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Time to give a damn

We have worked hard to establish a university-wide government at York.

John Adams and his committee have spent many trying hours in order to create a YSC constitution that is agreeable to the various participating bodies.

They were working under a great handicap--the shadow of a major failure (the defunct SRC), and the shadow of the unviable college autonomy.

As time pressed on and the resulting confusion caused by a lack of a central body became apparent, councillors finally realized 'college autonomy' and 'the college system' were not synonymous.

It finally hit them that the individuality of the colleges and the college system would not be destroyed by the creation of a university-wide government. On the contrary, they realized that the existing anarchy was only damaging student activities at York.

Now comes the most critical stage: will the new YSC prove workable?

More than any other factor, the election of a mature, responsible body will eventually answer this question. The failure to do so--both on a college and university-wide level--doomed York's previous attempt.

Council elections at York have a history of poor turn-outs. Students just don't give a damn.

Students must concern themselves with the issues (CUS membership, student fees, student participation in the senate and in the faculty councils); they must concern themselves with the platforms of the candidates.

Students must give a damn, by February 7.

we get letters

We are still free-est

Dear Sir:

Just perusing your December 15/67 issue. Somehow it got delivered today.

Just happened to read a front-page story on residence visiting hours by Mike Snook. Seems Excalibur claims York 'already has the free-est visiting rules in Canada.' He goes on to elaborate '3 to 5 pm weekdays, 3 pm to 1 am Fridays, noon to 1 am Saturdays, and noon to 10 pm Sundays.'

Just thought you might be interested in knowing the extremely restricted visiting hours that we must endure in our medieval domicile 'the Village'--3 to 6 pm weekdays, 3 pm to midnight Fridays, noon to midnight Saturdays, and 3 to 10 pm Sundays. Perhaps you might note that this is only two hours 'free-er' per week than York's liberal residences, but you might also note that all our dons subscribe to the see-no-evil,

hear-no-evil and not-get-punched-out theory. Since last September there has been a total of \$1.25 levied in fines for violations of visiting hours, and the fine for one offence is \$10.

Just thinking you certainly do have free visiting rules, I mean in comparison. Next thing, you'll probably claim the fastest computer in Canada like the University of Manitoba did a couple of months ago.

Bob Verdun
University of Waterloo

Editor's Note: Actually, Bob, your math is wrong. We have 41 visiting hours and you have 40. But then someone goofed. Our weekday visiting hours are really 3 to 7 pm. That gives us 49 hours a week. But who's counting.

We hit the sauce tonite kiddies. No! No! Don't breathe on me, no! The Phyllis and Clark Expedition was a total disaster. Even rick liked it. Herman slept thru it all-- Herman Arthur Long -- you rat. (Don't cry Jayney). The gangs all here, the gangs all here -- who drank all the sauce honey? Shut up ferd or I'll hit you with a wet noodle. Just like Ma Barker used to make. Bombs away and all that shit. Good nite all. Say good night Herman. Herman says good nite to Lil and Grey (frosch staff and Bob's on Rich's team again with Ross at bat and Linda catching (wet noodles of course) I love you Anne but you've got cold hands. Thanx for dishes, Versafoods. Help send Herman and Fred to camps (the same one preferably.) Anita's already donated J.J. Next week SAC Press hits home.



Ahhh! I'm glad that's over.

we get letters

Phooey on flyers

Dear Sir:

Having already been concerned with the noise Air Force planes make as they fly past the eleventh floor of Vanier Tower, it came as no surprise to me last Thursday to find myself phoning the Control Tower of the Air Base at Downsview. On that day I was awakened by a huge transport plane flying past the window.

Certainly many other students feel disconcerted with the noise and perhaps even more significantly with the danger that the low flying planes present.

And certainly, any citizen has the right--and the means--to register a complaint with the Air Force. I must warn you, however, that if any student on our campus is tempted to complain the response he will get might be a little different from what he expected.

In a loud, rude, demonstrative tone I was told by the Duty Control Officer at the station (who preferred to remain anonymous), that:

- 1) he is fed up with petty complaints and bickering.
- 2) the planes must land at Downsview; so there is nothing we can do about it anyhow.
- 3) we (York University) are not worth the trouble.
- 4) we have no right to complain as the Air Force Base has been here for twenty-five years and York University just recently came to the area.

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I suggest that if any other student phones in a complaint he will be subjected to the same treatment I encountered. Surely the Armed Forces has a responsibility to the community, and trite as it may sound, taxpayers are still footing the bill. Consequently, I suggest that we do not have to put up with this sort of garbage from these mickey-mouse Red Barons.

Christa Wypkema,
Vanier.

Winters left in cold

Dear Sir:

We enter for your paper, our personal 'Winter Carnival Wind-up': Up with YSC, to hell with intra-college cliques.

How dare Bill Webster (Excalibur, January 19, page 1) even infer that lack of co-operation on the part of Winters College caused the Winter Carnival fiasco. May we please be allowed to list the events that have made the Winters Social Committee just a little sick of Founders College's superiority complex.

1) Meetings to plan Winter Carnival week were held at times convenient to Vanier and Founders. We found out about Winter Carnival one week later, after telephoning Harvey Margel, Founders Social Chairman.

2) Events were scheduled such that the monstrous 4-band dance was jammed into two of York's dining halls (guess which ones) while Winters dining hall was left to collect dust and the echoes of complaints of overcrowding. The committee kindly condescended to allow Winters JCR to house the much un-advertised movie nite, for which no one even bothered to ask for Winter's caretaker's co-

operation. Winters Coffee House, 013, supplied the extension cord which finally allowed the movie to go on.

3) After recovering from the initial insult, Winters College Council, the social committee and the coffee house responded to the call for more participation by arranging four of their own events, including the ice sculpture contest, visited by the Toronto Star and the CBC, and a folk festival with seven singers. As a vote of thanks for our efforts, Vanier-Founders, without even hinting to us, moved Winter Carnival one week ahead, putting two of our events right out of the Carnival. For three days we chased Harvey Margel for an explanation, and he finally gave in, moving our events into the next week.

4) On the Tuesday before the 'Big Dance', a gentleman stumbled into 013 and asked if he could submit his 'Snow Queen' nomination form to us. We weren't even told there was such a contest. We rushed over to Founders, obtained some forms, distributed them, and

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