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## LIPSKAR SAYS NO... TO CLOSED INQUIRY

by Mike Snook and Linda Bohnen

The controversial central figure in the Debates Society debt has refused to participate in any closed inquiry into the loss.

'I will not attend or answer any charges in an inquiry that is closed to the public, since I personally have nothing to hide. The inquiry will be a joke without me,' said Harry Lipskar, former chairman of the York Debates Society.

But Henry Best, Director of Student Services, who is in charge of setting up the inquiry board, said, 'It will be up to the members what form the inquiry will take.'

In his statement to Excalibur Mr. Lipskar also said:

'I, as an accused individual, and you the student body must wait for the official finding of the inquiry.'

Mr. Best said the names of the members of the board will be disclosed early next week. It will consist of two students and 'one or two' faculty members. The board will be in the form of a committee examining submitted written briefs.

According to Mr. Best, 'The purpose of the inquiry is to find out what went wrong and to assure it doesn't happen again.'

The Debates Society has assumed responsibility for the debt, and no individual has been officially blamed.

### Vanier too high?

by Bill Lucas

Many years ago on CBS-TV's Playhouse 90, a drama was presented depicting the events of a fateful night when a large aircraft collided with the upper area of the Empire State Building. Faulty instruments and a foggy night had led to what could have been a terrible disaster.

On a somewhat smaller scale (89 floors smaller), the students in Vanier Tower are in a similar position. Recently, something flew by their 10th floor which led Excalibur to ask various officials what the hell's going on.

The Department of Transport maintains regulations binding all planes flying over a built-up area (which York is, to a degree). The actual law insists that the plane's altitude be great enough so that, in the event of trouble, the aircraft may safely coast to the ground past any built-up area over which it may be flying.

A Department of Transport official explains that the pilots, when landing, work on a two and one-half degree glide slope which forces the airplane to be 1650 feet above sea level when it is 4.1 miles from the runway.

The university, on a straight line to Downsview Airport, is three miles distant; it is also worthy of note that York is approximately 400 feet above sea level and the Tower is an additional 200 feet high.



"The inquiry will be a joke..."

Regarding the debt Mr. Lipskar commented:

'Why is Mr. Lubek making statements about last year's debate? Granted he is president, but he was not involved at all last year. I have one statement to make in regard to the insinuation that I or someone embezzled funds from the Debates Society. At no time did I intend to or in fact benefit from any Debates Society money.'

A further comment on the debt comes from Richard Banigan, one of the founding members of the Debates Society, a past presi-

dent, and a member of its present executive.

'If you look at this debt out of context, all you see is a big fat loss. But, when you consider the scale of the event, the importance of the subject, and the tremendous amount of publicity generated for York U. on two continents, the size of the debt comes back into perspective. In consideration of what was gained, the debt is not great.'

Mr. Lipskar feels that there were three reasons why the Society impeached him. They were due to:

A personal matter that I had with the courts, (it is still in court); that I did not co-operate with the administration and faculty; and to quote Mr. Lubek, 'the personal anguish I caused Mr. Best.'

According to Mr. Banigan, however, 'Harry's various court cases and his subsequent departure certainly added fuel to the flames, but at the time we knew very little about anything.'

'In no way would the impeachment proceedings be regarded as a lynching party. There was an enormous amount of unfinished business from the Great Debate on the one hand and on the other a public announcement from Harry that he was leaving immediately for Israel. The club met and decided that our affairs were in need of the immediate attention Harry obviously was no longer able to provide.'

Mr. Best said he presumed

## Keep Your Heads Down

Thus, by this standard of glide slope, planes should be flying about 485 feet over the top of Vanier when they pass.

Another law states that all planes must retain an altitude of at least 1000 feet over any building beneath its path. This procedure holds true in all cases, except when planes are landing or taking off.

However, as luck would have it, the university is directly in line with the main runway of the airport and sufficiently close that aircraft are in the process of landing when they reach York. It would seem that when any plane is in the process of landing (i.e.

flying over York U.), its only altitude regulation is that it should try not to hit anything, even a thirteen storey tower on a foggy night.

Taking a random sample of aircraft flying over the red warning lights of the tower, it was found that their average height above the residence was approximately 500 feet. Although some of these figures may cause concern, especially among the higher-ups of Vanier, the Department of Transport assured Excalibur that no airplanes would strike the tower, and, as everyone knows, government officials are never wrong.

### Provincial Vote On Campus Ok'd

It appears that for the first time York U. Residence will vote on campus.

Two enumerators visited the campus on September 28, in preparation for the provincial elections October 17.

To be eligible to vote at the York polling station in Downsview riding, a resident must be 21 years of age as of October 17, have been an Ontario resident for one year, and be a student or faculty resident of York University.

Residents who were not enumerated Thursday, must contact Mrs. Godfrey at 635-2640, the Court of Revisions in this riding, to register their name to vote.

This procedure is necessary because residents moved in after the writ of election was issued September 7.

Residents wishing to vote in their home ridings may do so the weekend of the advance poll.

At Glendon, the Student's Council is contacting the Chief Returning Officer for the Don Mills riding, and it is hoped that 'roving enumerators' will be on campus for two hours on one of October 2, 3 or 4th.

that after the written briefs had been reviewed, anyone who had information to offer would be allowed to. However, the final decision will rest in the hands of the committee.

Dr. Murray Ross, President of York, said, 'I had heard that there might be a debt, but I was very surprised to read in last week's Excalibur that there was in fact one of \$7,000.00.'

### Pill Info For U. of T. Freshettes

by Kandy Biggs

The distribution of birth control information was approved by U of T's Student Administrative Council (SAC) for Freshman Orientation at U. of T.

SAC president Tom Faulkner had stated 'he will go to jail if necessary' to ensure the dissemination of the information to all freshmen.

This action was first initiated over two years ago when SAC passed a resolution that the federal law forbidding dissemination of birth control literature be abolished. It was sent to Ottawa.

No reply was received.

Earlier this year six senior women students decided something should be done and approached SAC. They felt that girls too shy to get the information from the University Health Services should be able to obtain it elsewhere.

Approval was granted for a booth at the U of T orientation to distribute this information and refer medical services to those who needed it.

Although the student body was reported to be in favour of the distribution of such information only a few picked it up at the booth.

Having met with this reaction the women have decided to present this information quietly on campus in a more personal manner. Mr. Faulkner said 'they are trying to reach the particularly shy girls--We are not issuing pills or devices--the only information we give is information already published by Planned Parenthood--and lots of sympathy, and refer these people to experts--doctors if required.'

The pamphlet being distributed is reprinted copies of Planned Parenthood's advice and does not advocate use of birth control--just gives the facts.

The total program so far has cost about \$8.00--about 1000 copies--and the workers are volunteering their time.

Attorney General Arthur Wishart announced last Friday that he would investigate the situation.

On Monday, however, he apparently changed his positions, stating he has not thought of taking action in this matter.

If taken to court, as president, Mr. Faulkner will be responsible. But it is doubtful court action will result as they would have to move against the Planned Parenthood organization and the University Health Services as well.

Section 150 of the Federal Criminal Code states you cannot disseminate birth control information or sell devices or pills unless for the public good.

'Public good' is a widely definable term.