

# Vote by mail on Glendon parity

Whether Glendon students get parity on all committees is a decision made by mail ballot within the next two weeks. The Glendon faculty council met in special session Tuesday to continue the speaker's list from last Thursday's meeting.

The Thursday meeting agreed to the vote by mail and the meeting Tuesday was an exercise in persuasion.

The parity motion made by student faculty councillor Elisabeth Marsden, demands equal voting members of student and faculty on all committees for an experimental period from 1972 until 1974. The nominating committee would establish the committees after first restructuring itself with two additional student members.

Marsden said parity would promote interest in the academic structure of the college. Giving students the vote would encourage people to participate, she said, adding the different perspective would be valuable. Marsden denied that students wanted a power shift, or bloc student voting. She asked that council members look at the motion as presented without giving the issue "all kinds of ulterior motives."

Principal Albert Tucker came out in favor of the principle of parity. In addition to supporting parity sociology professor Don Wilmott made a motion to re-establish the college government committee to study ways of getting more widespread effective student participation in student government.

Poli. Sci. professor Gina Bridgeland said faculty expertise and experience were different from that of students but that the plurality of experience would be valuable to the academic community. She countered the argument against students lacking ability or judgment saying the U.S. revolution in sociology has been student-led.

Economics chairman David McQueen opposed parity saying faculty had the edge on students in experience. He said if true participatory democracy was to be implemented, other groups besides students and faculty should be represented.

Results of the ballot should be computed in the next two weeks. Predictions are that the vote will be close.

## Research published quarterly

The Research committee decided Tuesday to recommend to senate that research information be published quarterly. The research title, a brief description, the source and amount of funding would be available to anyone.

In the past, the information was published once a year in the president's report. While the information was public, it was not easily attainable.

A report from the research committee on sources of research funds will also come forward at the Feb. 25 meeting of senate.

The report states "decisions as to acceptability of fund sources and research projects should be based upon the merits and suitability of the projects at the time when they are considered and that there should be no blanket rejection of fund sources of project areas either for institutional or individual research."

Calumet master Ian Sowten and mathematics professor Lee Lorch hope to amend this clause so that York will not solicit or accept funds from the military or paramilitary establishments of any foreign power.

The motion adds that outside of this provision, acceptance of a grant becomes a matter of conscience for individual researchers. Any controversial research proposals would be referred to the research committee for investigation as to suitability. The researcher's department or faculty could initiate the investigation process.

Special interest in the issue of research and fund sources has been sparked both by the report and enquiries about fund sources. Fears on the part of faculty about "witch-hunting" precipitated the decision to make the information public and readily available.



### SLEEPING WEEK

A York student snoozes in the reserve section of the Scott Library while just about everybody else seemed to be scrambling for books. Still, another great part of York was on the ski hill while another part headed southward.

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## All Ross pigeons now dead

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The pigeons are gone from the Ross building and the only ones left to save are the next batch that arrive.

Darcy Robinson of the physical plant says operation poison-grain was a success. He said his orders coming from the ninth floor of the Ross building were to clean out the crop of birds inhabiting the roof and windowsills of the Ross building. Collecting excrement up there was becoming a health and cleanliness problem, he said.

"The architects building the Ross were delighted to provide pigeon perches," Robinson said.

The whole matter began two years ago, Robinson explained and several extermination methods were employed before the final one, poison grain on the roof, proved to be the potent solution to the "pigeon problem."

Such things as feet-burning chemicals, trapping by hand, egg and nest removal and non-perchable nail-ridden platforms were tried. All failed to drive the pigeons back to Capistrano.

"We're not entirely heartless," Robinson said. "We consider life valuable, but there are other factors to be considered. There's the



complaints we've had from people about the birds and the cost of keeping the building clean. If you compare the complaints about the pigeons as a nuisance and those about the extermination, you'd find the nuisance factor the biggest," he claimed.

Both Robinson and Excalibur received letters protesting the extermination of the pigeons. One student wrote: "An old Indian proverb; when the pigeons go, misfortune follows."

Len Addison senior investigator for the

Humane Society says he had several complaints about the pigeon extermination at York. Unfortunately he said pigeons are classed as nuisances and are not protected by law. In addition pigeon dung contains mites and respiratory disease-causing organisms.

Exterminators are government licensed and when they are called in by a property owner to destroy a "pest", they can destroy it by any "humane means". Forest Hill residents with police aid shoot their starlings. The Humane Society won't have anything to do with it, but neither are they able to prevent it.

The situation with York's pigeons is much the same. Addison was up at York three times last year to check out the pigeon work. The only way to charge the university for the exterminators, he said, would be to prove the grain killed a dog, cat or migrating bird.

"Then," he said, "you have to prove their intent to put the poison there. It's almost impossible to get this sort of charge into court."

Robinson said; "Over the past two years, we've been fairly patient." But the most current program of extermination, begun two weeks ago with one single grain distribution, succeeded in wiping out the 100-bird flock that called the Ross building "home".

Please send letters to "Save the Pigeons", c.o. Excalibur. They'll be then forwarded to York president David Slater.

## Atk. student may take board member to court

Atkinson student Gar Mahood says he is ready to take Leonard Lumbers of York's board of governors to court after an incident at the Glendon campus on Feb. 7.

Mahood said on Monday he may sue Lumbers for \$10 in damages at small claims court because Lumbers left his Lincoln Continental blocking the road so that Mahood and three others couldn't get out.

He said the security guard refused to interrupt the board meeting and so Mahood himself walked in and asked Lumbers to remove his car. When he gave no apology, Mahood said he threatened to sue Lumbers who replied, "Do that! I'll show you what you're worth!"

Mahood said he'd left class early at 8:30 p.m. to attend a function and waited until 9:10 p.m. before a security guard came along. He refused to ticket the board member's car. By the time Lumbers came, Mahood said his evening had been ruined.

The Atkinson student says what bothered him was the "complete arrogance" of Lumbers towards him as a student although one of the other board members had allegedly given him a half-hearted apology.

Mahood has given Lumbers until Feb. 22 to pay up or face court proceedings.

## Ahh! Dip taken on ride

The Scatological Society as advertised by the department of information and publicity in their "University News Beat" section in Excalibur and in the Daily Bulletin doesn't really exist said a dip spokesman.

Scatology is "the study of excrement" or "the interest in or treatment of obscene matter in literature" states Webster's Third International Dictionary. And those interested in studying were to meet in Ross N-117, a men's washroom. The club's president is still anonymous.