

the new councils

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New councils have been elected in both Vanier and Founders Colleges and with them new ideas have been introduced to the councils. What will the new year bring? What will the councils be doing for the remaining part of this year? These are some of the questions to which we sought answers. Rather than get general opinions which too often become ex officio we cornered the members individually and sought their personal opinions to our questions.

VANIER COUNCIL

EXCALIBUR: What do you feel are the functions of a college council?

Leslie Gardner: The Council should form the link between Dr. Fowle, Master of Vanier, and the students.

Richard Sand: The college councils should be in charge of every single aspect of student government.

Ian Brooks: (faculty): I feel that the college council should handle social, cultural and college academic affairs.

Joan Stewart: (faculty): It should act as a catalyst in college life.

EXCALIBUR: Do you have any pet projects or plans for your coming term in office?

Larry Rappoport: Yes, orientation. Next year I feel we must get the student interested right from the start. If we can do this during orientation week then we will have a better college life for the year ahead. Specifically, I would like to see more clubs such as Radio York established.

Leslie Gardner: I would like to see the new residence council as a committee of the college council.

Barry Wood: I would like to get all the addresses and phone numbers of the students next year before the freshmen arrive and make them aware of what is going on. I think we should send out letters to the students after each meeting informing them of just what went on at the council meetings.

Richard Sand: I would like to see an overhauling of the committee system.

EXCALIBUR: What are your feelings on the S.R.C.?

Larry Rappoport: I don't want to see the S.R.C. with too much power. The student should identify with the college. Also, I don't like to see the SRC receiving money from the college councils.

Jackie Tilford: The SRC should be autonomous in certain aspects. However they shouldn't be in control of publications.

Richard Sand: the SRC should be autonomous. Perhaps a separate publications committee could be set up to handle publications within the university. The SRC should not have anything to do with social activities but instead a separate organization should be set up to handle social affairs. The SRC should only have control over external affairs and dealings with the administration.

Joan Stewart: Personally I feel that an SRC is necessary but I feel that you would get a better person running it if you didn't have a university wide election. If the SRC were elected by representatives of the colleges you would get better people because the candidate would be elected by a smaller group and on the basis of merit rather than his college allegiance.

EXCALIBUR: Do you feel that students should sit on the Senate Board Committee and the Board of Governors?

Larry Rappoport: Yes, students should be elected to these bodies.

Leslie Gardner: Yes, I do but they should be students who have the trust and admiration of people like Dr. Fowle. They should not be elected but they should have a vote.

Barry Wood: Yes I do but not right away. First they should sit as non-voters then later as voters. They should be appointed by council.

Richard Sand: I think that is about the best thing I've heard in a long time. We have to know ahead of time exactly what our functions will be on these committees.

Ian Brooks: It depends on what they are discussing.

Joan Stewart: Sure, I'm not sure it would be pleasant for them, it might be boring. If they want to however, I feel it would be a good idea.

EXCALIBUR: HOW DO you feel about faculty on council?

Sue Brown: I like the idea very much; they do help and have greater knowledge about things than we do.

Larry Rappoport: I think it's a good idea. They keep us in check but they don't control us.

Leslie Gardner: Its a good idea because we have a college council, not a student council.

Ian Brooks: There is really no difference between us.

Joan Stewart: It has worked very well. I learned a lot and I think at the same time faculty might have some information that students don't and vice-versa. Naturally, people have prejudices but from the way the voting went in the last council there wasn't any student-faculty split.

EXCALIBUR: Do you have any suggestions for improving communications?

Larry Rappoport: I think we should stop worrying about ACSA and SRC and start thinking about the student. I'd like to see the council start meeting in the social and debates room.

Leslie Gardner: I'd like to see that everyone knows where they can go for any information. The bulletin board will serve this purpose if used properly.

Ian Brooks: It should be done on a personal level. We should meet, discuss and have a drink with each other occasionally.

Joan Stewart: I feel strongly that it should be informal. You can write letters to the day students until the cows come home and you won't get very far. I think there always will be some students and some faculty we don't want to be communicated with and this is their privilege.

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At the time paper went to press there was no picture of Founders Council available.

FOUNDERS COUNCIL

Excalibur: What are the functions of College Councils?

Mel Freedman: 'social and cultural affairs (including films)'

Doug Barrett: 'to provide a liaison between student, faculty and administration'

Rolly Stroeter: 'to find out immediate interests of Founders' students and to co-ordinate them in respect to the community of Founder's College'

Excalibur: Do you have any 'pet projects'. Anything you are particularly interested in? Any specific plans for this year?

Mel Freedman: Senior tutor system whereby second year students act as advisors for 4 or 5 freshmen during Orientation and perhaps for the rest of the year. The improvement of cultural affairs by showing films in



Left to right: LARRY RAPPOPORT, RICHARD SAND, JACKIE TILFORD, PROF. IAN BROOKS, BARRY WOOD
 bottom: DR. JOAN STEWART, LESLIE MARDNER, ELAINE GRIFE, SUE BUNS.

the afternoon.

Rolly Stroeter: Support for Radio York (closed circuit radio station). Awards Program.

Dave Anderson: 'Yes, the proposed 'Buddy System' for next Sept. and orientation week in general'

Kim McLaren: 'As a member of the joint faculty-student Liason Committee, I will aid in studying the academic situation at York with a view to recommending solutions for problems that have arisen in certain courses.'

Paul Fort: cultural affairs--getting the students involved.

Ruth Ann Whipp: 'As female athletic head, I hope to see the gap between day and resident students closed through a stronger athletic programme.'

Harvey Margel: 'the spirit club and mainly social events. We plan on one big dance before the end of the year.'

Doug Barrett: Coffee House, Constitution Committee, Student Court.

Excalibur: What do you feel should be the structure of SRC? (autonomous, etc.)

Mel Freedman: must contain reps from the colleges (elected by students). Autonomous.

Rolly Stroeter: There should be two bodies. One elected--a legislative body with basically the same functions as the present SRC. A second body composed of one rep. from each college council. SRC should get its money from college councils.

Kim McLaren: 'SRC should co-ordinate the college councils, organize University wide activities and control or regulate College council budgets. It should not be dependent on these councils'

Paul Fort: basically the same as it is; autonomous; own source of income.

Ruth Ann Whipp: 'present structure; reps from each college council; money should come from councils.'

Harvey Margel: 'election of reps from each college; internal elections for executive. Therefore, each college represented equally; SRC should receive all money; colleges should negotiate with SRC for money'

Doug Barrett: 'money should come from administration'

EXCALIBUR: What do you feel should be the functions of SRC?

Mel Freedman: 'University administration liason; external affairs, CUS, etc., campus clubs, YSA, Excalibur'

Rolly Stroeter: 'to approve the budget, constitution and by-laws, major projects affecting future of York'

Paul Fort: agrees with Mel Freedman. 'Also SRC should be responsible for the carnival and the formal now. However, in the future, I believe each complex will be independent.'

Harvey Margel: 'not social events such as formal'. SRC should include Glendon.

EXCALIBUR: How do you feel about students on the Board of Governors etc., elected or approved--individuals or responsible to some group?

Mel Freedman: No. Too many things are not the concern of students.

Rolly Stroeter: There should be a small number of student reps (elected by the student body and responsible only to the electorate) to sit on the Board with 'voice but no vote'.

Dave Anderson: 'appointed individuals'

Kim McLaren: No--'due to lack of experience and foresight.' However, I think students would be highly successful in an advisory role--but shouldn't have a vote. They could represent a given group and be elected by that group.

Paul Fort: Yes, there should be a small minority appointed by the masters and SRC together. **Doug Barrett:** Yes, appointed by the SRC but not responsible to them. 'Minority seats' but should have 'voice and vote'.

EXCALIBUR: How do you feel about faculty on council?

Mel Freedman: 'No, we can handle our own problems, do not need faculty'

Doug Barrett: Faculty should have a voice but no vote when the council deals with academic problems.

Dave Anderson: 'Definitely not, it should be as the name implies, a 'students council'

Kim McLaren: 'Faculty on council is a mistake--faculty should sit on committees run by the councillors but not on Council itself'

Paul Fort: 'No, not as voting-members. Meetings should remain open enabling them to provide information for council.' **Ruth Ann Whipp:** 'No, can sit in and offer advice but no vote'. **Doug Barrett:** 'Yes, invited by council. Small minority with vote' As extras 'i.e. added to present structure of council'

EXCALIBUR: Why is there a gap between day and resident students?

Mel Freedman: 'not animosity but due to isolation of the campus.' Activities should be planned for better times e.g. dances on Saturdays 'since many people work on Fridays'. 'Pressure on T.T.C.'

Dave Anderson: 'an ever present problem which I fear can never be completely solved but the mingling of both resident and day students should be encouraged.' **Kim McLaren:** 'The gap can't be completely closed--but relations could be improved. I think we're going to give it a good try'. **Paul Fort:** 'must be more activities to attract day students. Residence students are dropping out because they expect university to be the focal point of their lives and it isn't'.

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