

Opinion

Senators are not funny; boycott is still on

By COLAN INGLIS

Here it is right before your very eyes bigger, better, newer, longer, this week's outpouring of opinions.

Introduction over, I can get on with the what's happening at York and, of course, what isn't but should be. By the time you read this, the election results will be known. The number of nominations for college reps was dismal, while a whole forest of presidential hopefuls sprang up. Apathy can be cured; five thousand a year seems to do it. The campaign was rife with the usual tearing

down and defacing of posters, charge and counter-charge and the general hustle and bustle of campaign week.

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On a different front, two weeks ago I attended a senate meeting, my second of the year. What a joke! In the two hours that the members managed to hang around, less than half of the agenda was dealt with. An hour after the meeting began, some members started slip out. Feeble attempts at humour were their poor substitutes for serious dis-

cussion. The chairman of the Senate is nothing short of incompetent. Presumably the chairman of a parliamentary body such as the Senate should be familiar with the rules of order under which it operates. In short, CYSF is better able to engage in serious discussion in an orderly manner than the body of academics which purports, to run this place. No wonder things like de-registration for non-payment of fees and budgets requiring massive cutbacks slip through.

So much for the myth that students can't

handle government. My observation is that our tenured faculty have trouble sitting still in their seats even when matters seriously affecting the university are being bandied about.

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The food boycott is real, all it needs is a little work. Tables are available in Central Square, so take out as much scrip as you want. This cash boycott can be effective, but in a campaign of this nature the action of many, not a few, is required.

Letters To The Editor

All letters should be addressed to the Editor, c/o Excalibur, room 111 central square. They must be double-spaced, typed and limited to 250 words. Excalibur reserves the right to edit for length and grammar. Name and address must be included for legal purposes but the name will be withheld upon request. Deadline: Mon. 5 p.m.

Intercollege report is disappointing says Walrus fan

I just wanted to express my disappointment in Excalibur's sports news in the March 7 issue, particularly in regard to the lack of detail in the inter-college report. I realize that you have had difficulty building a sports staff, but I think that your details on the inter-college squash tournament could have been correct.

Your report on the hockey finals could have included details of each game, the near riots and the painting of Osgoode Hall; and more than just a couple of sentences on the basketball finals. Perhaps you should have a look at the sports section of the Walrus to find out what really happened.

You may defend yourself by arguing that inter-college sports is not the responsibility of Excalibur, but the number of members of the York community involved in that programme easily justifies it.

STEVE DRANITSARIS,
Stong College

Administrator objects to scrip editorial

I would like to take strong exception to your lead editorial of Feb. 28 in which you suggest that the scrip system is the function of an administrator's unilateral decision and does not take into consideration students' wishes.

The record of meetings on this issue commenced on the 18th of December, 1972, when the masters of the seven undergraduate residences were requested to name representatives from their residence councils to consider food and residence plans and costs for the 1973-74 year. This committee on residence fees contained residence students (the number of student representatives was defined entirely by the college masters), and it met five times between the middle of January and the middle of March 1973.

While this committee completed a good deal of very useful work, it was nevertheless thought necessary to convene a larger meeting which would also include the university's Food Service Advisory committee.

To this end, the chairman of the Council of Masters, Professor Ian Sowton of Calumet College, convened a meeting March 15 and in-

cluded the two committees mentioned above, all college officers, the Council of Masters residence committee, and "other interested members."

Excluding administrative staff officers, who were present to provide technical information only, 25 members of the university attended, and 12 of these were students.

After a very full discussion on all the food service and residence questions involved, this group named an 11-man committee composed of five students and six college officers who were commissioned to prepare a final report for submission to the co-ordinating committee, which was the president's senior budget advisory committee. This sub-committee submitted a report to the co-ordinating committee with no minority disquisitions which recommended the scrip system, the precise dollar levels of the various plans, the rental rates that would apply in the residences, and requested a \$75,000 subsidy to the food service operation to accomplish what they felt were the proper goals of the university.

It is my recollection as a member of that

committee that we were all very conscious of the alarming increases in food costs during the spring of 1973.

Implicit in the scrip system and the committee's commitment to hold the deficit to a certain level was that price increases might have to be considered throughout the course of the 1973-74 year. Unfortunately, costs did increase, and given the commitment to a finite deficit, price increases followed.

While I would hope that no administrative officer who participated in these discussions would ever deny his partial responsibility for the decisions of the committee, at the same time I think the rhetoric of your editorial leaves the totally erroneous impression that students were not involved. They were heavily involved and I expect that they too would wish to assume their share of the responsibility. Their names are Ronald Jacob, Bob Chambers, Steve Parish, Brian Sherman, and Gord Robertson.

The college officers were G. Tatham, Joanna Stuckey, A. K. Chin, Colin Campbell, and Robert Fowler.

JOHN A. BECKER
Assistant Vice-President

On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to Dawn Cotton, Department of Information and Publications, N817 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday 12:00 — Lunch-Hour Critic (English) "Graduate Study in English: the Why and the How", a discussion introduced by a panel of English professors and students — S872, Ross

3:00 p.m. — Guest Speaker (Humanities) "The Jews and the Church in the Middle Ages" by Professor Joseph Schatzmuller, Haifa University (currently at the University of Toronto) — SCR, Vanier

7:30 p.m. — E.G.O. Program (Continuing Education) "Behaviour in Organizations" with Betty Smith — general admission \$6.00; \$4.00 for students — 107, Stedman

Saturday 9:30 a.m. — Etudes Pluridisciplinaires (Glendon) a one-day symposium on "Structuralism at Work" — the program of speakers and topics is as follows: 9:30 a.m. General Introduction with Alain Baudot (Glendon); 9:45 a.m. "Criticism of a Literary Text" by Howard S. Robertson (Glendon); 10:30 a.m. "Analysis of a Problem in the History of Science" by Trevor H. Levere (University of Toronto); 11:30 a.m. "The Problems of Translation" by Claude Taton (Glendon); 12:15 p.m. "Structures in Mathematics" by Stephen Ragoczei (University of Toronto); 2:00 p.m. "A Practical Application of Structuralism in Ethnology" by Eric Schwimmer (University of Toronto); 2:45 p.m. "The Use of Piaget and Chomsky in Psychological Analysis" by Adrienne Harris (Glendon); 3:45 p.m. "Analysis of Metaphor" by Vittorio de Vecchi (University of Toronto); and 4:30 p.m. "The Use of Structuralism in History and Science" by Martin Fichman (Glendon) — all sessions will take place in the Senior Common Room, York Hall, Glendon College.

Monday 4:00 p.m. — President's Fortnightly Forum — "Drug Relation: the Role of Science, Philosophy and Law" by Professor G. E. LeDain of Osgoode Hall Law School — Second Floor Lounge, Osgoode 4:30 p.m. — Biology Seminar Series — "The Effects of Crude Oil Spills on Aquatic and Terrestrial Vegetation in the Canadian Arctic" by Dr. T. C. Hutchinson, University of Toronto — 320, Farquharson

Tuesday 12:00 noon — York Poetry Series (Faculty of Fine Arts, Humanities, English) featuring York professor Miriam Waddington — S869, Ross

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. — Film (Humanities 376) "Catch 22" — I, Curtis

7:00 p.m. — Cine-Participation (French) "La tendresse ordinaire" et "Le vent" — une discussion suit les films — 129, York Hall, Glendon

7:00 p.m. — Film (Film Department) special screening of "L'age d'Or" (1930); Dr. Serge Losique, founder and director of Conservatory of Cinematographic Art at Sir George Williams University, will be present — L, Curtis

8:30 p.m. — Open Seminar (Theatre) on T'ai Chi, Kung Fu and meditation techniques in Oriental Theatre using lectures, demonstrations, films, and slides — York Theatre students will be conducted by Al Chung-Liang Huang — Burton Auditorium

Friday 7:00 p.m. — Film (Film Department) "Battleship Potemkin" (1925; by Eisenstein) — L, Curtis

8:00 p.m. — Film (Winters) "Play It Again Sam" (Woody Allen) — admission \$1.25 — I, Curtis

8:30 p.m. — Radio Glendon Dance — admission 75¢ — Old Dining Hall, Glendon

8:30 p.m. — Play — "Apple Tree" performed by the York Masquers — general admission \$1.50; \$1.00 for students — Stong Theatre

9:30 p.m. — Orange Snail Coffee Shop — featuring Michael-Jon — 107, Stong

Saturday 8:30 p.m. — Dance Concert (Dance) a free concert featuring the Toronto Dance Theatre — tickets available from Burton Box Office — Burton Auditorium

8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) "Midnight Cowboy" (Dustin Hoffman, Jon Voight) — admission \$1.25 — L, Curtis

8:30 p.m. — Play — "Apple Tree" — admission \$1.50; \$1.00 — Stong Theatre

Sunday 8:00 p.m. — Film (Film Society) "Bird With Crystal Plumage" — admission by series subscription — 204, York Hall, Glendon

8:00 p.m. — Film (Winters) "Play It Again Sam" — admission \$1.25 — I, Curtis

8:30 p.m. — Film (Bethune) "Midnight Cowboy" — admission \$1.25 — L, Curtis

Wednesday 12:00 noon & 1:00 p.m. — Noon-Hour Concert (Music) featuring the York Winds — F, Curtis

6:00 p.m. — 7:35 p.m. — Film (Humanities 174A) "Virdiana" — I, Curtis

7:00 p.m. — Film (English) "Little Murders" — L, Curtis

8:00 p.m. — Films (Vanier Film Club) "Putney Swope" and "Women in Love" — no admission charge; licenced — JCR, Vanier

8:00 p.m. — Play (French 225) "La Lecon" d'Eugene Ionesco — entry 50¢ — Pipe Room, Glendon

8:30 p.m. — Performing Arts Series (Faculty of Fine Arts) featuring the Orford String Quartet — tickets for this evening are \$7.00; \$5.50 for staff; \$3.50 for students — Burton Auditorium

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Thursday 12:00 noon — 2:00 p.m. — York University Faculty Association — general meeting — A, Stedman

Friday 7:30 p.m. — Meditation — with disciples of Sri Chinmoy — for further information call 767-5675 — 017, Winters

Monday 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. — Hatha Yoga — JCR, McLaughlin 7:30 p.m. — York Bridge Club — Vanier Dining Hall

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. — Ontology Club — 118, Founders

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday 7:30 p.m. — Roman Catholic Mass — 107, Stedman
Tuesday 9:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. — Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation — call Chaplain Judt at 661-3738 or 633-2158.

9:00 a.m. — Christian Science College Organization — S737, Ross

York Poetry Series: Collective Poetry Reading by 'Waves' Editors: Hedi Bouraoui; Robert Casto; Bernice Lever; Kenneth Sherman. Wednesday, March 20, 4:00 p.m., S872 Ross.

ATHLETICS, RECREATION

Sunday 1:00 p.m. — Recreational Soccer — Tait McKenzie

2:00 p.m. — Indoor Tennis — Tait McKenzie

Monday 12:15 p.m. — 12:45 p.m. — Conditioning for Men & Women — Tait McKenzie (each Mon., Wed., Fri.)

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. — Scuba Diving (British Sub Aqua) S203, Ross

COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

For days and hours open, please call the individual coffee houses:

- Absinthe Coffee House — 013, Winters (2439)
- Ainger Coffee Shop — Atkinson College (3544)
- Argh Coffee Shop — 051, McLaughlin (3606)
- Buttery — Founders (3550)
- Cock & Bull Coffee Shop — 023, Founders (3667)
- Green Bush Inn — T.B.A. (3019)
- Just Another Coffee Shop — 112, Bethune (3579)
- Open End Coffee Shop — 004, Vanier (6386)
- Orange Snail Coffee Shop — 107, Stong (3587)
- Oggoode Pub — JCR, Osgoode (3019)
- Pizza Pit — 124, Central Square, Ross (3286)
- Tap'n Keg Pub — JCR, Bethune (6 p.m. - 12:30 a.m., Wed.)
- Beer Lunch — JCR, Stong (12 noon — 2 p.m., Thurs.)