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## \$Thousands in Books Stolen?

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### Vanier Bull Session — Not Enough Bull!

By Ross Howard

Last Thursday's "Bull Session" held in the Vanier J.C.R. was Vanier Council's latest attempt at creating a closer link between the council and students, but judging from the poor turnout Vanier students have little to beef about, or are not interested. Five members of the council were present to answer questions about Vanier and the council from about 20 interested students. Several card games and loud conversations in the JCR drowned out much of the discussion. The most common beef appeared to be Vanier's lack of communication and publicity, as illustrated by: 'Why weren't the Vanier elections publicized?', 'Who's running for election now?', 'Why wasn't Vanier Council explained to freshmen sooner?', and 'What is being done about communications?'

Council Chairman Al Kaplan agreed that past elections had been insufficiently publicized, and admitted that he was unsure of how much publicity was being carried out for various projects. Councillor Larry Rappoport added that awareness of the upcoming Vanier election was also going to be poor, yet he was unable to offer a solution to the problem. Kaplan stated that the present publicity committee is hampered by lack of interested people and that more people are needed.

The question of the Vanier budget was raised when the Chairman asked if the students were satisfied with the present distribution of the \$17.00 each Vanier student contributes to the council. Some of this money has gone toward orientation week, office equipment, dances and a

jazz concert, the SRC, and the Vandoo, leaving only a limited amount for the formation of clubs. He said that SRC's position seemed indefinite, but the Vanier clubs could go to SRC for financial aid by pooling their resources with Founders College.

Dr. Fowler, the Master of Vanier, commented that too many 'half-baked' ideas for clubs were being submitted, and that their vagueness makes it difficult to decide on them. Kaplan said that forms for the correct submission of club charter requests were being prepared, although religious and political clubs in the college are still in doubt.

When asked about what sports were presently available in Vanier, a council member explained that 35% of the student body was now involved in intra-mural sports, and that the sports programme would expand.

It was explained to a questioning student that Vanier has no medical insurance plan this year, but that a nurse is available in Founders, and a doctor calls twice a week.

Dr. Fowler expressed disappointment with the present form of questioning, and indicated that students should discuss 'what kind of a college do you want?', and 'what do you want to do?'

Very few other questions were asked, and Chairman Kaplan deplored the lack of interest and offers to help on the part of Vanier students. He noted later that the bull-session had not been very successful, largely due to poor advertising, and the remaining interested student agreed heartily. Kaplan also commented on the lack of respect shown by the disinterested persons in the JCR who had disrupted so much of the session.

### Partial Agreement in Ryersonian Dispute

TORONTO (CUP)--Students and Ryerson Politechnical Institute representatives Tuesday night worked out a partial agreement to end a two-day walkout by 18 student editors at the Daily Ryersonian.

A new publishing board suggested by Ryerson's director of student affairs will give the paper's student editor final say in all editorial content disputes.

Under the proposal, three students and an equal number of faculty members would form a final court of appeal. The student editor, as a board member, would have an extra vote in the event of a tie.

Representatives from both sides welcomed the proposed settlement, approved Tuesday night in a vote taken among second year journalism students.

The Daily Ryersonian is produced in conjunction with the journalism course offered at the institute.

The walkout was sparked by

the announcement Sunday night from Principal F.C. Jorgenson that in future Lloyd Lockhart, the paper's professional managing editor, would review all copy.

When the system of having the managing editor review all copy was tried before, he had censored some material, former staff members claimed. In one article, the word 'horseshit' was removed and a few sentences altered.

Ryerson's administration claimed that because the paper was a journalism laboratory, it should be more professional in nature and copy should be run under the managing editor's authority.

Excalibur desperately needs reporters and photographers and typists and lay-out people, and add salesmen and how the hell else could we fill this space?

Nov. 14. When asked to comment on rumours that the Steacie Library has lost \$18,000 worth of books since June, the Director of Libraries for York, Mr. O'Connell, said that a preliminary check was 'not definite' and that a complete inventory was now in progress. He added that the average loss rate for the library was unknown and declined to give an estimate of the total loss the library has incurred because of theft.

Mr. O'Connell did state that the average cost per volume to obtain books was \$8.00, but by the time they reached the shelves of the library they have a value of about \$12.00 because of filing and other expenses such as the salaries for the 90 employees of the library. If the library were to hire full time guards to help prevent thefts it would need at least two at a salary of about \$5,000 each so therefore, the loss due to theft would have to be in excess of \$10,000 per year, that is, almost 1,000 volumes. If rumours that have been circulating since late last week are true, this figure may have been reached since last June alone.

Mr. O'Connell indicated that the open stack system of filing now used in the library is by far the most efficient method of running a library but that it also facilitated theft, as no running check of the stock could be kept. He added that there was no real answer to the problem of theft in libraries aside from segregating rare and valuable books and giving no borrowing privileges on these volumes.

When asked about the freedom given outsiders such as high school and U. of T. students, Mr. O'Connell said that as long as there is room in the library and these people do not create any other problems they are welcome to use the facilities of the libraries at York. To justify this Mr. O'Connell said that it was for the 'preservation and dissemination of knowledge' that libraries are formed and that no person should be denied the use of these facilities.

As an interesting example of this problem, a recent CUP release revealed that 500 volumes had been stolen from the law library at U.B.C. since 1964, presumably by future lawyers of the country.

### Frost Donates Library to York

Nov. 17. From the Department of Information and Development.

Hon. Leslie M. Frost, former premier of Ontario, has presented to York University's Leslie Frost Library more than 100 volumes from his valuable collection of early Canadiana.

Reflecting Mr. Frost's interest in North American history, the books, valued individually up to \$800, include eyewitness accounts of early 18th century events: The early wars, the American Civil War, voyages of exploration, the struggle for control of the fur trade and vivid first-hand accounts of the settler's lives and their fight for survival in a hostile environment.

The book collection includes 'The History of the Late War in North America, (1772)' by Thomas Mante, 'History of Ca-

nada from its First Discovery to the Peace of 1763' by William Smith, the earliest attempt to produce a connected history of this country, and 'Visit to Niagara Falls in 1880' by John Maude, a volume illustrated by the author.

There is also a copy of Catherine Parr Traill's famous book 'The Backwoods of Canada, Being Letters from the Wife of an Emigrant Officer Illustrative of the Domestic Economy of British America.'

Mr. Frost's gift will add immeasurably to the significance of the York collection and, for the most part, will be housed in the Rare Books Room of the Library located on the University's Glendon Campus.

Formal presentation will be made on Friday, November 18, at 2 P.M.

### College Councils to Meet S.R.C.

Vanier College Council and Founders Student Council issued a joint bulletin last Friday announcing a general council meeting on Sunday Nov. 20.

The first meeting of this type was held last summer and at that time a motion was passed 'that talks continue to establish

a permanent form of the university-wide student government.'

Al Kaplan of Vanier Council and Howard Nemtin of Founders hope to see the position of S.R.C. evaluated. They also think the question of CUS should be discussed.

### A Place to Lie At Expo

OTTAWA (CUS)--Expo '67 accommodation is at a premium, and with this in mind, the Canadian Union of Students is taking steps to alleviate the problem.

This week CUS officials signed a contract with College Francaise in Montreal to provide inexpensive Expo accommodation for students.

The 600-bed college is centrally located, only a block away from the new subway which will

go directly to the Expo site.

Young persons between the ages of 15 and 30 are eligible to sign up for four nights' accommodation in Montreal. Four different plans, ranging from \$18 to \$78.50 are available.

The cheapest plan includes accommodation and breakfast. The others provide for Expo passes, tours and a meal in a French Canadian restaurant. The \$78 baby includes four nights in New York City.