

College councils approve constitution committee

After last year's abortive attempt to set up a university-wide government, the student councillors decided in two meetings last week that they are ready to try again.

A constitution committee is to be formed under the chairmanship of John Adams (V II), former editor of Pro Tem, the Glendon College weekly.

The college, Atkinson, graduate, and business councils have been asked to send a representative to the constitution committee.

The committee will meet starting Saturday, October 28, to consider the draft constitution drawn up by Ken Johnston (F III), acting president of the Student Representative Council

(SRC).

Ratification by the councils is expected to begin November 13.

Several councillors showed surprise at the Thursday, October 19 meeting convened by Excalibur, when it was learned four college councils were in basic agreement about the necessity and form of an SRC.

The arguments and disagreements that characterized the general-council meetings of last spring disappeared in a new mood of optimism and co-operation. Even the much publicized plan of Founders Council President Mel Freedman for a temporary College Coordinating Body (CCB) vanished.

The councillors from Glendon, Vanier, Founders and Win-

ters decided at Excalibur's meeting to study Mr. Johnston's draft for two weeks.

The three college councils from York Campus agreed to an open meeting November 6 to ratify the constitution. Although there has since been a rumor of change, Glendon still expressed a desire to remain separate from any York Campus student government.

The Thursday evening plans were altered Friday night at a dinner given for college council members by Dr. Fowle, Master of Vanier College.

Representatives from Atkinson, Graduate, and Business councils attended.

It was decided that a university-wide government should include all students, not

just undergraduates. The constitution committee under John Adams was set up at that time and the ratification date moved forward to November 13.

Vanier Council chose a delegate to the constitution committee at its Tuesday, October 24 meeting. John Davidson (V IV) will sit on the committee but will have no executive power. Vanier, because of its peculiar constitution, insists that Mr. Davidson report back to the council before any vote is taken.

Mr. Freedman said Founders will have a representative at the Saturday meeting.

At press time, there was no word on the Winters and Glendon delegates would be.

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COPS CATCH KIDS IN YORK - U.A. CAPER

York's United Appeal kidnapping of a local radio personality threw Metro Toronto Police into chaos Thursday and resulted in five students being held for questioning. The students involved in the kidnap bid for Jungle Jay Nelson of CHUM were stopped by several cruisers as they sped away from the station in a 1934 Packard hearse.

Bulletin

Montreal (CUP)--Students at Sir George Williams U went on strike Wednesday in support of demands for greater voice in the government of the university.

Students cut classes to stage a sit-in at their bookstore, demanding a discount on textbooks for faculty and students of all universities.

Campus cop:

Theft--none of our business

Campus cops felt it was none of their business when five leather coats and a '59 Olds were stolen during Saturday night's dance.

The total value of the coats taken from the Founders cloakroom was nearly 400 dollars.

The loss of the coats was discovered by one of the owners, Bill Young (F III) at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Young reported the loss to one of our 'Reliable' security officers who replied, 'It's none of my business'.

Mr. Young then contacted Metro police, who hoped the coats might be found discarded on the university grounds. A search by York security police yielded nothing.

Informed of his officer's statement, security chief C. Beckstead sympathized, regretting that such an attitude existed.

Mr. Beckstead added that when such a loss occurs, it should first be reported to York Security, who will in turn alert Metro Police if necessary.

Mr. Young said he later phoned Metro Police, who denied any contact with the York officers concerning the theft. Mr. Beckstead recommended student monitors be on duty at all dances and the colleges run a checkroom in co-operation with the security officers.

An extra guard is on duty for all dances, he added.

Mr. Beckstead feels the trouble this weekend stemmed from 'outsiders'. Metro Police doubt that the goods will be recovered.

Anyone having information pertinent to the losses is asked to contact Sergeant Simpson, 362-1711, extension 237.

ACSA LOCKS OUT PRESS

Meetings of President Ross's Advisory Committee on Student Affairs are closed to the press. Tuesday night the Committee voted 9 - 7 against a motion calling for open meetings.

Following the decision, Glendon College representative Glen Williams submitted his resignation from ACSA.

Mr. Williams suggested last week that the following motion be put on the agenda for discussion at the Tuesday meeting:

'That all meetings of ACSA be ordinarily open to all members of the university student press.'

'That the student press be free to report in detail all the proceedings of ACSA and its recommendations of each meeting reach the desk of the President before they appear in the press.'

'That the committee has the right to hold part or all of any specific meeting in camera.'

The Committee agreed 11 to 1 to have the motion placed on the agenda.

The motion was defeated at the Tuesday meeting. ACSA will remain closed.

Founders Council President Mel Freedman, who opposed the motion, said, 'I am happy with the result of the vote. We are a committee, not an elected body, and we have no real powers. Such a committee should never be opened.'

The weight of the opposing vote, however, came from the faculty.

York President Murray G.

Ross said he could see no reason why the meetings of the Committee should be closed except in such cases where the personalities of individual students or members of the university community at large were at stake.

Murray Coolican, the second Glendon representative to ACSA, has also said he plans to resign.



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"ACSA? Stoooges for who?"

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