EDITORIAL

The Pro-Tem asked several members of our faculty the following question:

"What do you feel should be the functions and responsibilities of a University newspaper on a campus such as York?"

We are placing their views before our readers for their critical attention, so that they will have a basis for making suggestions about demands upon their newspaper.

We thank these faculty members for their interest, and for giving us the benefit of their experience and good judgement.

A Student Newspaper has the opportunity of reporting the news and, within reason, the views of the entire student body. It should have a greater margin for impartial explanation and assessment of opinion among students than is granted to the commercial press, where editorial slant is usually a matter of long-standing policy and is too often jelled into a "party-line".

Commensurate with such an opportunity is the responsibility of the editor and his staff; to report and not to make the news; to resist the temptation of speaking mainly for or against temporarily influential campus pressure groups; most important is to make each new issue a publication reflecting its staff's best efforts toward honesty and integrity.

Clara Thomas

The purposes or functions of a college newspaper are varied and often in conflict with one another. On the one hand, the newspaper should reflect the atmosphere of the college community (and this is rarely homogeneous); and yet when it is dissatisfied with the status quo, the newspaper should attempt to influence and modify it.

This will probably be one of the last opportunities students will have to give free reign to the expression of their ideas and criticisms. A college newspaper should not, of course, attempt to duplicate the daily newspapers of the community.

The college newspaper has a responsibility both to the university community and to itself. This is primarily reflected by its level of maturity and sophistication. Unfortunately the Pro-Tem has been at a high school level in the past, and the editors have tried too hard to be "cute". By this I do not mean that humour must be neglected; but when a paper tries too hard to be humorous, it defeats its purpose when the editors recognize a serious issue, as well as its purpose as a College newspaper.

N. S. Endler

In speculating about the functions and responsibilities of a university student newspaper, certain factors come immediately to mind. At most universities the student paper typically strives to function as a medium of information (and interpretation) of news and events peculiar to the activities and aspirations of the student body. In many respects, the student paper also provides a link between students and the faculty and administration. In so doing, the student newspaper concentrates on those aspects of life that are normally associated with higher education. In essence, the
When the bonds of communication and integration are weakened through the absence of a "guiding tradition", rapid change, or tendencies toward specialized activities, the newspaper assumes an even greater responsibility. It should emphasize those aspects of university life which may serve as a locus of common interest for diverse groups. It should bring existing or potential conflicts into the open in a reasoned manner and create a "sounding board" for the expression of differences. Above all, the student paper should avoid attempting to be all things at one time, it is not a replacement of other media of communication. Thus, it should concentrate on events and conditions which are peculiar to the university, particularly with an eye to future development. It is the paper's responsibility to seek out these areas.

R.J. Osenberg

Are the functions and responsibilities of a university newspaper very different from those of any other kind of newspaper? These are not to be confused with a policy of coverage, but I do wonder whether York would feel something lacking if The Varsity were not to arrive on the campus every day.

(Miss) L. Fraser

A university newspaper should, in my opinion, make some attempt to reflect the essential aspects of a university community precisely. What this essence is, is hard to pin down. However, if one accepts the following definition of a university (which paraphrases a remark by the Cambridge Historian, Herbert Butterfield) at least the general policy which a University editorial staff might follow will be clear. Universities are not (or ought not to be) quiet pools, where intellects shall comfortably settle down, but rather, seething cauldrons of ideas, fair arenas for the clash and collision of intellectual systems.

L. Rubinoff

STUDENT ASSEMBLY

A student assembly will be held on Thursday, December 6th, at 11:15 p.m. The purpose of the assembly is to present to the student body certain issues which are before the student council, for their comment. Specifically, these issues are:

1. The wearing of gowns.
2. A constitution for the student body.
LETS BE REASONABLE ABOUT THIS

GRANTED - I CONCEDE
YOUR MAJOR PREMISE
THERE IS A STUDENT
PARKING PROBLEM.

THE QUESTION IS, CAN WE,
AS INDIVIDUALS, TAMPER
WITH THE PROFESSIONAL
JUDGEMENT OF THE
ARCHITECTS, THE TRUSTEES,
AND THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS?

LOWER LEVEL PARKING FACILITIES
ARE PROVIDED, WHY DON'T THEY
PLAY FAIR? THE UNIVERSITY
PROVIDES, AT NO LITTLE
EXPENSE, I MIGHT ADD,
RUBBER MATS AT EVERY
ENTRANCE FOR STUDENTS
TO WIPES THEIR FEET.

IN THE POPULAR IDiom,
I FEEL YOU'RE
FLOGGING THE
PROVERBIAL
DEAD HORSE.

HOWEVER, WHETHER THE PLANNING
BOARD ERRED IN THEIR SUDDERN
OF THE SITUATION IS NOT FOR
US TO DECIDE. THE FACT IS
THAT THE CAMPUS HAS BEEN
LAID OUT - NO DOUBT YOU'VE
SEEN THE PLANS YOURSELF
IN THE HALL.

REGULATIONS ARE REGULATIONS,
AND AS SUCH THEY MUST BE
ENFORCED. I RESIST
IRRESPONSIBLE PARTIES
REFERRING TO THE
PINKERTON GUARDS AS
"GELETRA" - WHY, THEY
AREN'T EVEN ARMED....

PLANS ARE ABOUT TO ORGANIZE
A MALL STUDENT HIKING CLUB
WITH TWICE DAILY EXCURSIONS
TO AND FROM THE VALLEY LOT.
I UNDERSTAND A WHOLESALE
DEALER IS UNDERMINING TO
SUPPLY CLUB JACKETS, CRESTS,
SPIRED CLIMBING BOOTS
AND HAND AKES.

WHEN I WAS A LAD
WE WALKED TO
SCHOOL.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinions expressed in these columns are not necessarily those of the editors and staff. Whether we agree or not, letters will be published subject to the availability of space.

The editors strongly urge all students to make the best use of these columns.

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"WHOLLY SANS HOLY?"

I was surprised to discover that the Whole Man who greases the Lecture Hall is devoid of any symbol of religion. Does this reveal an erroneous inference that maturity is not in any way concerned with man's spiritual well-being?

Certainly the majority of cities and universities on this continent have been founded on religious conviction. It seems, however, that because religion falls outside the realm of science, the popular tendency is to overlook such a concept.

Paul Mathewson

Dear Editor:

I am protesting the design of the flag that has been adopted by York as our version of a Canadian flag. The symbols shown on the flag represent our country as a nation of patchwork quilt makers who are too lazy to take the leaves off their quilts. A much more distinctive design would be the grey cup superimposed on a field of fertilizer with a beer commercial on the back side.

Obviously York, in an attempt to set an example has fallen into the arms of a commercial profiteer.

United we stand, divided we park in the valley.

Danny Kayfetz

Dear Sir:

I am now a guest in Canada for three and a half years. Before coming over here I stayed about six months in France and a shorter period in Germany.

Honestly, Mr. Editor, when I look at the "cooperation" between Labour and Management, at the behaviour of the T.T.C. commissioners when Allen Lamport "enlivened" their meetings, at the Coyne-Fleming dis-pute which damaged Canada's image in international finance to a considerable extent, at the Ottawa municipal Council when the Mayor is of a different "opinion" with one of her "wise men", or look at Pro-Tem's editors and previous editors, I have never in my life seen a country, which needs most of all to build of the one's I have visited, where so much energy is spent in fighting instead of constructing.

I do not maintain to be an oracle or to possess all wisdom, but when we look at what sensible cooperation has produced in the European Common Market, and that Mr. K. now promises an economic attack as well as a political one, I think it is time we in this country mature and leave off many things simply because they "are not being done that way".

Thank you,

W. Griffioen

Y.U.F.S. "Village in the Dust" and "Brazilia" to be shown 12 noon Tuesday 14:15 Thursday NO ADMISSION CHARGE

There will be a non-denominational religious service at Seven o'clock this Sunday (December 3) at York University. We will meet in the Common Room. Dean Tatham will lead this initial experimental service. If you would like to know more about it, please speak to John Wright or Gary Caldwell.

The Humanities Club at York will present Dr. Murray of the History Dept. to talk about and lead a discussion on the controversial topic: "Do historians tell the truth?" It will be held in the West Common Room tonight at 7:00 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are welcome.

STUDENTS FORUM meeting today in Room 129 at 1:15 p.m. to discuss "The Concept of a Student Newspaper at York" With fireworks --- weather permitting COME ONE!!! --- COME ALL!!!
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by Dave Allen

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Meanwhile, the native inhabitants of the occupied territories, having fear of carnage and pillage at the hands of the now unquiet enemy legions, sent envoys to petition aid on their own behalf.

Meanwhile, their petitions having been received, certain cohorts of alien mercenaries began to harass the enemy legions both from the flank and on the windshield. After a barrage by means of yellow missiles, resulting in a depletion of the revenues of the treasury, and the enemy leaders having been made more certain of these matters, they betook themselves with their legions, with the greatest possible haste, to the foot of the hill.

Meanwhile, certain men within the walled fortifications, managed by means of strategies and the like, to ascertain the identity of certain of the enemy. Envoys having been sent, certain of the enemy leaders were therefore summoned to be brought before a council of those in charge within the armoured camp.

Meanwhile, envoys having been received, certain of the enemy leaders betook themselves to the top of the hill by means of a hazardous route. Having been hailed before a quadrumvirate of learned senators, charges were brought forth against these hostages by the chief of ramparts and ditches.

Meanwhile, these things having been discussed far into the third watch, the matter was at length handed over to the Emperor himself.

VIA TENTANTA: PERICULUM PONDERANDUM

The way having been tried: the try must be weighed.
RESQUIAT IN PACE

They came to bury it, not to praise it.

Following are two abbreviated chats with chauffeur and gardener of the Wood estate.

The topic of conversation was the coach house.

We asked Mr. Treleavan (chauffeur to the Wood family for over thirty years) what sentiments he had regarding the coach house. He looked puzzled for a moment and then ventured, "Do you mean the garage?" He told us that he moved into it just after its completion in 1923. The only coachwork he remembers is "Body by Fisher". There was never a regal coach or even a little old surrey with a fringe on top.

We persisted and asked him if he could isolate a few minor events, or maybe just one. He thought and to our utter deflation, said that he couldn't even remember a good fight among the staff. He apologized for destroying our youthful romanticism and we left.

Mr. Mackintosh, long time gardener, had little to add when we phoned him. In his Scottish brogue he confirmed the fact that our "coachhouse" was called simply "the garage". He noted that the apparently modest structure cost $90,000.00 to build. Other than that, nothing else came to mind and he apologized.

Dave Alter

RINGS AND PINS

Rings with the distinctive York rose are now available through the Student Council. Rings are available in styles for both males and females. In addition, students have the choice of either gold or silver. Prices range from $2.75 to $15.00. Sales tax is extra.

The Council also has available a variety of tie bars, cufflinks, crested spoons, pins, and identification bracelets. Persons interested in purchasing same should place their orders with Mary Adams, Jim Avery, or Marilyn Paterson.

PRO-TEM MAILING

Recently the office of the Pro-Tem has added another department, that of circulation. Each week we exchange publications with several universities and hope to increase our mailing list in the near future.

The universities that have responded so far to our invitation for exchange are:

- Ryerson
- Sir George Williams U.
- U. of T.
- Ont. Coll. of Art
- Sir George U.
- Queens U.
- Wm. U.
- Carleton Coll.
- U. of Alberta
- U. of Western Ont.
- U. of Waterloo
- Huron College
- Brandon College
- U. of Syracuse
- Acadia U.
- McMaster
- U. of Alberta
- O.A.C.
- U. of Sherbrooke

We hope to have copies of these publications available to the students some time in the near future.

IN A MYS TERY OUS VANE

The Editors,
Pro-Tem

Dear Sirs:

As per your instructions I have conducted a thorough investigation into the case commonly referred to as the "Flight of the Weather Vane". The facts are as follows:

At about 3:30 p.m. on the 22nd day of November, the weather vane on the then intact Coach House mysteriously disappeared, and in its place, fluttering proudly, appeared a roll of toilet paper.

The surroundings were carefully inspected for tell-tale traces by our undercover agents, but extensive investigation yielded not even a footprint. Witnesses are either silent or non-existent.

The location of this last remnant of our fallen coach house and the identity of the agile villains who absconded with our symbol of virility cannot be ascertained.

The Director of the Physical Plant had intended to place the aforementioned weather vane atop Glendon Hall. Unconfirmed rumours indicate that certain other persons wish it to have a different fate. I shall continue my investigation until this case is solved.

With my nose in the mud, I remain,
Your faithful investigator,
Operative 93

CUBAN SYMPATHIZER ADDRESSES N.D.P.

The Cuban Revolution is an indigenous movement that is far to the left of either Russian or Chinese communism.

Speaking to a meeting of the York New Democratic Party Club on Monday, Vern Olsen, Chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee presented the case for Cuba and Fidel Castro in the struggle against the United States.

The speaker began by stating that he was not impartial in the matter and that one of the big problems in the whole affair has been the fact that North Americans have
failed to understand the meaning of the word "revolution" as employed by the Cubans because North America has never experienced such a revolution.

Going on, the speaker contrasted the flow of British capital into North America with the flow of American capital into Latin America. British capital was used to develop a virgin land, while American capital came into contact with a semi-feudal society and it allied itself with the landowning classes which were opposed to progress.

Since the Spanish-American War, the United States has dominated Cuba through the use of the Platt Amendment, said Mr. Olsen. After World War I, most of Cuba's arable land was bought by foreign investors and it was used to develop Cuba into a monoculture—a sugar factory. This monoculture has meant that it is necessary to have a large number of unemployed who work only at harvest time. There has been no diversification of crops or development of unused land and Cuban capital has not been allowed to develop.

In reply to charges that Castro has betrayed the Revolution, the speaker countered with the statement that those who say this had very little to do with the Revolution in the first place.

In January 1959, the second phase of the Revolution began. Mr. Olsen admitted that Castro has not fulfilled all his promises in that he has not restored the Constitution of 1940 because he has been trying to carry out a social revolution at the same time. It was not until the day after the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion that Castro began to refer to his social revolution as a socialist revolution.

The speaker suggested that the danger to Cuba from the United States was economic rather than military. No American aid was given to Latin America before the Cuban Revolution and it was not until after Castro's arrival in Cuba that an aid program began to relieve popular pressure and to alleviate some of the most pressing conditions.

Mr. Olsen regretted that Cuba had been dragged into the cold war because of its dependence upon Soviet aid and trade. However, he hoped that "the first social revolution in the Western Hemisphere" might yet survive the cold war and he referred to the strong backing that the Cuban youth are giving to the revolution.

In a lively discussion period after the meeting, the following information was elicited.

- 200,000 to 300,000 people have been settled on land producing crops other than sugar.

- The speaker considered standards of personal freedom to be relatively high considering the continual state of emergency resulting from the threat of invasion.

- Working Cubans are better off than they were before the Revolution.
CUBAN SYMPATHIZER (Cont'd.)

failed to understand the meaning of the word "revolution" as employed by the Cubans because North America has never experienced such a revolution.

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Since the Spanish-American War, the United States has dominated Cuba through the use of the Platt Amendment, said Mr. Olsen. After World War I, most of Cuba's arable land was bought by foreign investors and it was used to develop Cuba into a monoculture—a sugar factory. This monoculture has meant that it is necessary to have a large number of unemployed who work only at harvest time. There has been no diversification of crops or development of unused land and Cuban capital has not been allowed to develop.

In reply to charges that Castro has betrayed the Revolution, the speaker countered with the statement that those who say this had very little to do with the Revolution in the first place.

In January 1959, the second phase of the Revolution began. Mr. Olsen admitted that Castro has not fulfilled all his promises in that he has not restored the Constitution of 1940 because he has been trying to carry out a social revolution at the same time. It was not until the day after the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion that Castro began to refer to his social revolution as a socialist revolution.

The speaker suggested that the danger to Cuba from the United States was economic rather than military. No American aid was given to Latin America before the Cuban Revolution and it was not until after Castro's arrival in Cuba that an aid program was begun to relieve popular pressure and to alleviate some of the most pressing conditions.

Mr. Olsen regretted that Cuba had been dragged into the cold war because of its dependence upon Soviet aid and trade. However, he hoped that "the first social revolution in the Western Hemisphere" might yet survive the cold war and he referred to the strong backing that the Cuban youth are giving to the revolution.

In a lively discussion period after the meeting, the following information was elicited.

- 200,000 to 300,000 people have been settled on land producing crops other than sugar.
- The speaker considered standards of personal freedom to be relatively high considering the continual state of emergency resulting from the threat of invasion.
- Working Cubans are better off than they were before the Revolution.

LE COIN FRANCAIS

C'est la vie (une poème)

À trente ans, le cheval termine sa carrière,
Sans avoir bu, ni vin, ni bière.
Le bouc et le mouton, aussi grands buveurs d'eau,
Quand ils se rendent âvingt ans,
c'est la moyenne
On ne boit que de l'eau chez les enfants de chienne.
Le chat, si renommé comme buveur de lait,
A dix ans tout au plus, voit son règne complet.
La plupart des oiseaux, à cinq ans déménagent, devant l'eau sans vin,
De peur de mourir en bas âge.
Enfin l'insecte vit peu de jour ici-bas,
L valeur du cocktail, il ne la connaît pas.
Grâce aux bonnes liqueurs du Bon Dieu, il ne l'oubliera pas.
L'Homme peut vivre heureux et mourir centenaire.
Fancrasse
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FORUM APPEARS

On Tuesday, November 27th, the first issue of The Forum was distributed. This publication, edited by Don Kantel and John Stevens, is expected to appear every two weeks.
Another York tradition has been, I hope, established in the spirited reading of "The Way of the World" by second year English students on Tuesday evening.

The performance was marred only by the disturbance caused by some Atkinson College students who laughed and talked at the back of the room during part of the presentation.

The English Department has led us to believe that the play, the peak of the Restoration Comedy of manners, centers more around the witty repartee than the vivid characters and complicated plot. If this is so, the performance Tuesday night was unique.

The dialogue is hazy in my mind, the plot slightly confused, but impossible to forget are the marvellously colourful and hilarious "dramatis personae"- Congreve's creations transformed on the stage into 17th Century, high society, extremely indecorous York University students. Never again will I be able to picture Gary West without his curly red wig and white lace garters, or Mary-Lynne Batten without a mop on her head.

Now for a run-down of the characters and a clarification of the plot. Tony Martin as the beautiful blonde Waitwell, husband to Foible (Lyne Donaldson, who did very well as Lady Wishfort's servant and go-between in the plot against her) disguising himself as Sir Roland, who, in feigning love for the ugly old love-sick widow Lady Wishfort (Mary-Lynne Batten) who has formerly been courted by Mirabell (David Carrier, who actually thought he was playing Napoleon, and did it splendidly) and who is now in love with Mrs. Millament (Judy Bradley of the wonderful bursts of laughter) and who is also being courted by Petulant (David Newman who refused to wear rouge) and Witwood (Gary West) and Wilful Witwood (Richard Livesay, magnificent when "under the influence" and is aided by Mrs. Painall (Katherine Parker) who has also formerly had an affair with Mirabell and is the husband of Mr. Fairall (Art Williams, who artfully flipped his tails to reveal a gorgeous crimson bow on the back of his cumberbund) who has an affair with Mrs. Marwood (Marilyn Allen, the villain with Fairall) was excellent as a melodramatic lover.

To add to the confusion, Bev Gauthier played Mincing, Betty and Peg; Victor Last, a hurried addition as coachman and servant spoke well, but I am not sure to whom; and David Newman also played a messenger who spoke to Petulant (himself)

Congratulations to all the cast and the director, Mrs. Thomas - A very entertaining evening.

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