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photo by Dave Cooper

Petrie's new telescope

York now is the proud owner of two telescopes, powerful enough to peep into the windows of Vanier residence. The pieces shown above are parts of these fascinating machines, and when installed and adjusted, will go to further the teaching and research of the Science faculty. The telescope shown above weighs 5 1/4 tons, and took three hours to install. But once it and its partner are ready, it will be possible to get a stereoscopic view of the celestial majesty.

— A SIMPLE MAJORITY — McLaughlin to hold referendum to join YSC

McLaughlin College will hold a referendum on joining York Student Council next Tuesday. This was decided in a meeting of the Mac Council Tuesday night.

The question will be "Do you wish to join the YSC?", and a simple majority 'Yes' is required to permit entrance.

At a YSC meeting the same night, a motion was carried by one vote to allow McLaughlin and any other body formed in future to join the YSC by a simple majority referendum.

Rich Smith (M1) who presented McLaughlin's proposed referendum to YSC stated that he is "sure McLaughlin will join YSC" as a result of the referendum. "It should have been done earlier," he said.

"Delay in having a referendum was entirely due to sandbox politics played by certain members of the college."

Peter Magnus (M11) another college councillor felt that "McLaughlin council had a poor conception of the issues at first, and took several months to acquire a grasp of what is involved."

"Council was forced to face this issue tonight," he stated after the meeting, "in order to let Mac students vote in the upcoming YSC elections."

There is speculation that McLaughlin decided to hold a referendum to join YSC at this time so that some of its members could run in the university-wide elections, and this was confirmed by Smith, who mentioned his intentions to run.

Several other names were mentioned, but these people were unavailable for comment.

Earlier in the year, McLaughlin had its share of council problems. Tim Delaney resigned from council over a dispute between himself and YSC members at a November meeting. He is strongly opposed to the whole concept of a campus-wide student council.

Had the college decided not to mandate the students until the end of the year, YSC could get none of the \$10 per student set aside for it.

But it is hoped that the results of this referendum will permit the council to join, and thus assist in campus-wide student government, paying its share.

YSC submitted a bill to the college this week for services rendered to them. These included the handbook, Zzardvark, student union fees, and Excalibur.

Silly season: Prof demands student expulsion

by David McCaughna

A proposed motion to have an Excalibur writer expelled was proposed to the Senate in a memo dated Dec. 9 written by Professor H. O. Pritchard, chairman of the Chemistry Dept.

The memo resulted from a column written by Larry Goldstein in the form of an open letter to the Minister of Education in the Dec. 5 issue of the paper.

In it, Goldstein stated that "millions of dollars are being spent to give numerous students a non-education". He then called for the Minister to investigate conditions at York before granting it further funds for expansion.

President Ross has stated that additional funds are needed for the fifth college at York in order to preserve the college system. But Goldstein in his letter calls the college system a 'hoax.'

"People with that kind of authoritarian mentality want to suppress opinion by authoritarian methods. I don't see how Pritchard can defend such an argument."

Goldstein feels that the real function of the college system is to keep the students fragmented. "It is designed to prevent dissatisfied students from coming together and causing a threat to the Administration."

Professor Pritchard however feels that "the purpose of the university is to advance learning, and this entails teaching people how to learn."

"The professors know best how the university should run. Students are transients in this place; they don't warrant equal rights."

"Goldstein doesn't understand the University," says the chairman. "He doesn't know much about democracy or democratic policies. He is biting the hand that feeds the University."

Pritchard thus feels that the Senate should not tolerate 'irresponsible criticism'.



photo by S.M.
Prof. H.O. Pritchard

Prof. Pritchard's letter

MEMO

To: Mr. W.D. Farr Date: 9 December 1968

From H.O. Pritchard

Subject: Senate

Dear Bill,
I would like this motion to go forward to the Senate at its next Meeting:

- 1) That Senate takes strong exception to the open letter by Mr. Larry Goldstein to the Minister of Education published in the December 5th edition of Excalibur. The criticism of our President is unwarranted and the accusation that "millions of taxpayer's dollars are being spent to give numerous students a non-education" is not in the best long-term interests of this University, nor of the students it is trying to educate.
- 2) That Senate believes the publication of this letter goes beyond the normal and reasonable standards of newspaper journalism, (both because of its content and because it is supporting an undemocratic action by the writer in trying to enforce a minority view by going directly to the Minister) and requests that the Editor of Excalibur pay more attention to such standards in the future.
- 3) That Senate recommends to the President that Mr. Larry Goldstein be excluded from this University forthwith.

Yours sincerely,
(signed)
H.O. Pritchard,
Chairman of Chemistry.

c.c. Dr. M.G. Ross
Prof. H.W. Crowe

Election fever

The great grand university-wide students council commonly known as the YSC and alternately loved and loathed by various college council members, university functionaries, and even the high powers that be, is now about to enter its most exciting and relevant period of existence yet known to York students, aside from flag raisings, sign stealings and selling campus maps, with the commencement of a revolutionary new program called AN ELECTION, to be officially held throughout the entire university, Physical Plant excepted, on Tuesday, February 4, from 9 am to 5 pm., as a final resolution to vigorous campaigning by eager candidates from January 23 to Monday February 3, said candidates having been nominated between January 16 and January 21. All potential dictators, autocrats, plutocrats, and fascists are invited to partake in this annual frolic.