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## Editorials

### Vietnam and the Workers

"The majority of those who marched were not students but young workers. This is in sharp contrast to the composition of the North American anti-war movement. In this aspect we must attempt to emulate the Europeans. We all know that there is a direct relationship between rising costs and the war in Vietnam. In Canada it is the young workers who are leading the struggle against rising costs. We must link up with the working class if we are to create a force strong enough to end Canadian complicity."

Excerpt from speech by Joe Young, Chairman of York's End the War in Vietnam Committee on the European protest march.

It would seem that Mr. Young is a captive of the old myth that the proletariat is necessarily a force for liberty and social progress. On the contrary, political and sociological studies have shown that the working class is probably a strong bastion of authoritarianism.

A study conducted by UNESCO in Germany in 1953 which asked "Do you think that it would be better if there were one party, several parties, or no party?" showed a strong correlation between the working class and the desire for a one party state. Similar studies conducted in Austria, Japan, Brazil, Canada Mexico, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, and France brought a similar result.

Another study to show the relationship between occupation, education, and political tolerance in the United States undertaken in 1955 consistently revealed that the lower the education and the lower the occupational skill was, the higher the degree of political tolerance.

Similar studies have shown a correlation between extremist religion and the working class.

So, Mr. Young, if the anti-Vietnam war movement is really agitating in the interests of democracy, it would seem unlikely that it would get the support of the working class or be made up of workers, as you say it is in Europe. But then, perhaps the anti-war movement isn't in the interests of liberal-democracy. Perhaps some of those who are leading the movement have authoritarian

### Fee Rises and Hell Raising

Will residence fees rise another \$130 next year? It is now rumoured at York that they will.

We don't know that there is any reliable source for this rumour. Nonetheless, let it be stated that any further increase would be outrageous!

York students already pay one of the highest fees for residence in Canada (\$820). A further increase would mean that students would be paying about \$135 a month for a sparsely furnished room and meals. It would mean that residence would be restricted to a rich elite of students. Since York Campus is isolated from the city, it would mean that many poorer students from out of town would be barred from coming to York. York would indeed become the snobbish, upper class 'private' university that so many claim it already is. "Would such a university be compatible with President Ross' noble concept of 'The Whole Man'?"

If the fees are raised, students should resist with every resource available such a rank prostitution of the university's goals. The university should set its high standards through quality education, not high fees. And there should be equal education for all. York should not become a quality school for the rich.

We hope to hear and soon a firm definite denial from the Administration that fees will rise, or that fee raises are even contemplated. If no denial is forthcoming, then let us all raise hell!!!

## Letters

Dear Sir:

Excalibur is, according to the front page, the student weekly of York University. So far, I would like to commend you for maintaining this format in spite of

the predominance of Founders students on the editorial staff.

However, I object strongly to the article in last week's paper entitled 'Female Founders lose Heartbreaker in Overtime'. It

## Warga Speaks

### REASONABLE DOUBT INDEED

In this weeks PRO TEM Paul Stephens presented his view that the Warren Commission on the Death of President Kennedy should be reopened. I disagree emphatically!

Dear Paul:

Hi old basketball buddy! I must compliment you on your presentation of the doubt existing in the Kennedy Assassination. You presented a clear and unbiased view.

But I cannot agree with your conclusion that the Commission should be reopened. I believe that a dead man should be entitled to his privacy as live men are. I am just getting used to the idea of seeing Mrs. Kennedy in anything other than black. Her children have now reached the age where they are able to understand their father's tragic death. Why sir up old wounds?

Who is more entitled to know the truth and is closer to the truth than the Kennedy family. They have, until recently, held all the autopsy reports and photographs and x-rays of the late President, and have given them up only with the promise that they would not be shown or published until all members of the present Kennedy family are dead.

Governor Connally, around whom the Life report is built, stated a few days after the Life report was published, that although he believed that there were two different bullets, he does not believe that there was more than one assassin. It seems that he also does not wish the case reopened.

Experts have said that Lee Harvey Oswald, although guilty, could not legally have been convicted for the crime, because

was not until over half way through this report that the writer decided he would let the students of York University know that Founders was playing Vanier. I was most interested in the little human interest anecdotes which appeared at the beginning. Alas and Alack Founders team was 'plagued by colds and test-fever,' injuries were suffered, their top scorer was fouled out and yet they 'tried to do the impossible and almost succeeded'. It was also most interesting and informative to discover who scored--for Founders.

But who gained points for Vanier? Who shot the basket with 17 seconds left in the second overtime period to make the score 16 to 15 for Vanier? Surely the students of York University might be curious about these seemingly minor details?

I trust that such an incomplete and partisan reporting will not appear again in Excalibur. After all, we at Vanier College do consider ourselves part of York University. It is to be hoped that our student weekly will keep this in mind in the future.

Yours hopefully,  
June Boag  
Vanier II

Dear Sir:

To those students who are graduating who think that there should be one university and one yearbook, I wish to say--just who do you think you are? What makes you think that yearbooks are made for the sake of grads only? What makes you think that there must be but one yearbook? On two campi there are a number of colleges. Perhaps each college will have its own yearbook eventually. Now, as for the fact that

he was assumed guilty before he was brought to trial. Publicity, as in the case of Dr. Sam Shepherd, had already convicted him. What juror could honestly have admitted that he had not already formed an opinion regarding the case.

The question to be answered is whether or not we, the public are entitled to know the truth. Our Society has always been seeking final truths--but perhaps there are things that we are not meant to know.

Are you Paul, and I, and the people entitled to the truth even against the wishes of the Kennedy family and perhaps even against the wishes of the late President himself.

A man can only be tried once. The Warren Commission has done its job--not very well it is true, but if it were found that there was more than one assassin would it help anyone. Would you feel better for it? Would Jack Ruby be freed? And if it was found that there was only one assassin, would it be worth the hardships and sorrows to draw the same conclusions that have been drawn before.

I am sure that in a few years, more seemingly pertinent information will be uncovered. Should we reopen the whole case every five years? You are right Paul, there is a reasonable doubt--a doubt as to whether we are entitled to invade a privacy to discover truth.

'Let sleeping dogs lie' and Let President Kennedy live on in the hearts and thoughts of all but let's not smother the Eternal Flame with millions of words from a Commission Report.

Dave Warga FII

all your friends happen to be at Glendon I think that it is a real shame--but too bad! Maybe you should have stayed there. For if you think that York students are bound to spend \$8000 on a university-wide yearbook just because of you 30 or 40 grads, then you must be out of your minds. Also, I see nothing wrong with asking for 1000 advance subscriptions. The book must pay for itself; and we have to know if the student body wants the book. You couldn't have a better referendum.

Of course, you know by now that we will have a combined yearbook this year at least. For \$8000 we can print a giant 300 pages. The original York campus book would have cost \$4000 for less than half as many pages. We feel that the university as a whole can benefit this year by a combined book--not just grads. As a matter of fact, we at this campus for financial reasons have wanted a joint yearbook all along; but you Glendon friends refuse to co-operate with this campus in many ways. Recently they decided to accept the idea of a joint yearbook (after initially refusing). However Glendon wanted the York University book to be called by the Glendon name, Janus, and to bear the Glendon cover. Now though, we are all happily united in a great huge loving book--and I do not mean just ZZardvark. A final word, if I might be permitted to advise my superiors, the grads, next time you want your little views known, please come out to the well publicized meetings. Yearbook meetings and student council meetings are open even to you.

Yours sincerely,  
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