

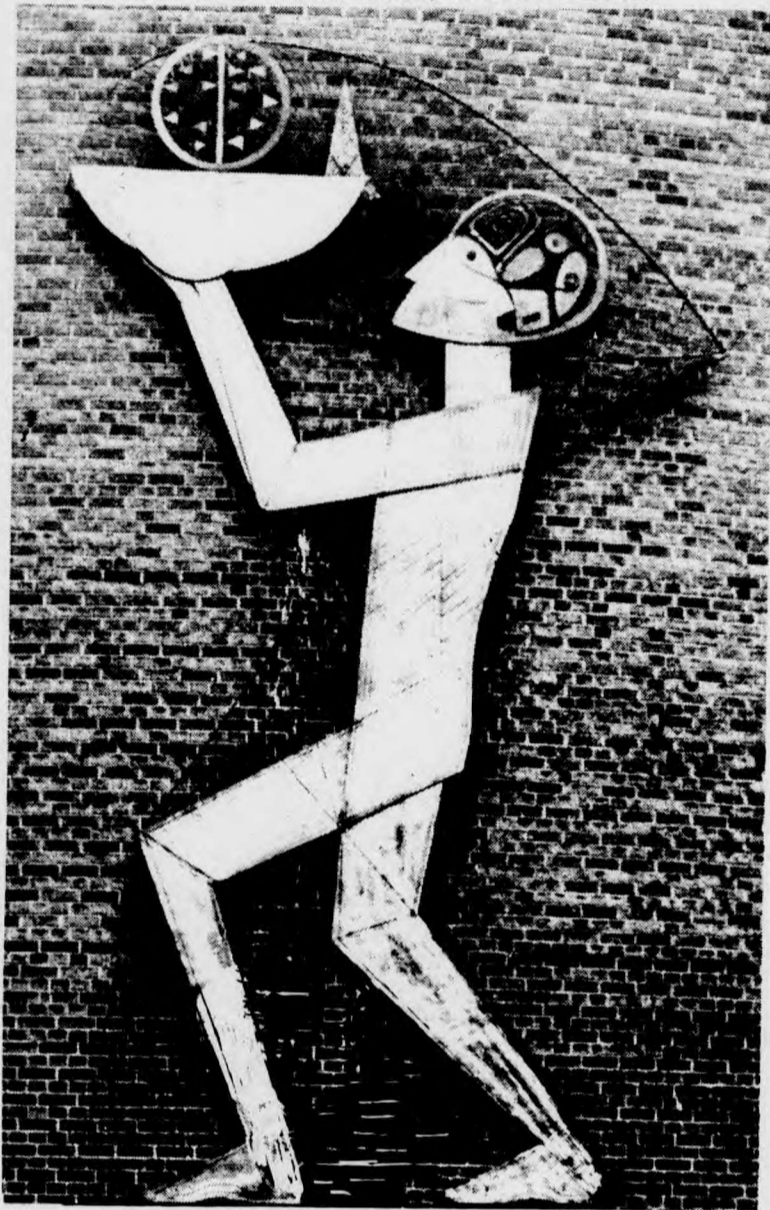
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Glendon:

this college is where it's at

This page is new. It started last week, but we didn't have space to write this then.

If you want to get anything out of it, you have to do at least a minimum of thinking. The issues it will treat are basic to today's society, both within and without the university. It contains both fact and opinion, and it allows you to make the final decision on any issue. You are the only one who can decide, in the long run. This page will run almost anything Excalibur considers of value to university students. If you feel you have something of value to say, offer it here, to Mike Snook, Associate Editor.



The Whole man — at Glendon, not York.

Glendon College is the only college that's going anywhere at York.

Why? Because most of the students are getting an education, not just a degree.

With the ability of the council to lead, many of its students are involved in issues of today and tomorrow, issues which should concern all of us, and do, even if we ignore them.

What is the quality of secondary and primary education? What are students' rights within the university? What should the students' role be in university administration? What about Quebec and separatism? What about the atmosphere for learning in the university community?

These and other issues fill the agendas of the Glendon Council meetings. They still manage to get the mundane jobs done.

The Glendon council has passed a motion of the quality of primary and secondary education. Glendonites feel it is their duty to 'advocate a process of development implemented by the educational system which will promote a critical and constructive attitude to all things on the part of the student.'

The motion continued with the statement of their efforts at contact and co-operation with all other levels of educational institutions to agitate in the education field.

They proposed a program of action which includes visits to high schools, helping establish secondary school unions, establishing newspaper workshops, inter-council meetings, debates, seminars and social action programs on the secondary school level.

The college has recommended that Pro Tem be distributed to high school students, and that the Glendon council underwrite high school programs which are in line with the Glendon philosophy of education.

Glendon has drawn up a 'Declaration of the Canadian Student'. It is a syndicalist philosophy which includes such statements as 'expanding knowledge through research and objective analysis of existing hypotheses' and ideas and formulation of others', 'engaging in fundamental action to confront

society with discoveries and to promote consequent reforms.'

They state, so that each student and each administrator knows their position, that each Canadian student is entitled to democratic, representative student associations.

Further they state that the student has a right to make basic decisions about conditions and nature of the university environment.

On a more concrete level, they have held Quebec Year Eight, a discussion and investigation of the quiet revolution in the French province.

Then there was Glendon Weekend, a self appraisal, to determine their success so far and find a direction for the future.

Why should Glendon excel in this responsible field of social comment and change?

Perhaps maturity does come with age. While York Campus broods and splutters over SRC/YSC, and holds failing, infantile winter carnivals complete with 'chugalug contests' as last day finales, Glendon investigates our educational system.

Perhaps this is a symptom of the failure of the college system which was supposed to sponsor a responsible individualism in the students. York campus may be becoming the typical 'sausage factory' in which a good time means more than high standards of education or real awareness of what is going on around us.

Perhaps the reason they do not wish to be associated as full voting members in SRC is the incompetence this campus has shown in serious matters.

Perhaps its time York Campus came of age. What good is a pub on campus if your degree is a piece of paper and no more than just that?

Glendon students are getting a better education on the whole than we are at York Campus. They are involved in what they are learning on the reality level. More than that, they are trying to establish a mood, a tone, an atmosphere that will be conducive to education in the true sense of the word, in any institution of learning.

Resident students pay more? For what?

In the last issue, Excalibur reported on rumors of a fee increase, possibly lifting the cost of resident life to \$1000 per year.

Of course, no one knows for sure, especially the students, just how true this is. The administration just is not talking, although they will concede that financially the residences are in poor shape.

If the cost of residence does go up, what will be the reason? H.E. Parkes, Vice-President of Finance, blames it on the rising cost of maintenance and service.

We do not know what this has to do with the students. We aren't members of the union that pushed up wages, nor do we make the mistake that physical plant does, that in turn push up maintenance costs in general. What mistakes? Tearing up and relaying the Founders Quad in the middle of the rain season. Bothering to shovel sidewalks (on Sunday at that), in the middle of the worst blizzard and ice storm Toronto has seen in years.

The residences themselves are poorly constructed. To use Founders as an example, the walls in both wings are cracked. To use the example of Physical Plant, our central heating system is archaic according to a local scientist.

It looks very much like the fees are going up to help the administration pay for its own ineptitude.

Lets look at fees in other residences across Canada as a means for comparison. As of the fall of 67, here are a few of the major Universities and their respective residence fees:

Dalhousie, Nova Scotia	\$703-760
St. Dunstan's, PEI	\$585
U. of New Brunswick	\$725-775
McGill, Quebec	\$775-970
U. de Montreal	\$700-1000
McMaster, Ont.	\$815
Carleton, Ont.	\$791-841
U. of T. Ont.	\$750-890
Waterloo, Ont.	\$810
Western, Ont.	\$1000
University of Manitoba	\$563-629
University of Alberta	\$666
UBC, British Columbia	\$540-702
Simon Fraser, B.C.	\$680-760

(for 2/3 of trimester)

The national average based on these figures is 750 dollars, 60 dollars less than York students now pay.

Closer to home, the Ontario average for residence fees is 810 dollars, exactly the same as those here at York.

With the exception of those universities known by their reputation as diploma factories, eg. U of T and Western, most universities which are similar to York, have fees effectively lower than ours already.

Unless we can be given a legitimate reason such as increased service to students for a hike in fees, why should we be called upon to pay more than the Canadian or Ontario average?

Will President Ross' community of scholars consist mostly of rich residents? Will we revert to the days when only those who can pay, get an education?

Tune in this time next year for the next installment.

Carnival: what a flop

Bill Webster, one of the conveners of the York Winter Carnival, has termed it 'an unfortunate flop.'

Its little wonder. When you offer chug-a-lug contests and skidoo races with only two skidoos, you haven't much of a drawing card.

The carnival started with a soggy bang, that of a wet balloon dropped from three feet off a broadloom carpet. It was a gala four-band dance--so crowded that no one could dance, and so hot that it put all the local steam rooms out of business for the night. The reason? Two thousand 'teeney-boppers' drawn here by their bible, 'After Four', which sold us advertizing for the event.

Another 'highlight' was the 'chug contest', cancelled by the administration. They may or may not have the right to do so, but at least they exhibited more good taste than our collective student councils. They held it underground anyway.

Granted, the weather did play havoc with Monday's activities. Maybe 'He' thought it would be better that way.

One of the basic faults was disorganization. A sleigh ride scheduled for Tuesday night could not be located by cold, enthu-

siastic students. Even two members of the carnival committee could not say for sure where it was going to be held. In the end, the horse didn't make it either.

And the list goes on.

The first obvious question is how much did the flop cost? Losses aren't all in yet, but we estimate at least a \$250 loss for the first weekend alone, as a result of poor advertising for the travellers concert. And that's with the exorbitant 25 cents charge for coat checking at the dance.

And the list goes on. The athletic night did not materialize. Athletic rep. Fred Halpern passed the buck to the social committee to handle the sleigh ride, and we all know what happened there.

At the Snow Queen Contest, everything was late, and Prof. J. Priestly, one of the judges, left.

Gentlemen of the councils, if you want a successful anything, let alone anything as big as a full carnival, you might try a little work, and a lot of organization.

And tonight (Wed.) as I left the council office, I read a notice telling Paul Fort, cultural affairs rep. of Founders, to get a projectionist and to advertise for the film showing.

That's tomorrow night!