

# EDITORIALS

## Why bother?

All the hurray-type articles in this edition of Excalibur and the ra-ra atmosphere of orientation week are designed for one important purpose — to make York swing.

This campaign of welcome, and welcome back again, is to get people excited and interested in the challenge of this year.

But there is something else, a question that should be asked now.

We've been so complacent as a fledgling campus for the past few years that the question hasn't been raised very often.

What exactly are we doing here?

Are we being molded, shaped, developed?

Or maybe just processed?

Two weeks ago in Guelph, delegates to the Canadian Union of Students' conference pledged themselves to "struggle not only against imperialism but also against the capitalist, corporate organization of society," charging that these were obstacles to Canadian self-determination.

After the example of students around the world, they called for student control at all levels of university decision-making.

Last month at the Democratic American convention in Chicago, American university students demonstrated for their beliefs in the face of Mayor Richard Daley's less-than-subtle opposition.

Early this summer French university students barricaded the streets of Paris, caused a general strike and forced an election in a fight to reform their universities.

Six weeks before his own assassination June 5, at the funeral of Martin Luther King, the late Robert Kennedy said:

"At this difficult time, at this difficult moment in our history, we should perhaps ask ourselves what kind of a nation we are, and in what direction we are headed."

It is time for this university to decide in which direction it is headed.

There is more of a challenge here than just "a year".



## LIQUOR STORE

This picture is probably not very funny to you, but you may as well learn to like it. This kind of humour, mostly about pubs, booze, the L.C.B.O., beer, getting sloshed, and undercover drinking, provides most of the jokes for the senior students and the smaller college weeklies.

### We hope you send LETTERS

Signed articles from all students, and other people with grievances or opinions, are welcome. Space will be supplied to print as many letters as possible.

Dear Sir,

I know letters to the editor have to be important, but I have a serious psychological problem and I need help. I have a serious college complex, and I need psychological help. I am registered in Founders, eat my meals in Vanier, my best friend is in Winters, and I like McLaughlin the best. What should I do?

Adam Apple  
F(IV)

Editor's note: We don't know. Are you really serious?

## Wanna work on EXCALIBUR?

Excalibur is the student newspaper for the entire university. We need help of all kinds, and a large student newspaper is lots of fun to work on. So maybe we can get together. Writing, photos, layout, TYPING, and just plain being around here and smiling — there's lots to do. Leave your name at registration, or come into our temporary office in the basement of Founders college, room 019A. Also graphic artists.

## CUS conference condemns Viet Nam war

The following story is a summary of the events at and resolutions passed by the Canadian Union of Students at its congress in Guelph two weeks ago.

dents began with the problems of Canadian universities and ended with an attack on society as a whole at its 1968 congress in

Guelph two weeks ago.

The delegates to the congress — York had seven — passed a policy statement charging "Cana-

dian society is not self-determined; our cultural, political and economic lives are dominated by giant American corporations."

The issue was fundamental, said the statement, because "self-determination in education will be possible only in a society which is self-determined."

The delegates pledged themselves to fighting for a "democratic, non-exploitive society", "non-exploitive" largely being a euphemism for socialist.

After three days of discussion, CUS passed a resolution advocating student control at all levels of university decision making.

It recommended the abolition of university Boards of Governors, suggesting they be replaced either with parallel student and faculty bodies that would meet separately but would both ratify legislation, or a reconstituted senate with equal representation from faculty and students.

The delegates also came out three to one behind a statement condemning the U.S. war efforts in Viet Nam and endorsing the Vietnamese National Liberation Front in its "struggle for national liberation."

Returning to the home front, they passed a motion attacking English Canada's exploitation of the French community. The motion calls on the citizens of Quebec to decide whether or not to establish a "bi-national" government with English Canada.

Quebec self-determination, maintained the delegates, is not the same thing as separatism.

The congress acclaimed president-elect Martin Loney, 24, who told the union of his plans to build it into a mass movement for Canadian students — the only way, he said, that students can "effect real change in the university."

"Student power is our constituency," said Loney, "but we can never forget our wider constituency is the world."

"At the moment North American education is irrelevant to world problems. We must make it relevant to the problems of all people."

In a mass of minor resolutions, CUS urged the legalization of marijuana, condemnation of the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia and approval of the lowering of the majority age to 18.

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