

# EXCALIBUR

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## Idylls of the King

There likewise I beheld Excalibur  
Before him at his crowning borne, the sword  
That rose from out the bosom of the lake,  
And Arthur row'd across and took it—rich  
With jewels, elfin Urim, on the hilt  
Bewildering hand and eye—the blade so bright  
That men are blinded by it—on one side,  
Graven in the oldest tongue of all this world  
'Take me,' But turn the blade and ye shall see,  
And written in the speech ye speak yourself,  
'Cast me away!' And sad was Arthur's face  
Taking it, but old Merlin counselled him,  
'Take Thou and strike! The time to cast away  
Is yet far-off.' So this great brand the king  
Took, and by this will beat this foemen down!

Tennyson

## NO YORK AID

On Monday, Dr. Murray G. Ross, the President of York University, explained that starting next year, all aid to university students and aid programmes would be "the function of the provincial government." Education Minister, William Davies' much criticized Student Award Programme will apparently be all-encompassing.

While there has been no offi-

cial cancellation of York aid programmes for '67-68 it appears now that in-course awards, scholarships and residence bursaries will disappear.

As yet, no residence bursary applications have been accepted, and they may yet be cancelled for this year. Mr. Parks, Vice-President of Finance, said that no decision on its continuance this year has been made.

## Elections

Elections will be held for the offices of President, Vice-President in Charge of Communications, Treasurer, and two members from Vanier College.

Nominations will open Monday, Oct. 3 at 10:00 am and close Friday, Oct. 7 at 5:00 pm. Official Campaigning will begin Monday, Oct. 10 and will end Thursday, Oct. 13 at 5:00 pm. The election will be held on Friday, Oct. 14, and the polls will open at 10:00 am and close at 4:00 pm. Polling Booths will be set up in both Founders and Vanier Colleges.

Only students in at least the second year of their courses may run for the offices of President, Vice-President and Treasurer. Only students from Founders College may run, nominate and vote for the two members to be elected from Founders College and only students from Vanier College may run, nominate or vote for the two members to be elected from Vanier College.

When voting, students are required to present some form of identification, preferably their A.T.L. cards.

The importance of the Student Representative Council to the future of student government on York Campus can not be stressed too greatly. Therefore, student participation in all facets of the election is of paramount importance.

Anita Levine

Rex Lingwood, C.R.O.



## Our Gal Miss United Appeal

Last Sunday Paula Ingham, 17, of Founders College was crowned Miss United Appeal in ceremonies at Massey Hall.

Paula is a freshman student who wants to travel and work in External Affairs after university.

She is taking history, political science, and Russian. Paula is in the York University Choir and is head of swimming at Beverly Hills Motor Hotel. She has spent the

past summers as a lifeguard.

Miss Ingham was one of 110 contestants and was chosen out of 12 finalists at the Sunday night finals.

Her victory means that she will be attending various fund raising functions around Toronto as well as kicking off an Argo football game during the six-week United Appeal.

We congratulate Miss Ingham, a girl with lots of appeal.

Gary Woodhill

## No Hidden Rise In Residence Fees

Alarm over alleged "hidden costs" in Founders residence fees has subsided after a more accurate investigation by the Founders College Student Council. Contrary to initial rumours, only the bed-making service has been reduced but other services have been added at no additional cost to the student. Many thought that the rates had risen to the tune of a \$48 service cutback. However "the actual rise in fees amount to a mere \$3 for residence students for a year," says Howard Nemvin, Founders' President.

Concern was not wasted however. The houses have, as a result, examined the general value of resident service offered for \$815. York fees rank amongst the highest in Canada yet essential services such as telephone and intercom systems have not been provided as they are in other universities; the phones are both scarce and inaccessible. Despite recent installations of shower curtains and shop racks, the residence council together with the dons has approached the administration with a list of priority, MAJOR improvements.

## Book Store Protest

"Outrageous Prices!" That is one of the beefs of a group of students who on Tuesday went into action against the bookstore.

Their first action was to write up a petition and circulate it among the students. They also called for a complete boycott of the bookstore and hoped to organize a student co-operative.

Later, on the same day with the help of Lynn McKee, editor of Fountain, the concerned students met with the Vice-President in charge of finance and Jack Allan, manager of the bookstore. After a long three hour meeting, the students said the matter was a lot more complicated than at first thought. The Fountain intends to publish a full report.

The main points to come out of the meeting were that the administration has not given the bookstore enough space to operate, that there are a lot of complicated trade and distribution problems involved, and that the bookstore is losing money even with current prices.

The students said that they have some fourth-year economic students looking into the matter.

Fred Nix





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## EDITORIAL

### S.R.C.-Paperwork or Leadership?

The Students' Representative Council is in a sad state. It depends on the colleges for hand-outs. It has no specifically defined role in the university and because of this it's even unrecognized by the administration.

A week from today elections will be held for seven positions, including that of President on the S.R.C. What kind of council will the students be voting for? It is imperative that the candidates make clear what kind of council they want to sit on.

It should be a council which can effectively represent the students as a whole. To this end, it must insist on financial independence from the colleges. No

more doles.

It should demand that it and it alone appoint students to the administration-faculty-student Advisory Committee on Student Affairs (A.C.S.A.) being set up now by President Ross. The colleges will already be represented on the S.R.C. (2 members each). There's no justification for the independent college representation on ACSA unless it is to undermine the S.R.C.'s role of the voice of all the students.

The S.R.C. must be more than a mere "paper-work" organization, serving the college councils. It should be a dynamic initiator of policies promoting the interests of York students.

### We Should Be There

Residence bursaries are, it seems, about to be cancelled. We are led to believe that there will be no York at all next year. The Student Aid Program, in spite of supposedly involving a \$100 increase in bursary money, is somehow contriving to shortchange students. The 10,000 federal scholarships for \$1,000 have been cancelled.

Our bookstore prices texts exorbitantly. Our residence fees are

the second highest in Ontario (despite the fact that the university skimps on phones and furnishings at Founders). Tuition fees at York are hardly bargain basement.

York students should need no prodding to protest. A week last Wednesday, students from U. of T. marched on Queen's Park to protest the Student Aid Program. Where were the York students? If they march again we should be there--in strength.

### Mooo...

Contrary to what certain people seem to believe, York University students are not cattle. They should not be herded into an inclosure where elbow-room is at a premium, disorganization is rampant, and assistance is non-existent. The book store on the York campus is a virtual farce.

Each student is required to purchase a certain list of books for each of his courses. Unfortunately, few students are able to acquire these lists until after registration, and still fewer students visit the book store before classes

commence. The exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt could not compare to the invasion of the students of York into their book store in the first few weeks of school.

The size of the store is an insult to its customers. While its present space may suffice after the first few weeks of school, the demand of the enrollment during the initial part of the session certainly warrants a larger area in which to make acquisitions. Freedom of movement within its confines is a purely mythical imagining.

No normal or sane person could possibly spend an hour in there without developing acute frus-

tration and profuse disgust; his dilemma only compounded by the lack of willing assistance and the seemingly random placement of books. English literature is available on shelves on both sides while French literature may be found either at the front of the store or the back room.

An alternative must be found. We are not Argonaut backfielders out to practice our footwork. Why not convert a closely connected and larger section of Steacie basement into an interim merchandising area? Or just simply arrange all volumes alphabetically under their topic, whether by title--or, if necessary--by author? A Donnybrook Fair has no place in an institution of higher learning.

Gerry Bloch

### Paradise Lost

Carter Hoppe

"Residence fees are too high for the poor services offered," say students at Founders Residence.

The administration maintains that the residence must exist on its own financially, as a business proposition. The university apparently minimizes the financial plight of the average student, and ignores the possible result of continued high fees.

Our fees are \$815 per single room, which is high, possibly the second highest in Ontario. Western's are \$825. Founder's does not compare favourably with other much cheaper residences whose maid services are often more complete, and whose lobbies, common rooms, and magazine libraries are provided in much greater abundance and quality. One wonders why the new Glendon women's residence is much more luxuriously appointed than Founder's.

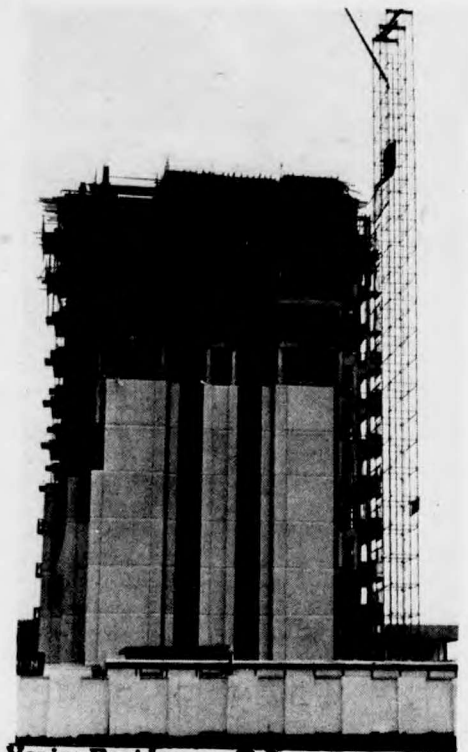
Other universities provide telephone and/or individual intercom services, which are essential. Our one to every thirty-six student pay phone ratio is as farcically inadequate as the one buzzer per house. One waits wistfully in the near non-existent girl's lobby or outside the (what lobby?) boy's houses, hoping that someone (perhaps even the person desired) will emerge. It is said the mails get through the fastest. Are our liberal and greatly appreciated visiting hours the result of broad-minded planning, or are they a cheap communications system?

In an interview, Vice-President of Finance Parks explained that the residence is expected to pay for itself. "Actually we lost money last year," he said "and operational costs have increased." We are glad the fees did not go up this year, especially since bed-making service has been discontinued.

A merely polite ear was turned to a request for a proper communications system. The university has nothing planned at all, but "would appreciate a definite student proposal on such a system."

Actually a plan was advanced last year to put a private phone in every room for \$4 per room per month. The university was to pay half. Though not unreasonable, the plan received no interest from administration.

Will there be a residence bursary fund this year? "No decision has been made as yet," says Mr.



Vanier Residence: We're paying for it!

Parks. Why not? It's October already. A bursary-seeking student must apply for the general in-course bursary fund whether he is in residence or not.

Financial Aid Director Wright says, "This is the fairest way. A special residence fund is not needed, because a residence student has already received special consideration from the Student Aid Program."

This sounds fair enough but many students were simply short-changed by the SAP this year.

Why does the university charge so much and give so little value? Mr. Parks explained that the university has a building programme to finish and the huge mortgage on Founder's to pay. In effect, we are subsidizing the Vanier residence and future students at York.

Murray G. Ross, our president should hold a tea honouring the Founder's Residence Students as patrons of the university. Perhaps colleges, lecture-halls and scholarships should bear our names.

Where will all this stop? Should fees continue to rise, poorer students will be forced to leave residence, and the sad part is (and administration knows this) that their places will be filled immediately by students with all the trappings: rich parents, cars, and stereos.

Such a crass philosophy of financing may lead to a rift in communication between day and residence students. Imagine the class conflict and strife:

### Committee Controversy

Doug McArthur

I recently interviewed the council presidents of Vanier and Founders colleges and also members of the S.R.C. to ascertain their views on the proposed Advisory Committee on Student Affairs.

The purpose of this body, as outlined in a letter from Dr. Ross

to the councillors, is "to advise and recommend policies and practices to govern student activities at York University".

Since the terms of reference of the committee will not be made clear until a future meeting is held with councils, student leaders understandably adopted a cautious "wait and see" attitude. There were however, several conflicting and controversial points of view expressed.

Howie Nemtin, Founders president, Greg Barnett and Ken Johnston of S.R.C. all felt that unless students obtained a 50-50 representation on such a board, there would be a distinct possibility of students' rights being infringed. Since Dr. Ross stated in his letter that equal representation is not advisable for this year, at least, their concern seems justified.

Al Caplan, Vanier president, stated however, that equal student representation should not be necessary as long as the faculty representatives were not hand-picked by Dr. Ross, but rather selected by faculty members, themselves.

Concerning the method of choosing students to serve on the committee, we had an interesting view of the power struggle between the colleges and the S.R.C. On the

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## Vanier Council, Experiment in Community Government

Gary Gayda covers

## Uniforms on Campus

Every Sunday  
at York

No president, no executive, and no constitution, but a hard core of dedicated people experimenting with a radically new system of government: that's Vanier Council.

A proposed constitution exists and may become official sometime next year after the council feels confident that the idea is workable.

If this constitution is passed, Vanier will be unique in the field of college government. For instance, all employees of the university working in the college will be considered members of Vanier and may be asked to pay fees along with students and faculty.

The council itself will include two elected senior fellows and two elected faculty members. There will only be two elected officers, namely a chairman and a treasurer.

Work, normally done by executives, will be carried out by committees of college members (students, faculty and staff). A council member will sit on each committee, but not necessarily chair it.

These ideas were formulated last spring under the leadership of Dr. Fowle, Master of Vanier College. He and the students in the group envisioned a closely knit community of students and faculty, working together on a wide range of college activities.

To date, optimism is high and everyone seems very satisfied. Carol Younge, co-chairman of the Orientation and Social Committee, said she was pleased with the first two weeks of actual operating conditions.

"First Rate!", was Dr. Fowle's comment.

Fred Nix

It's definite--there will be uniforms at York this year. But not for everyone. Only seven students will be wearing them, and they'll be members of the RCAF University Reserve, attached to the University of Toronto Squadron. It appears that a York Squadron will not be formed until at least next year, when the integrated Force, The Company of Armed Canadians, may be able to afford it.

Last year, very few people knew about the two summer training sessions in the Canadian Forces that were being offered to university students. I can remember my faculty advisor saying quite proudly, "We have NO military plans at York".

Even the Registrar's office knew of no opportunity for students from York in the University Reserve Training Plan (URTP). But Gary Woodill (Vanier II), and I managed to join the U. of T. Squadron, and spent this summer in training at Centralia.

The benefits of the plan were obvious to us: valuable and varied training (Where else could you fly a plane, shoot a 9 mm pistol and suffer a tear gas attack in one week?); \$250 a month for four months each summer; plus free room and board, medical and dental care, and recreational facilities; Officers' Mess privileges; free aeroplane rides to any base in Canada (or overseas); and two complete uniforms. And, unlike ROTP, no obligation to remain in the Service if civilian life beckons.

But there's a fear of uniforms around York. The faculty--at least

those I've talked to--is obsessed with the supposed menace of military mania.

York is notable among fellow universities for the individualism it encourages. The idea of disciplined mass action is abhorrent to the faculty and many of the students. It stifles creativity and arrests freedom, they say. H. G. Wells expressed this belief in *The Outline of History*: "The professional military mind is by necessity an inferior and unimaginative mind; no man of high intellectual quality would willingly imprison his gifts in such a calling."

Yet, among my Reserve instructors this summer, we had a man who was a Dalhousie Law professor, another who was a University of Toronto Philosophy professor, one who taught political science at Carleton, and others who were English and History professors. My instructors in the Supply Course (Regular Force) had M.A.'s; all Officer-instructors were university graduates, and their actions further testified to their acumen and initiative. And do not forget that our able Chancellor at York--The University of Individualists--is a retired Chief of the Air Staff.

To those Seven who bear the whips and scorn of outrageous dissent, who believe that medals are the better part of valor, and who defy cries of "Peddle your paranoia elsewhere", I repeat the words of heroic General Isaac Brock to his Regiment at Queenston Heights: "Push on, brave York Volunteers!"

For years, many groups have tried to arrange a varied and economical fine arts programme in Toronto. The prime example of this is the O'Keefe Centre subscription series which has become, rather, a series of excellent musical comedies. But York University has been successful in arranging such a programme in the "Every Sunday at York" series.

This set of 24 films, plays and concerts is offered to students for fifteen dollars. The programme features the probable Canadian premiere of "The Brig", a concert by the Young Canadian Opera star, Jeanette Zarou, the National theatre school and much more.

Don McKay

EXCALIBUR SUGGESTS:

FILMS:

"Morgan": The New Yorker Cinema features this bizarre comedy. Novel and entertaining.

"Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and "Butterfield 8": The Imperial theatre has revived these two Liz Taylor classics by Tennessee Williams and John O'Hara. Both movies are examples of early cinematic realism.

"Virginia Woolf": If you wish, wait through line-ups for through line-ups for three hours of depressing battles in a faculty home.

MUSIC:

"The Canadian Opera Company": If you can afford it, catch at least one performance of this highly skilled group.

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"End Middle Class Domination" read one of the posters at the official opening of Glendon College last Friday.

A small group of dissatisfied students waved placards outside the dining hall while Prime Minister Pearson spoke to an audience of staff and students.

The major complaints were government stoppage of 10,000 \$1,000 scholarships and the unpopular provincial Student Aid Plan.

Protest was further in the form of a petition signed by 550 members of the faculty and student body that Principal Reid presented to Mr. Pearson.

## Taking Count

Sept. 27; York Campus now has 1326 undergraduate students registered for day classes. 237 of these are resident students in Founders College, and 68 are registered as residents of Vanier College, temporarily living at Glendon Campus prior to completion of Vanier Residences. Overall enrolment of Founders College is 747, and Vanier College is 560.

Atkinson College for mature students (over 23) has 2509 students registered in night classes at York University.

Glendon Campus, with 1066 students, brings the total undergraduate enrolment of York to 2392 students at this time. There are several students involved in post-graduate work at York this year.

Staff

## Pearson at Glendon



Students Protest S.A.P. and Cancellation of Federal Scholarships

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Richard Schultz (lt.) and/or Pres. Ross (rt.).

"I still say he's a lousy prime minister!"

The rumoured boycott or walk-out of a student held for the P.M. dinner did not materialize; in fact, there was little sign of a protest after the afternoon speeches.

Richard Schultz, Glendon's Vice-President, thanked the Prime Minister for attending. However, he said at a council meeting earlier in the week that Mr. Pearson "is a lousy Prime Minister"



COMMITTEE CONTROVERSY (Cont. from P.2)

one hand, the members of the S.R.C. felt that they should be the exclusive student representative on A.C.S.A. since the colleges are represented in S.R.C. itself. As might be expected, the college leaders want adequate members

of their own in A.C.S.A. and top-heavy S.R.C. influence is unthinkable.

One could certainly conclude from talking to our campus politicians that the time has come indeed, it is long overdue for the role of S.R.C. to be clearly defined.

Jim Richardson:

# SPORTS

## GOLF

Competition for positions on the men's varsity golf team was held this year at the Aurora Highlands Golf and Country Club. Of the twelve involved in the 18 hole tournament, the four men with the lowest scores will combine to form the team. They are:--B. Swartz, Glendon's Champion with a 75-K. Rippon, Founders' Champion, an 81--E. McGlenning, also of Glendon, an 82--and A. Copeland, Vanier's Champion with an 86. C. Sisto and D. Fisch, who both scored 87's are the alternates.

Bruce Trail

From Niagara to Tobermory. Quite an impressive motto. And the goal of the Bruce Trail Association to clear a foot path from the tip of the Bruce Peninsula by way of the Niagara escarpment is indeed, also impressive, but entirely feasible. In fact, more than two thirds of the work has already been completed leaving only a few isolated gaps in the system. That's where you and I come in.

To complete the trail by the projected deadline--early this spring, hordes of healthy, red-blooded college students will be needed to blaze the few remaining breaks. So, if you want to clear out your smoke-clogged lungs, firm up your flabby frame and breathe some real Ontario air, write the Bruce Trail Association, 33 Hardale Cres., Hamilton, and they will send you an application form. Membership is only two bucks, which entitles you to really get to know this great province of ours.

Incidentally, the 4th Annual Bruce Trail Assembly is being held this Thanksgiving weekend at Beaver Valley Ski Resorts. Don't miss it.

## Rowing

Staff M. McLachlan

Last Saturday York participated in an Eastern Canadian Inter-Collegiate rowing Association (ECIRA) competition, with crews from various Ontario universities.

The hard-fought race was held outside the break-water of Lake Ontario in front of the Argonaut Rowing Club. Despite a disconcerting leak in the shell, York managed to place 5th out of nine. The top teams were Brock, Toronto (2), and Weston.

This was a race for freshman--those who were in rowing or university for the first time.

Scullers for York were, from stern to bow, Ted Collis (cox), Don Givens (stroke), Bob Keats, Mike McLachlan, Wayne Harris, John Maniezzo, Ken Murray, Ted Russell, and Fred Halpein (bow).

The York Club works out each night at the Argonaut rowing Club on Monday and Tuesday at 5:15 p.m., Wednesday and Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Next Saturday Canisius College hosts York in Buffalo, one of a series of competitions in a five week schedule.

## THE BOGS CLAIM THE DRUMLIN



The BOG society claimed a DRUMLIN last Friday at York Campus. The Brotherhood of Geographers (BOG), a group of spirited geography students from Glendon and York campuses, issued a challenge to other groups of students, especially the Business Administration students, to top their daring feat.

Dr. Blair of the faculty of geography said, "The march through Founder's and Vanier colleges and the flag raising atop the Drumlin Hill at the entrance to York campus has successfully created a rivalry already." The BOGS are playing the Bus. Ad. boys this Thursday, October 6, in a baseball game at Founder's Field. The BOGS will soon elect a slate of officers and form a proper organization.

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