

## Bulletin

The Canadian Union of Students doesn't know what to do with York University.

Excalibur learned late Wednesday night that Mr. Ken Johnston, former SRC president, sent a letter to Hugh Armstrong, president of CUS, stating that he was discouraged about the prospects of setting up a student government at York, and recommending that the colleges be billed separately for their CUS membership fees.

Mr. Armstrong said no official stand has been taken and that the matter will have to be discussed further as CUS simply 'doesn't know what to do with York.'

Mr. Mel Freedman, president of Founders College Student council, stated that Founders has not yet paid CUS fees, nor does it intend to, and that so far as he is concerned, is out of the Canadian Union of Students altogether.

Presidents of the other colleges were not available for comment.

## Losses exceed \$7,000

# Sinbad play ends up in the hole

by Linda Bohnen

What the Toronto papers called 'Spectacular Sinbad' was a financial fiasco.

While the official statement will not be released until next week, executive producers Bill Schyven and Nick Ayre told Excalibur that Sinbad grossed nearly \$10,000 less than expected. Losses on the play will exceed \$7,000.

Sinbad and the Mermaid, produced by the York University Players, played at

Burton Auditorium from December 20 to January 7.

While calculations were based on the likelihood that the auditorium would be half-filled for each performance, attendance frequently didn't exceed 50 children. On eight or nine occasions performances had to be cancelled.

The total cost of producing the play was \$9,600. Box office receipts amounted to only \$2,000.

Sinbad was financed by the Theatre Committee which had been pressing YUP to produce a children's play for some time. Because the committee was set up by President Ross, YUP executives claim the money was directed by the president's office to YUP.

An investigation into the financial loss is being conducted by Henry Best, Director of Student Services, H.B. Parkes, Vice-President in charge of Finance, and producers Ayre and Schyven.

According to Schyven and Garnet Barlow, Sinbad's director, the loss did not come as a surprise.

'No one in his wildest dreams expected to make a profit,' said Barlow.

The big reason for the loss

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The Magic Circus do their thing tonight at the Winter Carnival dance. See them lose their cool when they find out they made Excalibur's front page.

## SRC meeting complete failure

University-wide government at York suffered another stunning blow Wednesday as the fourth in a series of general-council meetings, failing to achieve a quorum, turned into a waffle--a nice quiet discussion group.

Only 14 of the required 21 council members made an appearance.

The general-council, composed of Founders, Vanier, Winters, MBA, Graduate and Atkinson, has been meeting in an attempt to adopt a constitution for a central student government.

A trial Student Representative Council was established by the undergraduate colleges last year. However it

proved inoperable and the college politicians were left unable to fill the void.

This is the third year York students have endured a state of semi-anarchy while the college councils stumbled in the dark. University-wide organizations have consequently suffered from a lack of coordination and supervision.

A case in point is the Debating Society fiasco; another example is the difficulty encountered by Excalibur in financing a university-wide newspaper. Where do you go for the dough?

The next YSC meeting will take place Monday, January 15, 1 p.m. Vanier Masters' Dining Room.

## Oh, come now

### Will a new name make any difference?

In a surprise move earlier this week, York student politicians left the masses gasping.

After months of work, after years of talk, York petty politicians and constitution makers -- yes, it's true, they have changed the

name of that existent York ghost, the SRC.

The SRC, or The Student Representative Council, is York University's much debated, but nonfunctioning, university-wide government.

The new name in the newly-proposed constitution (the third one this year) is, get this, the York Student Council.

Pandemonium reigned as council members from the various college councils digested the news.

Sobbed one councillor, 'O God, O God! Is there no end to man's inhumanity to man?'

The new draft remains just that, a draft, as the general-council meeting organized to approve a constitution failed to reach a quorum. (see story above)

## Coroner's jury rules Glendon death accidental

A Toronto coroner's jury has ruled the death of Glendon student Joel Henricks, 19 was accidental while under the influence of alcohol.

The jury arrived at this decision January 9 despite four notes found indicating he had contemplated suicide.

Henricks, a second year student, was hit by two or more cars on the Macdonald-Cartier Freeway near Bayview Avenue, December 2.

A note found in his pocket read: the only reason I am writing this note is that I am afraid someone else will be blamed for my death. We lost the championship (intramural football) and I was a little depressed. I tried my hardest, don't blame anyone but myself.'

The inquest revealed that Henricks had a high alcohol content in his blood. Detective William Wilson of the Metro Toronto Police testified

96 empty beer bottles were found in Henricks' room at Glendon, and a full bottle was found in his briefcase by the side of the highway.

Harold Henricks of Belleville persuaded the jury, after evidence had been given, that his son's death was accidental.

Mr. Henricks said he refused to believe that his son would commit suicide without writing to his mother and father.

## WINTER CARNIVAL snows over York Jan. 12-20

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