The University is entitled to insist that every campus organization which is the beneficiary of money granted by the University or exacted from the students and remitted to student organizations should have an annual audit which should be made public; and the auditing requirements should be worked out with an appropriate University

VP (Finance) asks for

they seek financial support from statement prior to releasing next year's funds.

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> Public posting is not now a requirement.

49. Prior consent to such use and, if necessary, according to an order of priorities in order to meet all reasonable requests should be required.

50. The University may properly insist that adequate supervising arrangements be made, especially where members of the public are invited on campus.

Facility Use. See pg. 1 -

Nos. 4 and 7.

52. The Committee recommends the continuation of the present policy of employing persons for security services without having them invested with police powers.

53. Impartial adjudicative procedures should be established through which disputed allegations of misconduct may be resolved and the propriety of any imposed or proposed sanction may be determined.

A Panel of Judges has, in the main, been established by the nominating agencies.

100% agreement has not been obtained as of Feb. 19/ 70.

55. The University should establish an office under an independent administrator to which charges of misconduct may be brought for initial investigation and ultimately, if not resolved, for submission to the University courts.

The president appointed Becker to this position for the time being.

59. The University courts should be established and their membership for particular cases selected in the manner detailed in Appendix D.

SeeNo. 53.

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