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There is at least one place in this crummy world where you can speak your piece. No one will hate you, no one will love you. They just read it and hate or love what you write. On page Seven.

Ex-YSC educational commissioner Larry Englander takes a medieval snipe at York's feudal system, and dreams of a better future. There's also an analysis of problems facing the new YSC by former External Affairs Commissioner Glen Murray.

Letters, carrying over from page six (which is partly our page for you to hate or love) crap on us for criticizing student politician Tim Delaney (letter by Tim Delaney); and our campus planner says we'll never have transportation and parking problems.

Page Seven makes no pretence of objectivity — it's your page for your opinions. Write them, any of them, and put them here.

— the Editor

## Policy statement first

by Glen Murray

With the election results in, it looks like another good year for the York Student Council. Koster and Keeley, of moderate fame, have captured the two top spots while their council consists of much the same material. Our only hope is that they will be wise enough to assign commissions to at least a couple of people elected from the Sunday Movement — hopefully the External Affairs and Academic Commissions. The intention being to create some type of worthwhile which can be brought back to the meetings and then to the students.

I am certain that Koster will play an important role in maintaining good relations with the administration, but whether he can achieve a similar rapport with the students, a failure of the last YSC, is yet to be seen. If the turnout at the polls is any indication of Council support, the outlook looks dim. If, however, the new council reverses its role from that of top-notch administrators to real student leaders, we can expect a growing student awareness and involvement by election time next year.

But in order to achieve this, USC must introduce some type of policy resolution very early in the year in order to offer the rest of us serfs some indication of their direction and goals. This matter should be first on the agenda. Let's stop worrying about the trivia of administrative nothingness and get to the real problem on this campus — the student in the classroom. Give us some indication of how you plan to create a real learning environment for York, and tell us what we have to do to help.

The crew on the Good Ship York isn't going to help if the captain doesn't know where he's going, or how to get there. Let's not allow this council to fog itself in by too many wasted hours in the Temporary Office Building — besides, Irma can handle that. Their place is in the colleges, and in the Faculty Council, and in the Senate, proposing and listening to new ideas. And then they belong in the classroom because that's where we are.

## Excalibur editor full of it

There are four student newspapers on campus at present. Our student newspapers have had their problems and there is a good reason why. Ross Howard is the editor of Excalibur and he has quite a lot to say to certain people. But as an editor he is also saying it to you, as are all the other student editors at York. Editors are chosen to write to you.

What Ross Howard has to say to me is a load of garbage. And that's what he has to say to you.

Take a look.

In the interview which was printed in Excalibur presenting my views about different things at York, I was quoted as saying that we student's have no right as such to form a consumer's union to control the university by force or intimidation . . . There are other methods, the most effective of which is the economic boycott or the walk-out. Ross Howard says "Talk about intimidation. Have you ever received notices of non-payment of fees, the economic boycott that Mr. Delaney refers to?"

I say, talk about garbage! I'll leave it to you; which is better, a threat which leaves the choice of violence or restrictions (threatening the administration with violent overthrow) or one which leaves you with the ability to attend another university (the economic boycott to which I referred.)?

And he goes on.

He quotes me as saying "It (the college system) was in the contract I signed by coming to this university. In defence of this contract, I must support the college system." This is a blatant misquotation of what I actually said. I said I must honour the college system as it was part of the contract. I never once ruled out rational criticism.

I did not mention the effects of the college system because I have no right to represent the stu-

# The stormy saga of Muddye Yorke

by former YSC commissioner Larry Englander

Come gather 'round, friends, and I'll tell you a take of the Middle Ages. Long, long ago, King Murray the G. decided to form a Kingdom of Knowledge. So he and his Royal Court of Administrators obtained a vast expanse of land which they called York. He distributed fiefs to his academic Nobles, upon which they built great castles called Departments. Since the Nobles had to spend their valuable time in the Senate Chamber, they appointed teaching Lords to tend to the daily chores of the castles.

And then, of course, there were the student Serfs. Oh, what a miserable life they led! They had to pay huge taxes to the Lords, called Essays and Examinations. They were compelled to till the vast fields of the Kingdom of Knowledge — the formidable Books, as they are known — from morning till night. And if one field were left untilled, the poor Serf would be banished from the Kingdom into the enchanted forest called World.

One day, a Serf became aware of his downtrodden lot, and sought to improve it. He knew that he possessed the ability to defeat his Lord in the academic jousting match, and to rescue the fair damsel, Original Idea. But he was only a Serf, and as

any Lord or Noble can tell you, Serfs are incapable of such things.

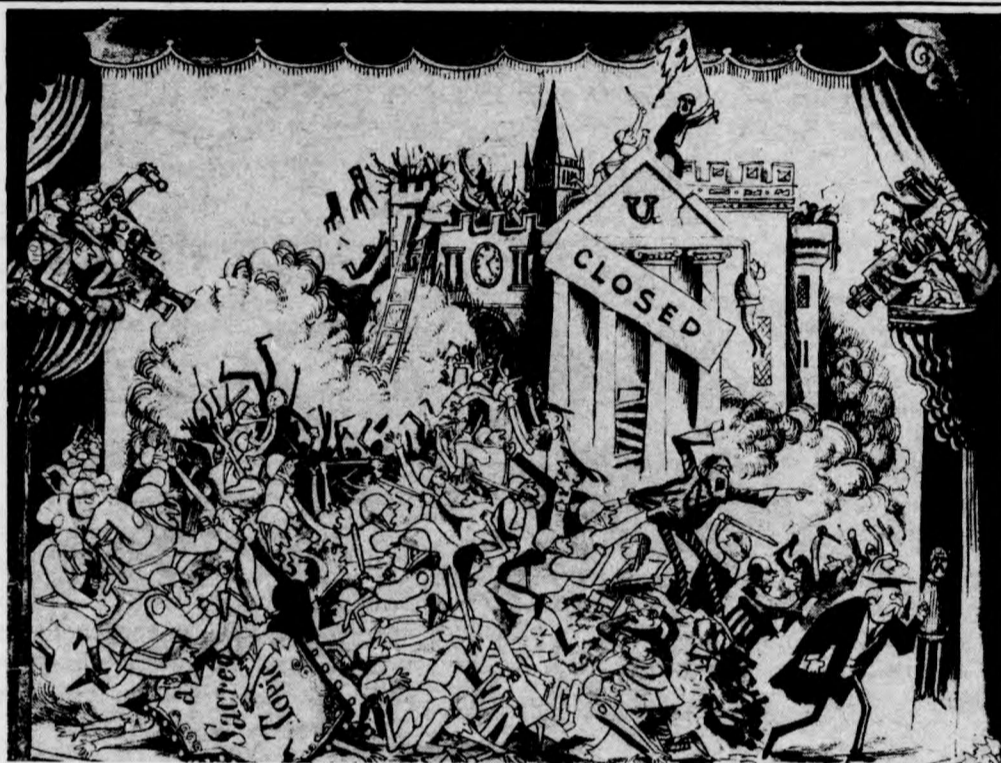
But this one Serf remained undaunted. He talked to his peers of like ability, and they formed a Council of Serfs. They approached the Nobles, humbly requesting that a few of their members be permitted entry into the hallowed Senate.

The Nobles, in apparent good faith, complied. But what an evil scheme lurked in their minds! For when the Serfs entered the Senate Chamber, they were thrown to the fire-eating dragon Committee, and were never seen again.

In the meantime, other Serfs were becoming aware of their oppressed condition, and they decided to organize a Serfs Revolt. But alas, a great pestilence swept through the ranks of the Serfs: 'twas the black plague called Apathy.

The Serf leaders became discouraged and depressed. But one day, while wandering through a field, one of them discovered a magic herb known as Involvement. When he applied it to the wounds of his diseased comrades, they became miraculously cured. And so, day by day, the ranks of the revolutionary army grew.

But the revolutionaries never had to loose a single arrow. For you see, the feudal system was not overthrown by armed revolt. It simply decayed.



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Better this kind of dialogue in a community of scholars than no dialogue at all?

dents who elected me on that subject. The same goes for Modes. But I do personally feel that the College system is quite valuable for individual participation (another reason for the abolition of a campus-wide, powerful YSC.). As for campus newspapers such as Excalibur, which attempts to destroy any political or intellectual entities to which, or whom it finds itself opposed, I repeat that they are fascist supported technically speaking, which means that it is supported with money coerced from students in the form of a student's activities fee.

The same goes for pottery clubs, film clubs, and Winter Carnival. Mr. Howard, incidentally, has pointed out that I pride myself as a rational being.

The position of editor for Excalibur is now open.

Maybe you should apply.

If you don't the Ross Howard's of York will be acclaimed as our spokesmen. Tim Delaney

Ed. note: In reference to the "blatant misquotation". We checked this with the recorded tape of the interview, and Mr. Delaney did say "support" the college system. Since he, too, listened to the tape well before this paper went to press, we can see no reason why he would make such a statement.

## Campus planning forecast

On the editorial page of the January 23rd, 1969, issue of Excalibur you printed an item under the heading "Did You Know:" which states that when York grows up, the campus will be four miles from any major mass transportation route, the campus will have 45,000 students and parking spaces will be needed for 16,000 cars.

In the interest of accuracy, your assistance would be appreciated in reporting the following supplementary information:

We understand that when the Spadina Expressway and Subway are completed, there will be a rapid transit terminal at the corner of Sheppard Avenue and Dufferin Street, a distance of 3 1/4 miles from the campus. Preliminary discussions indicate the Toronto Transit Commission's interest in operating shuttle buses to and from the York Campus in addition to the normal feeder bus lines on Keele Street, Steeles Avenue, Jane Street and Finch Avenue. Furthermore, in the years to come it is not unlikely that there will be a rapid transit system station located in the area of the present H.E.P.C. transmission lines immediately south of the campus.

Present plans call for the student population to reach a maximum total of 25,000 full time students. The 45,000 figure represents all registrations including Glendon College, Atkinson College, evening graduate students and other part time students. The maximum number of students that would ever be on campus at any one time would not likely exceed 22,500.

On the basis of current automobile ownership and driver estimates the maximum number of parking spaces required should not exceed 10,000 spaces. In the future, when public transportation service has been expanded greatly to meet the requirements of the area it is forecast that a relatively smaller number of parking spaces will be required.

It is not unnatural to consider the York Campus to be in a rather remote area of Metropolitan Toronto. In the early years of the University of Toronto's growth, Queen's Park was in a similar position! Those associated with the physical planning of York are confident that sound principles have been adopted which will ensure steady growth and expedite the ultimate achievement of the University's academic objectives.

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