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Late last night the Student Council of this university made what will undoubtedly be one of the most significant decisions which it has ever reached.

By passing a motion providing for the establishment of a "Student Court", the Council affirmed that they will no longer be content with hanging posters, and that they strongly desire to assume serious responsibility over non-academic student affairs.

The next stage, that of formulating the technical constitution of a Student Court system, will be undertaken by a "Discipline Committee" of the student council; thereafter the proposal will be presented before the faculty for discussion, and before the Senate for approval. The Council's decision indicates their belief that we, the students of York, are mature enough to assume an important responsibility. This paper shares their belief.

We strongly commend those members of the Council who supported the principles which underlie the "Student Court".

We trust that experience will prove the wisdom of their decision.

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## EDITORIAL II

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The Pro-Tem regrets the action taken last night by Council in affirming the motion authorizing Mr. John Corvese and Mr. Phil. Spencer to edit a student year book.

We believe that the third year students, who will be the 1st class ever to graduate from York U., were thoroughly justified in their desire to assume editorship of a year-book in which they would have evaluated the three years of York University which they have experienced. It is probable that they would have produced a most unusual publication.

However, we cannot ignore the status quo. Messrs. Corvese and Spencer have been authorized to publish a year book. We urge the Editors of this year book to remember that this year will produce the 1st graduating class in our university's history. This is, therefore, a special one.

We also urge them not to condemn their project to the status of a conventional high-school year book.

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## COUNCIL CANS CALDWELL'S COURT

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In a heated debate characterized by much give and take on the part of virtually every member of council, it was finally decided that York University would accept the institution of a Student Disciplinary Court.

At this unprecedented special session of the Student Council, debate opened when the President, Gary Caldwell, moved that the student council approve the principle of a University Court.

Mr. Bruce Bryden then outlined a concrete proposal to be viewed against Mr. Caldwell's proposal as outlined in last week's Pro-Tem.

Mr. Bryden proposed an organization composed of the Student Council, a Vigilance Committee chosen by the Council, a Tribunal consisting of five students and a court of appeal consisting of faculty members and the Senate.

The Vigilance Committee would receive word of violations and submit them to the Tribunal with the defendant present. The Tribunal would judge innocence or guilt and return their judgments to the vigilance committee who, in turn would enforce it. The Court of Appeal would have the power to reduce the penalty; but not to reverse the decision.

Mr. Caldwell then took the floor and explained that in a small university, such as ours, disciplinary matters should involve all members of the university community as opposed to a university divided into students, faculty, and administration. It was charged that Mr. Caldwell was really proposing a Student Forum and not a true Court and that a Court in which the students do not have full authority, is powerless in face of administrative decision.

Council members, although they disagreed with each other on many points, were all of this general opinion--that we should not lose the opportunity to accept the great responsibility an all-student court would provide.

It was charged that in Caldwell's proposal justice would be determined by the big stick of the powerful members of faculty and administration. Finally, a vote was taken and Mr. Caldwell's proposal was defeated, 8 votes to 2, and it was then decided to take immediate steps in formulating the mechanics of an all-student court.

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Editor's Note: Because the Pro-Ten staff could not gain access to its office early this morning, we were not able to make use of our correcting fluid. We therefore ask the readers' toleration of uncorrected errors in this issue.

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Student Council took 2<sup>1</sup> hours Monday evening, to reaffirm its decision to have John Corvese and Philip Spencer edit a York yearbook. Although Council had made the same decision last week, a second decision was necessary because of objections raised by Mr. Clayton Ruby.

According to Mr. Ruby, the matter of a year book was not placed on the Council agenda for last week's meeting. Thus he was not informed and had not been able to attend the meeting to present his proposals for the year book.

The proposals Mr. Ruby presented last night differed from those of Messrs. Spencer and Corvese only in emphasis. He wished to produce a book that would be primarily a Graduation Book, with the main emphasis on the graduation group and their experiences during the past three years.

The previously mandated editors, on the other hand wished to produce a book that would reflect equally all aspects of student life.

Following a 25 minute discussion of procedure, Council President Gary Caldwell ruled that the Council would debate a motion to re-vote last Monday's motion. Two hours of spirited, repetitious discussion followed after which the Council decided to re-vote a motion it had previously passed. Re-vote it did, and again passed the following motion:

"Resolved that Philip Spencer and John Corvese have the intention of producing York's first year book. We trust that council will recognize our project and that we may depend on its co-operation."

Having once again decided what it thought, Council adjourned for a greatly needed 15-minute intermission.

On with the next Act!