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## EDITORIAL

### Irate About RA

Ira Goldhar (see LETTERS) has ostracized us. Sob. For lack of journalistic integrity, yet. Yes. We had the audacity to inform the students (very accurately--indeed too accurately for Mr. Goldhar's liking) about the developments concerning the international debate (see page 1 story). It seems that, according to Ira, when a newspaper informs the students accurately and as the events happen and does not instead wait and wait and wait for some Press Chairman to give it some innocuous press release informing all that all's well, it loses all 'vestige of journalistic integrity.'

Well, readers, we hope you weren't too offended by our heinous crime. Indeed, we hope, that informed about the debate,

you realize just what a great event it will be. The topic is Vietnam and its going to be Canada or the U.S.A. versus Russia. Got that. (We're not sure Mr. Goldhar would have told you). For a mere six dollars you get to attend numerous individual debates the final, a folk concert, and a dance. This package deal beats any offer presented to the students this year. Something much more dynamic than the China Teach-In of last fall, and a full social program as well.

We think anyone who doesn't buy a ticket is an Ostrich. (But don't tell Ira Goldhar you're buying one. He wants all the tickets for himself--a scalper from away back.)

### Buy a Ticket

### To Pounce or Not To Pounce

'The college representative therefore, should possess a keen mind and be ready to 'pounce' on a lax executive at any time.'  
--Ken Johnston, S.R.C. President

To pounce or not to pounce; that is the question. And the answer all depends on what is meant by 'pounce'.

Many councillors seem to interpret the right to pounce as a directive to gossip, conspire and generally stab-in-the-back. All for their ego. All either to destroy others or elevate them-

selves--usually both.

We hope that next year's councillors will interpret the right to pounce as a directive to honest, fair and constructive criticism--criticism that keeps in mind the facts of a situation (rather than some idealistic never-never land picture of what things should be.).

And, above all, we hope our future S.R.C. reps concentrate on getting things done. It's definitely time for a breath of fresh air. York student politics has has a polluted atmosphere too long.

### Debate Society

Dear Sir:

At the beginning of the year, you will no doubt remember, I requested that the Excalibur check all information concerning the International Centennial Debate through me. Twice the Excalibur has disregarded my request and has printed unsubstantiated and for the most part inaccurate information.

Therefore the Debating society has authorized me to remove the Excalibur from our information list, until some time when they have proven that they can operate with some vestige of

journalistic integrity. It is the decision of the Debating Society that Excalibur staff be denied access to any information, admissions of representatives to any functions, or accreditation during the debate. From now on, our representatives on campus will be the FOUNTAIN and PRO-TEM.

Sincerely,  
Ira Goldhar,  
Chairman, Press and Publicity  
Committee

# letters

Several miles to the nearest washroom

### An Open letter to President Ross:

The world today is in a state of emergency. The problems of over-population, air and water pollution and of peaceful co-existence must be met now if mankind is to survive. The university community is one of the few places in which attempts to surmount these problems are fostered. There are, however, too few people in this community. The membership must be increased. The best people must be encouraged to channel their energies to meet this emergency. Thus the cry: UNAC, UNAC, universal accessibility. We must sell the idea of the need and the value of the university to the public.

Given this need, I would like to ask in what way denying the entry of visitors and high schools students to Founders College, Vanier College, and the library on weekends has to do with the goal of attracting people into our community. I have not noticed that the library nor the study rooms have been overcrowded with university students on the weekends that there has been no room for the high school student. What price tag do you attach to the discouragement of even one high school student from entering the university because of the unfriendly atmosphere that he has encountered here. Is this worth less than two or three coke machines? I hope not. When young people express the desire to study or perhaps

just to sample the atmosphere of 'free' intellectual enquiry, it does not seem appropriate to slam the door in their faces. Surely, you do not think that it is better for the inquiring teenagers to decay in television corrupted living rooms or to calcify into unthinking consumers by listening to the whine of popular radio stations.

If you persist in the inane policy of denying access to visitors, perhaps it would be best if you advertise your 'outsiders not welcome' policy in the downtown newspapers. It is a long drive up here and as the sign at the entrance to Founders College on Friday night said: It is several miles to the nearest washroom facility. But please mention in the advertisement that not all students agree with this policy, because although I am ashamed to say that I am a member of a community that would even prevent a student from another community from coming to the dining hall for a meal on the weekend, I am more afraid that the outside world to which someday I plan to return, will reject me and will not listen to my words in the same way that my community has turned a deaf ear to its cries.

P.S. If you feel the advertisement is too costly, I am sure that financial support can be obtained from interested students.

Tay Wilson  
Graduate Studies

## University to Benefit from More Effective S.R.C. Action Next Year

by Ken Johnston

First of two articles

The Student Representative Council will shortly be holding its elections. The two articles are presented in order to better acquaint the student body with the function of the SRC and in the hope that they will encourage students to run for various positions of leadership, which the SRC offers. Ken Johnston is this year's president of SRC.

This year's S.R.C. has not been strong, but we have gained considerable experience and I am convinced that with competent personnel and in the light of this experience, the S.R.C. will become increasingly important and relevant to the students of York in the coming year.

As you probably know, the S.R.C. is the overall undergraduate student council of York University. It deals specifically with the relationship between the student body and the university administration and with external affairs, (dealing with other universities, the Canadian Union of Students etc.)

As well as these two primary functions, it also deals indirectly through appendaged commissions, with such matters as University wide clubs, communications (Excalibur, Zzardvardk, the Year Book) and York Student Agencies. The College Councils, on the other hand, are concerned with college social events, intramural athletics, college clubs--in short, events at the individual college level.

Each college on the York campus sends two representatives elected directly from the student body, to sit on the S.R.C. Glendon College also sends a non-voting member to gather in-

formation and to represent Glendon's interests. These members make up the body of the council, but there is also an executive, the size of which is presently an indeterminate number (a committee is studying this matter and will shortly determine the size of the executive membership--probably 5 or 6).

The executive is elected from the undergraduate student body in all the colleges on the York Campus. We would also like to extend membership to the Graduate students and possibly even to the Atkinson students. I would hope, therefore, that next year's council would continue steps to seat the representatives of additional segments of the university student community on the S.R.C.

The two representatives from each college should specifically act as a communications link between their student body and college council and the S.R.C. In practice they also serve as the critics of executive legislation and frequently as the chairman of various ad hoc and standing committees.

For instance, this year, one of the representatives from Founders was placed in charge of the Heart Fund Campaign while a rep. from Vanier was requested to inform the students about the activities of the Company of Young Canadians. The college representative therefore, should possess a keen mind and be ready to 'pounce' on a lax executive at any time. But, nevertheless, he should be prepared to work, to assist council by showing some individual legislative initiative.