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IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE???

There are approximately five hundred students at York University. Of these, about fifteen at most, make regular contributions to the Pro-Tem. And yet almost all students read Pro-Tem, or at least pick it up every week. An even more discouraging prospect shows in the 'Letters to the Editors' column. We have received an average of two letters a week.

We wonder what could cause this situation. Could it be that four hundred and ninety-eight students agree with us in everything we say? It is highly unlikely that this is true, and indeed, we hope it is not. Thus, assuming that some few souls out there are thinking about what we write, we must conclude that either we are not printing anything worth discussing, or that students are too lazy or too apathetic, or worse, too afraid, to express their opinions in public.

If the former is the case, then it is your responsibility to tell us just that. An unresponsive public is an overpowering obstacle to competent journalism. If we are printing trash - then please, please, tell us we are printing trash. Some constructive criticism would benefit everyone concerned.

The latter alternative, the lazy, apathetic, or scared student presents us with an even greater problem. Our only solution to the first two is a blind faith in the spirit of York students, and the observation that, if you are lazy or apathetic, we do not feel that you should be at York. To the frightened student we can only say that, right or wrong, your opinions should be presented. The worst (or in our opinion best) result will be someone's disagreeing with you.

As we have stated, we will print all signed letters, subject only to space. So please, York, tell us what, or if, you THINK!!!

Letters or contributions may be submitted to any of the editors of Pro-Tem, or fixed to the bulletin board addressed to Pro-Tem.

...the mourning ritual for the late president of the United States is going too far. Admitted, he was a popular figure, but does that necessitate his deification?

...once again some little groups of do-gooders are trying to tell us what we can read. Methinks they should let us make up our own minds while they go back to cutting out paper dolls. In the mean time, does any one have a spare copy of 'Fanny Hill'? Perhaps we could serialize it in Pro-Tem.

...somebody deserves a great deal of thanks for putting that chain up on the road to the residence last week... thanks from the two cars trapped inside when it went up, thanks from the drivers who drove through it before it was painted, and thanks from the many people who got white hands after it was painted. I wonder if anyone has ever thought of something really radical like a gate.

...The 'Hungry E' was a notable success... the girls extended much E ffort in E nabling E veryone to E njoy themselves, E mensely. Pro-Tem E xtends its congratulations to E house girls for contributing so much E nthusiasm and E nergy into giving E veryone an E xciting and E ventful E vening, also by the way, for collecting almost E ighty dollars for share.

...incidentally, at the draw held at the aforementioned party, Cathy Elliot was won by Alan Young, and Don Kantel was won by Bonnie Heal. However, if Bonnie doesn't want her prize, then it will be handed over to Mary-Lynne Batten.

...multiple causation is becoming quite popular at York... maybe we should start a Max Weber fan club.

...thank goodness that cancer scare has calmed down... Now that the period of panic is over, we can go back to smoking again in peace... match anyone?

...Feb. 22-29 - study week... a possible opportunity for 2nd and 3rd. year students to sit in on corresponding lectures at the U. of T.

...we mourn the unfortunate demise of free phone service in the south wing. As so often happens, the selfish attitude of a few has worked to the disadvantage of many.

...big deal of the week - Liz is in town... who- ever she is. ..

...beautiful art display at York - especially the paintings hung upside down and sideways. Come to think of it, maybe they look better that way.

...I wish to thank god or somebody for heeding the wish expressed in last week's column. Winter is indeed back.

...tomorrow - WASAFWFA

...Let's Sing Out scores triumph at York.

...York Students score triumph at Let's Sing Out.

The C.C.I.A. has just received a series of reports from the Research and Information Commission of the International Student Conference. They are well-documented systematic and impartial studies of the political, educational and students situation in 8 countries - Spain, Hungary, Puerto Rico South Africa, South West Africa, Angola and Mozambique, and Iran.

The commission which composed these reports consisted of 5 student leaders of outstanding personal qualifications from the U.S.A., Guatemala, Sierra Leone, Switzerland and Singapore.

These reports will be on the magazine rack in the common room. Please do not remove these from the general vicinity. If you want your own (free) copy contact Geoff Cliffe-Phillips.

SOUTH AFRICA

"A university community is in essence, an international community and membership in it carries with it an obligation to know and understand the problems of others. With understanding must go action," Claude T. Bissell, talking about the activities of WUS.

With last week's Share Campaign fading from the mind you may even be wondering what they will do with your hard-earned money. One of its worthiest and most exciting projects is SACHED (South African Committee for Higher Education).

The government policy of racial segregation has made it impossible for non-white students to obtain a high level of post-secondary education in any South African College or university. By introducing inferior "Banter Education" and the notorious "Tribal Colleges" the government intends to make the students from these schools passively accept the system of apartheid. Education is used as a tool designed to produce a mentality of subservience.

Under a scheme operated by SACHED, South Africa's Union of Students (Nusas) has for several years endeavoured to assist such students to obtain university education either in South Africa or abroad. Over 60 students have been enrolled for correspondence courses leading to U. of London degrees. For tuition purposes the students are grouped at 4 centres with exams and supervision centralized in Johannesburg. The cost of these courses is a basic \$250 a year and the rapid growth of SACHED since 1960 has necessitated an appeal to non-university sources. The university is truly a liberating and progressive force in society which is why the Afrikaners go to great lengths to deprive their "Kaffir boys" of this influence. NUSAS is fighting a very lonely battle - vilified and raided by the government their officials kidnapped, arrested and shot at, they may soon be banned completely.

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The need for moral support and material assistance is obvious. It is not enough to condemn the brutal policy of apartheid and then consider the task done. It is not enough to "support" NUSAS in its fight in South Africa if you do not provide them with direct concrete positive assistance - resolutions are not enough.

Australian students have long opposed apartheid by word and deed. During a recent tour of the South African cricket team (white) they published a leaflet for mass distribution. It said in part: "Apartheid means white racial supremacy. It has forced the non-white South Africans into poverty and starvation, the break up of the family and economic exploitation. We have seen its terrible results in the Sharpeville massacre and the Treason Trials. South Africa is now a police state. Does this brutal oppression concern us or is it as people said on Nazi Germany, 'just an internal matter'? Should we continue to support apartheid by our passive attitude in the U.N.? Should we continue to trade with such an oppressive regime? Should we accept racism in sport?"

As in Nazi Germany racism is a cardinal principle of state policy, "sanctified by religion and philosophy, formalized by law, and institutionalized in the mores of the Nation." Opposition is not easy - the Afrikaners can mobilize all the weapons of a well-armed police state against any tangible expression of internal opposition.

This summer I was talking to an Englishman who had left South Africa two years ago. He told me the following story. It was New Year's Eve and the Africans were celebrating by dancing in the streets. Inadvertantly they drifted into a street in the nearby White section. Police were called and soon 4 cruisers appeared at opposite ends of the street cutting off the dancing throng of Africans. At a signal the cars drove down the street at full speed scattering the dancers. One car ran over several Africans who were trapped by the now-screaming crowd. The driver came to a stop and then reversed running over the bodies again "to teach them a lesson." To the Afrikaner the Bantu is not a human he is less than an animal and is treated accordingly.

Meanwhile, communist ships are unloading do-it-yourself guerilla kits in Dor-Es-Salaam. Angola is in revolt, Mozambique may soon be, with Southern Rhodesia another powder keg. Time is running out for the Afrikaner. He is armed to the teeth and sitting on dynamite. But right now it is in western hands that the real power lies to topple Dr. Verwoerd's government and overthrow white racialism. We cannot escape our responsibility as we tried to do in the thirties. Time is short -if we do not act, others are willing to. The alternative is a holocaust bloodier than a dozen Congoes.

Can we as students do anything? Can Canada do anything? This is the topic of nextweek's article.

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF BAHA'I TEACHINGS

Do Baha'is believe in life after death?

Yes. To consider that after the death of the body the spirit perishes is like imagining that a bird in a cage will be destroyed if the cage is broken. Christ said, "In My Father's house there are many mansions." So also did Baha'u'llah teach that there are many worlds of God. When we die our bodies return to dust and ashes but our souls go on to these other worlds. Our souls are freed like the bird released from the cage. Once free of this world and their earthly bodies our souls go on to the spiritual worlds, always progressing towards God. Baha'u'llah tells us that the worlds after this world are so glorious that if we could see what they are like we would not wish to stay on this earth but would want to leave immediately.

Do Baha'is believe in Heaven and Hell?

Baha'is believe that Heaven and Hell are not places but states of being. One can be in Heaven while he is still on earth if he has done something good. He can also be in Hell while on earth if he has done something wrong. Heaven is nearness to God; Hell is separation from God. Heaven is the presence of spiritual qualities; Hell is the absence of these qualities, or imperfection.

For information or speakers Phone 633-2236 or write 32 Barwick Dr., Downsview, Ontario.

FROM BONAVISTA TO VANCOUVER ISLAND - The Week in Review

At Universities across Canada

Lillian Hale

Furniture valued at over \$400. dollars was recently stolen from the Presidential Suite of the Student Union Building of The University of Ottawa. However, any panic was dispelled upon receipt of a letter acknowledging the theft, by Cornwall College students, in connection with their annual winter carnival.

Parents of Canadian university students have been singled out as most in need of tax concessions in a brief presented January 14 to the Royal Commission on Taxation by the Canadian Union of Students.

F. B. I. V. I. don't

A U. B. C. student has been put on probation after pleading guilty to illegal possession of marijuana, after R. C. M. P. officers found twenty plants in his home. The student's father, a federal chemist, attributed it to his son's intellectual curiosity.

Canadian university students can spend a year studying in Germany, Spain, Chile or Russia on WUS scholarship. Requirements are a high scholastic standing and a knowledge of the country chosen.

The Ubssey, in a recent article, claimed that the Red Ensign is obscene because of a bare-breasted model of an "over-proportioned" female found on the flag.

There have been a rash of fires at the University of British Columbia lately. Several have been found in wastebaskets, the Chemistry laboratory was razed (damage \$4,000) and \$2,000 damage was done to the Forestry Building. The fires are attributed to a firebug.

KULTUR-KAMPF ERROL REID . . .

'Brigadoon' is the delightful story of two Canadian men (as adapted by the Ryerson players) travelling in Scotland, who find a quaint village in the Highlands called Brigadoon. The villagers are dressed in 18th Century costume and appear odd to the travellers. They happen to look at a family Bible that reveals a strange thing - the people in Brigadoon are 200 years old! An old schoolmaster, played by a very good actor solves the mystery. It seems that an old preacher made a covenant with God in 1763 that Brigadoon would go to sleep for 100 years at a time and then awaken for 1 day before returning to another long slumber. But the 100 years seem no longer than 1 night to them. In this way, Brigadoon would not be subject to the avarice and inhumanity of the ever-modernizing world.

One of the tourists falls in love with a village girl, and is allowed to stay in Brigadoon with her.

The music was light and gay - "The Heather on the Hill", "I'll Go Home with Benny Jean", "Down on MacDonnachie Square," - are some of the songs. I feel that the acting however, surpassed the singing. The parts of Jeff (one of the travellers) and his counter part, the village comedienne, Meg, were acted magnificently. They surely "stole the show". These roles were taken by John Torrington, and Gail Armstrong, respectively. The choreography

and stage sets were very well done. The whole stage gave the impression of colour and light-heartedness.

To make the audience feel in the Scottish mood, it was "piped into" the theatre by two bag pipers in full dress. This gave an unusual and exciting added touch to the musical.

CTV's "Let's Sing Out" was filmed at York last night. Our Students gave fervent support to the performers, among whom were "The Courriers", The Phoenix Trio, David Campbell, Molly Scott, and Gord Lightfoot. Oscar Brand sang and M. C. 'd with the same ease that he showed at the Mariposa Folk Festival. Three shows were taped, the first to be televised in February.

The 'Toronto Symphony Orchestra' will give a Beethoven programme on Sat. February 8th at 8:30 p.m.

Pianist: Patricia Parr.

On Sat. Feb. 1st at 7:30 in Massey Hall, the T.S.O. will give a "Jazz at the Symphony" programme for students. Walter Susskind will play the piano for "Interplay for Piano and Orchestra" 'Ragtime' by Stravinsky will be on the programme.

"Little Me" with Sid Caesar will start a 3-week run at the O'Keefe Centre on February 3. He plays 7 roles in the comedy based on the novel by Patrick Dennis who also wrote "Auntie Mame"

Tonight, Eli Mandel reads poetry at the Bohemian Embassy!

LAST OF THE BIG TIME BUNNIES. . .

We noticed an item in one of Toronto's other top newspapers the other day, to the effect that pregnancy tests are no longer being done with real live rabbits. It appears that our medical researchers have come up with some sort of synthetic stuff that does the job twice as fast, and with a far higher degree of accuracy than was previously possible. But we wonder if the good doctors have given any thought to the practical economics of this development. It would seem to us that with winter unemployment full upon us, it is not in the best interests of the nation to have the poor wee rabbits who were previously gainfully employed, tossed out on the street. We are sure that the inhuman sight of dozens of thin shivering bunnies lined up at the UIC office at College and Spadina, waiting in the cold to collect their pogy, is more than any decent citizen can bear. Imagine the poor hares wandering into the Harbour Light mission, and being trampled by the other bunnies when the bell rings for soup. As we see it there is only one possible solution, if our drugstore rabbits are to be saved from destruction. Fire the Ontario trade-crusade moose, and let him protect them.

THE PHILOSOPHY CLUB...

Wednesday Feb. 5th, Professor Harris of the Philosophy Dept. will speak on "The Right Answer to Pontius Pilate."

The meeting will take place in the West Common Room at York Hall at 8:15 p.m.

All those interested are invited.

YUFS...

Monday February 3rd. - 1st of Canadian Confederation Series.

Room 204 at 1:30
.10¢

Tuesday February 4th - Commonwealth Series

"Nigeria - New Nation"

1:15 only
Room 204 .10¢

YORK UNIVERSITY FILM SOCIETY

"The Cranes are Flying"

Friday, January 31st.

4:15 7:30
Room 204

Admission .50¢
.25¢ for members
Free to WASFAWFA ticket holders

THE TORONTO MOVIE CLUB PRESENTS...

A Night of International Prize Winning Films-

Friday Feb. 7th at 8:15 p.m. At Eaton Auditorium (Yonge and College). Tickets only \$1.00

See Dohn Prout or get them at the door.

This is a must for all Y.U.F.S. members.

IN HIGH PLACES...

George F. Howden

After four years of deliberation Student Council is now for the second time close to adopting a Constitution.

I would like to discuss some of the more important features of this Constitution and the earlier Constitution discarded by the present Student Council during the summer. In outlining the outstanding characteristics of the earlier Constitution I intend to explain why I feel that it is a much more suitable document than the present one.

The Present Constitution

1. The position of Secretary - will be abolished and replaced by an appointed paid Secretary. A good move in the direction of better administration.

2. The Student Council will set its own fees to be collected along with the tuition fees of the University. This will mean that students will be taxing themselves in future limited only by the amount the Administration is willing to collect.

The Earlier Constitution

1. The Speaker The President would no longer preside at meetings but would be replaced by a Speaker chosen by the Council. If, as often happens, the President knows little or nothing about parliamentary procedure this could be a distinct advantage. At any rate the President is elected as a political leader on Council; he can hardly fulfill this function and be an impartial chairman at the same time. Of course it is true that a President would find it more difficult to hide any inadequacies he might possess once he was removed from the chair. If he were incapable of producing the necessary leadership he would soon be passed over by the other members of Council as effective head of government. He would retain the initial advantage of being the chosen leader of the Students and at least nominally the chief administrator of Council. If he were unable to lead from this position he would not deserve to lead.

2. Assemblies The Former Constitution authorized two types of Assemblies:

(a) The Student Council Assembly would be called by Council to inform the students on matters of Student Council business, to present debates or guest lectures, to stage election rallies, or to hold any other type of gathering deemed advisable.

(b) Student Assemblies would be called either by Council alone or on petition of 20% of the Student Body. The Student Assembly would be a deliberative body which could make resolutions on any matters of importance to York Students either on or outside the campus. It would also be empowered to pass legislation binding on the

IN HIGH PLACES CONT

Council.

Generally the two all purpose Assemblies would provide a centre for extra-curricular life on campus. They would help to reduce that notable lack of unity among York Students referred to by several Councillors at the last meeting. Probably some combination of the two Constitutions would be best but I feel that if students were given a straight choice between them in a referendum the Earlier Constitution would be adopted.

W. U. S. C. CHILEAN SEMINAR...

The Sixteenth International WUSC. Seminar will be held in Chile during the summer of 1965. The Seminar has four aims:

1. To provide Canadian students and faculty members with an opportunity to widen their knowledge and appreciation of the peoples, problems and cultures of other nations.
2. To provide a select group of Canadian students and faculty with a unique experience for self-analysis and development.
3. To assist members of the Canadian university community in focusing attention on, and in achieving a greater understanding of Canada and her role in international affairs.
4. To provide Canadian students and faculty with an interesting experience not ordinarily available to them.

The theme of the 1965 seminar is yet to be announced. The programme will, however, include an examination of the religious, cultural, scientific, sociological development of the Chilean nation. In addition to the usual attractions and advantages of foreign travel, the seminar will provide unusual opportunities for the participants to further their specific academic interests through study tours, discussions with scholars and public figures, and independent research projects.

York University will be permitted to send one delegate. The specific requirements of York's applicants are:

- (a) Applicant must return to York for at least one year of further study after the seminar. This means that all applicants must at the present time be in first year, or in second year, if they are planning to take a make-up year at York in the year after graduation.
- (b) Applicants must be Canadian citizens by birth or naturalization or permanent residents of Canada.
- (c) Applicants must be serious students of high academic standing (A or B average on last university examinations) who combine intellectual ability with maturity and qualities of leadership.
- (d) Applicants must be willing to communicate their experiences on their return to Canada

through talks, articles, interviewing, reports (to the WUS National office, the WUS local committee, and to several other specified groups.)
(e) Applicants must be willing to participate actively in the work of WUS on their campus.
(f) Since all debates, discussions, lectures, etc. will be delivered in Spanish, it is essential that applicants have a good working knowledge of the Spanish language.

The cost of participation will be about \$1,700 per student. Full responsibility for raising \$1,000 of this amount, will rest with the local WUS Committee. Ordinarily the local WUS Committee raises \$750 and the candidate selected is responsible for \$250.

Applications may be obtained from the Registrar's office or from Terry Gadd, the local WUS Chairman and must be submitted to Terry Gadd, no later than March 20. By early April, the Nominating Board, as yet to be named, will have met, and will recommend two candidates to the WUS National Office. The National Office will have the final word in selection. It will provisionally approve two candidates, who, if their Spanish is inadequate, are expected to undertake intensive Spanish lessons during the summer and fall of 1964. If the candidates need to improve their Spanish, they must be interviewed again in November, and the confirmation of the acceptance of one of them will depend on the progress each has made: if neither candidate has made satisfactory progress, other candidates (who must be fluent in Spanish) may be nominated by local committees before the end of November, 1964. If any recommended candidates are judged to be "marginal" by the National Committee in May, the local committees concerned will be advised to re-advertise the seminar in October, 1964, with a view to finding if any better-qualified candidates (with a knowledge of Spanish) are, by then available.

Further information and seminar applications may be received from Terry Gadd or Mr. D.S. Rickerd.

TOUCHÉ...

News reaches us from Oxford of a student who recently looked up some ancient college laws and discovered that he was entitled to a free pint of beer before taking an examination. Much to the consternation of the college authorities the student insisted on enjoying this privilege. Those authorities were put to so much trouble to get the beer at short notice that they lusted for revenge. While the student was taking his examination the authorities also looked up some ancient laws. When the student emerged from the examination they fined him five pounds for failing to wear a sword.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS...

The comments expressed in this column are not necessarily the opinions of the editors. Letters received must be signed and will be printed subject to available space. We strongly urge all students to make use of this column...

Dear Sirs:

I would like to complain and I intend to do so. York University has been furnished with a large number of IBM clocks which apparently were meant to register the hours (and minutes) and keep students on time for any lectures they aren't skipping. These clocks were installed completely by last November but so far only about 5 of them are working on time. Some are 3 hours slow and others are 2 hours fast. One of them registers the right time but 10 minutes late, which isn't much good. However, the majority of them are only right once every 12 hours.

I am getting rather tired of consulting 5 different people before I'm sure of the time.

Couldn't something be done to start the clocks and get them all on the same time, the right time. Since no part of this building is moving in relation to any other part, this synchronizing should be possible without violation of the Theory of Relativity.

If it's already too late this year, what about thinking ahead for next year.

A Slave of Chronos
(Lynn Blaser)

Dear Sirs:

I will not attempt to explain the confused thinking that led to John Glenn's brilliant deductions in last week's Pro-Tem. Mr. Glenn seems to visualize N.A.T.O. as a instrument of American imperial exploitation. This exploitation by the United States has led, according to Glenn to the channelling of trade to American markets and to the suppression of a Socialist Revolution. Trade was directed towards the United States at first because the European economy lay in ruins. With reconstruction, trade began to flow in more regular channels. The organization concerned with reconstruction of the European economy was the Marshall Plan, and not N.A.T.O. which was formed after the Communist take-over in Czecho-Slovakia to parry the Russian military thrust. The Russians did not advance because the United States possessed the bomb. Russia eventually acquired the nuclear bomb also and this resulted in a nuclear balance of power in Europe. The United States and her N.A.T.O. allies

still did not possess a conventional armament equilibrium. Last week Professor Macpherson suggested that there was no conventional warfare gap and therefore nuclear weapons were not necessary. With due respects to Professor Macpherson may I point out that Russia and her allies, including China possess manpower reserves beyond our capability. If we give up nuclear weapons and are forced to fight a conventional war, we shall perish as those crack Indian frontier units did before the never ending "human wave". There can be no disarmament until China is consulted; there can be no peace until China is admitted to the conference table and the United Nations. If Canada and the N.D.P. want a role to play, let us work towards China's admission. May we have the courage of our convictions in "the testing times" ahead.

Roger R. Rickwood

ATHLETIC SUPPORTER.....

Events to come

Jan. 31st - York ski team competes in the O.I.A.A. championship at Devil's Glen. The York team headed by Chuck Magwood and Bill Stephens hopes to improve its cellar dweller position of last year.

Feb. 1. On Saturday, the Windigoes of basketball and hockey travel to Windsor to take on WOIT in a basketball clash. The 31 students making the trip by bus are promised a gold smash on Saturday night sponsored by the nurses of Windsor. Good luck you big York teams!! Let's salvage a victory York style.

Feb. 6 Team pictures for the following intercollegiate teams will be taken Thursday February 6th at 5 p.m. in the Atkinson Common Room. -tennis, fencing, ski team, table tennis, basketball, hockey.

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JAZZ - at YORK

with Rob McConnell

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