

EDITORIALS

To the new York Student Council:

A strange new amalgam has been put in the driver's seat of the university-wide York Student Council.

The new council is partly radical (at least three YSM members), partly conservative, and presently uncommitted.

Last year's council was a disappointment in many ways, particularly in the failure to adopt a recognizable philosophy and policy of action understood and supported by all the councillors.

We hope this new council will arrive at a stand on issues that the president can present to the student body as representative of the entire council.

There is a special advantage to the varied political leanings of the new YSC: the fact that we have YSM members promoting a

relevant ideology, and many other members politically uncommitted (other than to vague liberal leanings) may guarantee a true confrontation and resolution of the issues. The council must face the issues existing at York.

Hopefully the new councillors will have the courtesy and the intelligence to defend and promote their council's principles and resolutions in public, and forget their personal political image-making — the favorite activity of last year's council.

We have elected an entire new council of people to lead us, not a council of two or three. It is the whole council that will be making decisions, not just a few.

It is time to stop playing people politics, and start playing council politics.

Chapel referendum

After several months of consultations and meetings, some open and fair-minded, others not so honestly conducted, the chapel issue is still in the open.

It has not been determined yet whether this university really WANTS and NEEDS a chapel.

Polls have been held, both at the student and faculty level, but without conclusive results.

The problem is this: An inadequate decision-making machinery had tentatively decided to accept this "donation", without openly consulting the members of this university. And before all members of this university are required to decide, they should know the facts concerning the chapel.

The chapel will cost over \$400,000 (donated). Its maintenance, however, will cost the university \$12,000 yearly — the cost of one professor.

The faculty voted two to one in favor of accepting the chapel donations. But, neither the students polled nor the faculty have ever been told the truth before they voted: If the chapel donation is rejected, the donation will be given to a Toronto hospital for medical research.

This donation affects every one of us. It is much more than a mere allocation of funds. It involves personal values and we have to decide on priorities.

A referendum MUST be held, a simple choice put forward: chapel for York or medical research for a Toronto hospital? Each one of us has to decide this issue.

We urge you to vote no for the chapel and yes for medical research.

And the times they are a-changin'

Once again McLaughlin students will be given the opportunity to become members of the York Student Council on Tuesday Feb. 11.

This second referendum since the beginning of the term was called by the Mac Council after it learned of several improprieties in the last vote.

But since the last referendum Jan. 11 the times and the faces have changed.

No one remains from the previous YSC executive. All of the old councillors have retired. They have been replaced by a new crop of students politicians eager to take up

the task of governing this university.

Mac now has the opportunity to participate in the governing of this campus. Through its membership Mac could exert a great influence upon what course this university will take in its future.

We strongly urge Mac to take part in the difficult period of growth which York faces in the future.

To vote Yes is to accept the challenge of the future. To vote No is to shun the responsibility of active participation in the life of this university.

Vote YES.

Pot evil exposed

Even an "F" student in everyone's favorite first year course would have no difficulty in noticing the complete nonsense contained in your verbose editorial on the subject of "the weed."

Unfortunately, several important factors were completely overlooked. Whereas "pot" may not be physically addictive in the same way as heroin, for example, it certainly is so in the psychological sense. Your assumption that society is entirely made up of responsible and sensible human beings is in this way an indication that you are unaware of the fact that many people now, are so dependent on pot that a majority of their conscious existence is completely detached from sober reality. To condone anything that encourages this type of detachment is not only shortsighted, but irresponsible.

Unlike alcohol, it is impossible, (and besides pointless) to "smoke" in moderation and still remain unaffected. In this light, I would feel sorry for the writer of that editorial, were he to meet a four thousand dollar weapon on the highway and a loosely packed "cigarette" in the driver's hand.

Nicholas Mitchell (WI)

Grapes "moral issue"

Hearty congratulations to D. FitzGibbon and O. Manester and other members of the Food Committee (Excalibur, Jan. 30) for upholding the student's rights from the arbitrary decisions of their councils at York. (500 names hardly represents a majority at York.)

Your point that the grape issue is unlike the recruiting issue lacks any substance. Both do involve the student's right to decide what is moral or what is right. You insinuate that the student is not mature enough to decide for himself on the grape issue. Your insinuations are the same

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as those used by the Vietnam Committee and I resent them very strongly.

A final point. You keep stating that these grape-pickers were making less than half the California average income. Then why not tell us what the average income is for California as compared to some of the other states or provinces? Then perhaps all the

immature and apathy-burdened students could support the campaign.

Noris Reynolds (Math IV)
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Rudeness rapped

I am thoroughly disgusted with the display of ill manners put on by York

students at Len Udow, and his group's concert in Winter's JCR last Friday night. They spoiled what was otherwise an excellent evening.

Despite numerous requests for quiet, from the audience and from Len, York's boors refused to listen. It's bad enough when people passing through the JCR are loud, but when people sitting there, supposedly lis-

tening to, and appreciating the music, haven't the decency to be quiet, it's inexcusable.

The only one who had any effect on these people was the guy who yelled, "Shut up, you stupid bitch!"

At any rate, if you are a noisy drunk or a gossiping hen, please don't bother coming to such events. Your absence will be appreciated.

Valerie Grant (FII)

Watch Danny the Red

Your readers will want to know that Pierre Berton will be interviewing Daniel Cohn-Bendit ("Danny the Red"), the youth who sparked the great Paris revolt on Tuesday, February 11, on Channel 11, at 6.00 pm and 11.30 pm. The program was taped in West Berlin.

Another program of interest to students will be aired Friday, February 14, when Pierre talks to ten West Berlin students of various political hues.

Elsa Franklin Producer

Negative reaction

I react most negatively to Stewart Smith's front page article on the frequency of drug users in one York University residence on the grounds that it was misleading and irresponsible journalism.

Nowhere in the article does Mr. Smith state just how many students were surveyed; (about 25 so I was later informed) and to top that off, the questionnaires were not handed out to an equal sample—a direct contradiction with his last paragraph.

I suggest that in the good interests of Excalibur and York University—since all 3 Toronto daily newspapers, the Toronto radio stations, and CBC and CFTO TV newscasts picked up the story—that Mr. Smith modify, if not withdraw, his claims.

Phyllis Kokko (FII)

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well bob finally arrived and after that it was a million laughs. . . roly wore his trip glasses and anita back from hers. . . grant & olga out-grossed, george up on the table tonypoo sniffing, david sulking, haircut stew. . . ross for research — we'll donate him. . . elgie is impotent but grant harmless. . . i hate bunnyrabbits olga and will not support your richardcru-sade. . . no parkins but maybe-yet-anon? . . . bob i want 24 lines dammit so i can tell the story about the little kid who forged a note from his mother for being absent that said "johnny missed school because he had bubonic plague". . . thanks to new face mark who got his car smashed & Y was gale here on tuesday nite?