

You act or fall behind

McLaughlin College has passed its initiation rites superbly and is now represented on the York Student Federation. And once again it's proven the York student, for the majority, just doesn't give a damn. As the old adage says — "all bark and no bite".

Only seventeen per cent of the Mac students turned out for the election of their representatives on YSF on Thursday. Only seventeen per cent of the Mac students found the few minutes necessary to vote.

The concerned intellectual has really shown his true spirit again. The clamoring over the disadvantages and advantages of affiliating with YSF, the debates and referendums — these led us to believe that Mac students were a new breed of York students. They seemed to be actually concerned and aware of the important issues of university-wide government.

But don't sit back smugly and label the Mac students as "apathetic". The onus is on you.

You, collectively, are the York student body. And you, for the most part, have made a poor showing on all of the elections.

Let's regress a little. Last fall less than twenty-five per cent of the student body voted on the Faculty Council election. While other universities are fighting for this right we are accepting it as an everyday occurrence. Not even worth the trouble of a vote, here at York.

A more recent election, The York Student Federation one, drew votes from less than thirty-five per cent of the electorate. But the polls proved this concern short-lived again.

And these are only two examples.

At Mac's election yesterday, seventeen per cent of the college student body showed they cared. But do one hundred and forty-three votes represent the entire college? Not only did very few students vote but some engaged in a very childish display of actions. They defaced campaign posters. If they were opposed to the running candidates, a more effective and of course more intelligent course of action would have been to run for a position. But this requires work, this requires thinking.

Let's wait. Any future action initiated by the York Student Federation could be met with opposition from a large percentage of the student body.

But how many of these voted?

How many of these really understand the issues at stake?

And how many are just talking through their hats?

Its time to stop talking and start acting.

Those who do not vote have abdicated their right to complain.

This is essential: those who don't participate in their community's affairs have no right to complain about how the community changes, and who changes it.

And without responsible change supported by all members of the university, this academic community can become a very unhappy place.

Pretty pictures

When are the students of this university going to grow up?

It seems to me that the values of high school are still prevalent in so many facets of this environment at this university. One of the most childish attitudes is that towards an election. As soon as you nominate yourself it seems that there is a great race to try to cap ure the best artists to help make your pretty posters.

This contest, to try and have the prettiest and most amount of posters makes me sick and anyone who indulges in this childish game must surely be compromising himself.

The majority of the students of this university must feel insulted because these signs insult your intelligence. For once I would like to hear some of the policies of the candidates, not just admire their art work.

An example of this can presently be seen in McLaughlin College, where the election for College Council is presently taking place. I can't really feel secure knowing that a pretty picture will control over fourteen thousand dollars of the students money.

Alan Shefman

Ross resigns

Doctor Ross is resigning. This is a great horror befalling the York Campus. You can stop reading here if you like, but I think I should tell you that I'm prejudiced. President Ross in my pal.

He is one of the truly beautiful people in this world and one of the few wise men on campus. It is unfortunate that we have so many learned scholars on this campus and so few wise men. THE CATEGORIES ARE MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE.

It has been expressed to me, by many students that they are concerned over Dr. Ross's resignation due to the fact that his particular talents and his liberal attitude (WISDOM) cannot be replaced by another individual.

Perhaps they are right.

My hope is that if Dr. Ross is firm in his decision to leave then he will at least continue on in his role as a wise man. If he continues on at YORK as a teacher, then a few more students will have the privilege of meeting this man, and I will have the security of knowing

that there is at least one person on this campus who will be able to understand the sorts of difficulties that either I or others will undoubtedly come across in the course of our life's journeys, our chosen ways....DESIDERATA. I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRINEDS. MAN by my definition is one who is capable of making decisions and then being able to accept the responsibility for them.

J. Shuster (MI)

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Winters freaks

For the first time in my life I want to protest. Generally I've lived a rather carefree life, troubled by very few of the problems of rebellion that have created those unwashed, dirty hippies. But when a few of the freaks with long hair from Winters College tried to destroy our school by tearing it down to replace it with a collection of booby traps much like Vietnam, it was a wonder no one was killed trying to

negotiate the inconvenience. My patience is running out with these people. They spend 8,000 dollars on a freak show and then expect us to make numerous detours around it.

Don't these people understand that we are here for work and not play. They even took an old auto into the court yard and destroyed it.

Then they have the nerve to invite all the drug addicts in Toronto here. They can't deny this because I've seen those poor devils, hallucinating after a

trip on marijuana, staggering through our halls, giving us a reputation equalled only by Sir George Brown University. I suggest that we get rid of all those animals with beards and long hair before they ruin our noble institution. They must be working for the communists.

Lamont S. Tilden (Mac I)

Meyers mopes

As a candidate in the recent McLaughlin YSF Representative elections I must heartily deplore the actions of a few immature and irresponsible individuals who tore my posters and platforms off the walls and marked other ones with vulgar and obscene expressions.

I will recommend to the YSF Executive committee and the McLaughlin council that in future the Chief Returning Officer be appointed from a neutral college and strict warnings and subsequent punishment be meted out to anyone seen defacing election material.

The situation having been explained to the Mac CRO, she unjustifiably did not even mention these serious protests in her report to YSF.

Stan Meyers

Atkinson exempt?

How come the Department of Safety and Security does not ticket the cars of Atkinson College students? Are they not a hazard along the ill-lighted campus roads? Or does the revenue from parking fines issued to day students make it unnecessary?

How come?

Joe Ursano (F111)

All letters to the editor will be run, space permitting. If you have a definite opinion, send it in. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited, and letters should be signed, or use of pseudonym explained to the editor. Please type to a 64 character margin.

EDITORIALS

Students must participate, administration must wake up

The Board-Senate proposal for an unrepresentative search committee for the next president has been totally rejected by the Federation Council.

And well it should, since the proposed committee represents a mockery of the whole idea of a community of scholars.

Some of the excuses given for such a discouraging plan for a presidential-replacement committee point out just how far some senior administrators and faculty have fallen out of step with progress.

The plea that they didn't want to make the committee too large and they didn't really know what students want is ludicrous.

Surely the past two years of devastating violence at Canadian and US universities point out the need for greater communication and cooperation between students and administrators.

And on the subject of appointing a new president, the one man most

commonly in the centre of student dissent, some responsible form of student involvement is essential.

A responsible student involvement means much more than merely a token student on a committee exclusively planned by governors and senators. An equal-voice committee is what is needed.

Certainly administrators and faculty are more aware of much of the relevant criteria for a president. But students too must approve of the man. Without an adequate participation students will not accept any so-called university president.

It is implicit in these observations that more students must be directly involved in this committee. Without students consent there will be no legitimate president at this university.

And any illegitimate president here will only bring disgrace to both this university and those who appointed him.

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