

# PRO TEM



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## EDITORIAL

The Editors and Staff of the Pro-Tem wish our readers, and even those people who refuse to read us, Seasons Greetings, Our first issue of next term will appear on the first Thursday of January.

Best Wishes

The Pro - Tem

### R. C. M. P. REPLIES

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have replied to charges that plain-clothed officers are studying at Queens University in order to keep an eye on voicers of unfavourable thought and opinions.

The Head of Kingston detachment of the RCMP stated that it had been the policy of the force to send selected trainees to the University over the past twenty-five years.

It is the policy of the Canadian Government to send persons back to University for additional training, and since the RCMP is a government agency, it may be argued that they should have this privilege too.

### EDITORIAL

Recently it was discovered that two officers of the RCMP were attending lectures at Queens University.

This discovery prompted one of the Queens professors to observe that police officers in plain clothes among the student body could be a deterrent to free thought and expression of opinion at a university.

Several days previously charges were made that the RCMP was keeping a close tab on University students, and the President of a large coporation expressed dismay at the influence of Left-

ist thought on the Campus.

The Editors of this paper have tossed around the question "can such a situation with respect to freedom of thought be developing in Canada, as exists in the United States?" There the citizen is allowed freedom of thought as long as he thinks thoughts compatible with American Democracy. But if he does not, then he is liable to be investigated, lose his job, and to become socially ostracised.

Can this spirit be our latest American import? Are we too being investigated, and must we close our doors when we want to discuss or commit ourselves to something other than what our government wants us to?

Can this happen in Canada?

Let's hope not.

### COUNCIL CONDEMNS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Student Council, Friday night, decided in favour of Mr. Doug Rutherford's motion to "abhor the use of Capital punishment and urge the country to remove this form of punishment from its Criminal Code". There was actually very little debate on the motion as most Council members appeared to favour the abolition of Capital Punishment.

Mr. Rutherford in his opening address pointed out that it was uncivilized and vengeance, rather than punishment.

Mr. Caldwell maintained that there is no "corrective value" for the individual and that there is no direct connection between the number of murders and the number of hangings. He also stated that it was important for the University to take a stand on matters such as this, as a matter of principle. It appears also that Frank McGee, who has been waging a private war in Parliament to have the death penalty abolished, is the MP from York's constituency and by taking

this action we will help him greatly in his campaign against hanging. Mr. Bell pointed out that rehabilitation was often successful and former murderers can actually serve society as did Robert Stroud.

The Council passed the motion and Mr. Levy of the Pro-Tem urged them to take action. He stated that the Pro-Tem would do its best to keep the students informed of the steps taken by their Council in this issue. Council decided to send a letter embodying their motion and urging action to Mr. McGee and to the Minister of Justice.

An interesting side question which arose out of the debate was the matter of whether or not Council had the right to make a decision of this sort, since it is not really expressive of University opinion on this matter and since it would imply a denial of the basic rights of the individual student, to have his Council take a stand for him on this issue. Miss Braithwaite felt that the Student's Council could not represent the students but only themselves as individuals in a matter bearing such social and moral significance as the present one. Mr. Hori replied in somewhat ambiguous terms saying that "as long as we have life, we have the right to discuss life." Mr. Rutherford said that Council is elected and representative and said that in his opinion, it had not only the right but the duty to take stands on such issues. Mr. Caldwell compared the government of a country to the Council and said that it was the only effective body that existed in the school for taking initiative and that it must do so. He felt that after the initiative was taken, though, the students should be asked to express their views.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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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 available space. The Editors strongly urge all students to make full use of these columns.

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Dear Sir:

Last Friday night, Student Council performed a noble act and an act worthy of praise when they adopted Mr. Rutherford's motion to "abhor Capital Punishment". However, in their highly emotional defense of this motion, the Council members seemed to have lost sight of the practical implications of their actions.

By declaring that the Student Council has the right to express its own views as being the views of the student body on matters of moral and social significance Council has established a dangerous precedent. It is true that its decision will be a popular one, and one with which I completely concur. But that is not the point. The fact remains, that Council

has given itself the right to commit the students of York University to support specific action, even though this action may be contrary to their personal views. For example, on the question of nuclear arms for Canada, a question of a much more controversial nature than the present one, because seven of the thirteen voting members of the Council happen to be personally in favour of adopting nuclear arms, some 300 students will be committed to act to secure the adoption of such weapons in Canada. Similarly, if seven of the people there Friday night had been in favour of maintaining the death penalty, then this institution as a whole would be committed to that decision. This is the implication of what Council has done.

Friday night, Mr. Caldwell tried to equate the Student's Council to a government of a country, as a body which must take the initiative, and then come to its electors for support. If Mr. Caldwell is willing to make this analogy, will he be willing to carry it one step further and admit that if a plebiscite reveals Council has acted contrary to the student's views, then Council should resign? I believe that Council will conduct such a plebiscite on this matter in the future; I also believe that there is very little chance of the student's condemning Council's action. But I still wish to stress the future danger that could result from the establishment of this precedent. Conceivably, the students could register disapproval, if not on this issue then on others, such as the Canadian flag. Council will then find itself in a very embarrassing position. Our Council was not mandated to decide on questions such as this. It has taken this power for itself, and it is wrong to do so.

However, let me repeat again that the decision Council reached was a noble one and one of importance. I agree with Mr. Caldwell that the Student's Council should not merely be an administrative body within the school. It should accomplish the ends it has accomplished; but it should not use the means that it did. If Council wants to act on such questions, let it be certain that it has the support of a majority of students before it takes any such action. Let it be certain that it is reflecting the public will, and not dictating it. If Mr. Rutherford, in presenting his motion Friday night, had accompanied it with a petition requesting action, and bearing the names of a majority of York students, then and only then would Council have had the authority to take the action it did. Mr. Caldwell implied that no one was interested enough in such matters to take the initiative and so it remained up to Council to do so. I maintain that if Mr. Rutherford was interested enough to present this motion he could easily have had a petition drafted or Council could have asked him to do so, before acting.

If I am wrong, and Council does have right, then it seems a necessary corollary that at the next election, we consider

not only whether the candidates are competent, but also what they think about political, social, and moral questions. When we elect a treasurer will it be necessary to ask him to reveal his ideas on such things as the death penalty, immigration, or a Canadian flag?

I sincerely hope that Council realizes the full import of what it has done, and acts accordingly in the very near future.

Fred Gorbet.

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IN REPLY by Gary Caldwell

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Student Council president, Gary Caldwell, was asked to state his views on the right of the Council to represent student opinion. These views follow. \* \*

On Friday night the Student Council passed a motion condemning capital punishment.

Although the issue involved was not related to the administrative business of the student body, it is an issue which is an immediate concern of students.

As students we have a responsibility to stand back from the "status quo" and question some of the assumptions of the milieu that surrounds us. This is the real responsibility that our freedom entails.

Who is going to take the initiative in expressing student opinion but the Student Council? This is why Council was elected. But taking the initiative and committing the student body are two different things. If the student body is going to express an opinion effectively, the students have to be aware of what they are expressing. If we students of York want to take a stand on capital punishment, we must discuss it and become aware of what is involved. The student council realizes this, and it is their responsibility to take the initiative in presenting the issue to the students for discussion. The question of capital punishment will be discussed in a student assembly which is to be held early next term.

Should a desire for a plebiscite become apparent in the discussion at this assembly, then it will be the Student Council's duty to consider having a plebiscite.

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## COUNCIL MEETING

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### Election Act Adopted

Last Friday night Student Council finally adopted the Revised Elections Act submitted by Chief Returning Officer David Beasley. Mr. Beasley who has been working on the Act for quite some time now was congratulated and thanked for his efforts by Council. There were two amendments to the act. First, that the executive would consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary and, secondly, that the President and the Treasurer when nominated, must be in at least their second academic year.

## COUNCIL MEETING (cont'd.)

### MC<sup>2</sup> Receives Funds

Miss Isenberg, Editor-in-chief of MC<sup>2</sup>, approached Council with a request for \$200.00 more to facilitate the publishing of the final issue of the magazine with the same format as the previous issue. Miss Isenberg felt that it was necessary to maintain the present format as it sets a precedent for the high standards of the University, as it has a psychological effect on students writing for the magazine, and as it presents York University in a most favourable light to other Universities who read it. Miss Isenberg pointed out that she was having trouble getting advertising because of the Yearbook and that the additional \$200.00 would still leave the grant of the MC<sup>2</sup> below the original request. Council felt that the publication had just grounds for requesting the grant, but that it was just too much money. Mr. Bryden, the Treasurer, felt that "we must walk, before we can run" and cited Pro-Tem as publishing as cheaply as possible and not being "reckless" with its funds.

Mr. Hori amended the original motion to read \$100.00 instead of \$200.00 and council granted this sum to the magazine.

### Three Assemblies for Coming Term

President Caldwell made a request for authorization to have three student assemblies in the coming term. Council granted his request and there will be one in January (for the reports of students attending seminars) one in February (possibly on the Constitution) and a final one for the elections.

### Competition for University Song

Mr. Bill Penny approached Council with plans for sponsoring a contest for the writing of an original, lasting school song. Council felt that the idea was a good one and Mr. Bell and Mr. Penny were mandated to be in charge of this contest. This contest will be open to the administration and faculty as well as to students and the song will be judged by members of the choir appointed by Dr. Macauley. A prize will be offered for the winning song.

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## MC<sup>2</sup> LIMIT PUBLICATION

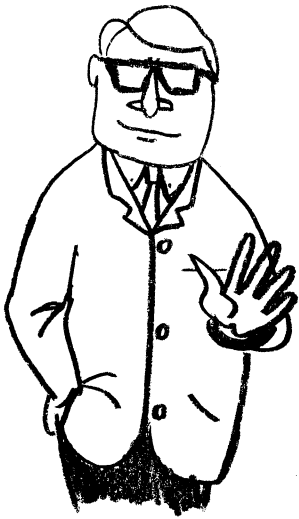
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Due to the shortage of material submitted, the editorial staff of the MC<sup>2</sup> have been forced to limit their production efforts. It has been decided to publish only one more issue of the magazine during this academic year. This issue will appear during the last week of February.

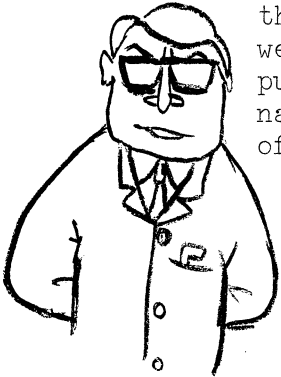
Miss Renee Isenberg informs the Pro-Tem that the deadline for submissions has been extended to the first Monday in January.

All contributions gratefully received.

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consumers.  
I'm Santa Claus.

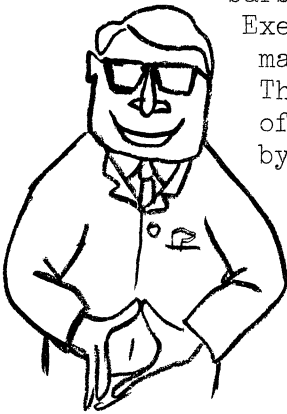


The board of directors and myself have been keeping a finger on the public pulse these past years, and frankly we've been disappointed with public response to the more naive, traditional concept of Santa Claus- image-wise, that is.



We handed our contract to a new PR outfit, who revamped our whole motif. For me it was Slenderella, a good barber, and Eaton's Junior Executive Shop. The toys are

made in New York by Matel. The gnomes have been pensioned off. I'm assisted on my rounds by a bevy of beautiful chicks in bunny outfits.....



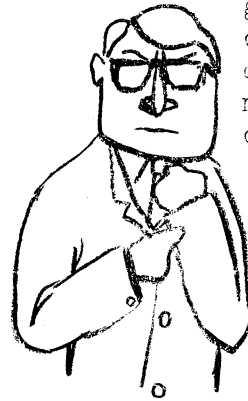
I still dispense Christmas cheer, but of a slightly different sort. The rather gauche Ho Ho Ho Ho routine has been cut to a polite chuckle.



I know what you're thinking- "Golly, that's not how I pictured him." Well let me tell you, we've made some changes!



We asked ourselves bluntly if a fat old gaffer in a red suit could SELL Christmas on today's competitive market.... The answer came back negative!



Unfortunately Mrs. Claus couldn't make a satisfactory transition.

The divorce becomes final next week. I'm sure we'll all miss her.



So as not to offend any of you ethnic minorities out there, let me wish you not Merry Christmas, but Happy Holiday!



"HEAVENLY DAYS"

Part III

Once out in the streets, Tom and Willie went sightseeing. Tom wanted to visit the Prophets, but Willie discouraged him. "Dey's been worried by white folks all day, who go to see if dey really looks like Jews. By now, dey is a little peeved. Wait yo' turn; you'll git your chance." Tom wanted to know if he would ever see God. "Oh, sooner or later. After de white folks had a peek." Willie assured him. "Come on, let's go visit de Garden of Eden. Dat'll put you in a good mood."

No sooner had Willie spoken than they found themselves transported into a pearl-walled garden full of familiar and exotic plants, birds, and animals. Tom was a little nervous when a tiger crossed their path, but Willie laughed it off, "Harmless," he said.

The two of them walked along sampling fruit from the park trees. Finally they came to a tall, green tree with shiny red apple-like fruit. Tom reached for it, but Willie stopped him. "Dat's the tree of knowledge. Negroes aren't allowed to eat the fruit off dat."

"Oh well, it's probably sour," Tom said. But he was disappointed. Further up the walk stood a tree with pear-shaped fruit of crystal color. Near it stood white people laughing and pulling the fruit. Tom reached toward the tree. The angel restrained him. "Here," the angel said. He pulled off some fruit and gave them to the men.

"The angel waits on Negroes," Willie told Tom.

The fruit was delicious, but somehow Tom felt it would have tased even better if he had picked it himself. "Do you want to see the pool?" Willie asked.

"I sho' do!" replied Tom. He had read of how everyone, tired, old, and ill, washed away his troubles. How good it would be to feel the sacred water over his weary body. In a flash they stood before the opal-lined pool, surrounded by silver sand. White people swam, splashed, and sang gleefully in the heavenly blue water. A beautiful rainbow hovered above them, and the golden sunshine illuminated the furthest reaches of the pool. Tom began unfastening his shoes. "A swim will do me good," he said. He plunged forward, but a powerful hand halted his fall. He looked up into the face of a white angel.

"Sorry," the angel said, "but you can't go in there. Here, take this water and enjoy yourself." He handed Tom a jug of the same heavenly blue water and motioned him away from the pool.

"Dey bottle it for Negroes," Willie said. They started back toward Eden's gate.

"Tell me, Willie," Tom said thoughtfully, "what are the conditions like in hell?"

"Oh, dat was one awful place until St. Peter sent a batch of freedom riders down there two years ago. Dem folks raised so much hell dat de devil came in and conditions have been improving ever since. Now everybody picks dat damn cotton!"

Tom smiled. "Dem folks sure do change things," he said.

Back at the house, Tom began packing.

"Where do you think you're going?" asked Mr. John.

"I'm going to hell," Tom replied.

Blanche J. Craig '64  
Selma, Alabama

ATHLETIC BRIEFS

BY  
DAVE ALLEN

YORK A's WIN

Last Friday afternoon the York A's defeated Agincourt H.S. 5-4. In a closely fought encounter Brian McGee led the Yorkmen with two goals and an assist. Single counters went to Bob Vallance, an Agincourt grad, Doug Rutherford and Mike McMullen.

The game was played on an outdoor ice surface in deepest Agincourt. Needless to say the temperature was well below freezing. Many of the players were bundled up with towels, scarfs and such wrapped around their heads for warmth - notably John Copus and Mike McMullen, who looked like either men from outer space or sheiks of Arabia in their get-ups. When asked to comment on the situation Frank Smith said that his geographical knowledge led him to think that Toronto's climate was not D of 6 but EF.

If the four York spectators had been asked to comment they probably would have agreed with Frank. It is remarkable how Patti Heffron, Sam Mungai, Clair Shoemaker and John Perigoe managed to survive the game. Not to mention the working staff of John Moore, Howard Langille and Harry Boyd. It was cold.

However, John Perigoe warmed the hearts of the York people by inviting them over to his home after the game. With the assistance of his mother and sister, John served hot chocolate and cookies. This really hit the spot. Many thanks, John.

Mike McMullen

Thanks, and a tug on the Allen Briefs for Mike McMullen.

C H R I S T M A S     P A R T Y  
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Y O R K     H A L L

A brief questionnaire, designed to examine students' perception of certain aspects of the University and of themselves in relation to certain significant persons in their lives, was given to first-year students in December.

1. Students, when asked to judge University salaries show themselves, on the whole, remarkably well informed as to salaries being paid to faculty, librarians and secretaries. They were, however, inclined to see librarians and secretaries as getting somewhat more than the actual starting salary at this University, but the difference was not great.
2. They saw no great difference between the University of Toronto and York faculty salaries, nor is there any great difference. This may indicate that students evaluate both institutions as roughly comparable in quality of instructors.
3. Students were asked to state the salary they believed they would actually receive on leaving the University (with a degree) and also the salary they would very much like to receive in their first job. In general, both estimates were highly realistic, although more so for men than women. The median expected salary was \$5,000; the mean expected was \$4,875.00. The median hoped for salary was \$6,000; the mean hoped for salary was \$7,110. My agents tell me that a University male graduate can reasonably expect to be hired for about \$5,500 by the larger companies.
4. In this connection, a tabulation was made by Professor Seeley of the relationship between what the students guessed Professor Coughlin's present salary to be, on the one hand, and on the other, between their father's present salary and their expected salary. Their estimate of Professor Coughlin's salary was also compared to their father's actual salary. Results: (a) 75 per cent of the students judged Professor Coughlin's salary to be equal or greater than their father's salary. One-quarter of the class judged his salary to fall below their father's salary. (b) On the average, students expected in their first job to receive a salary that was about half what Professor Coughlin now receives (as they guessed his salary). (c) On the average, students expected to get a starting salary after graduation that would be 70 per cent of their father's present salary.

In other words, students, on the average, judged Professor Coughlin's salary to be higher than their father's. They expect to come closer to matching their father's salary than Professor Coughlin's in their initial job.

#### Conclusions

1. York students are sharp.
2. By and large they have to be because they do not come into the world with silver spoons in their mouths. Only seven students in the

67 answering the questionnaire reported their fathers earning \$15,000 or more, and only two fathers were in the \$20,000 bracket.

3. The majority feel that they are getting their money's worth; only about three per cent think faculty salaries are too high; 31 per cent judge them to be too low; and 59 per cent think they are just right.

Further questions to be answered: Did the 59 per cent who judge present University salaries to be "just right" realize that they expect to get at their first job about as much as some of their instructors (the lowest ranking ones) actually are paid?

#### HONOURS RECEIVED

Professor H.S. Harris has been invited to join the Editorial Board of the Encyclopedia of Philosophy (New York).

Professor William Kilbourn has joined the editorial boards of Tamarack Review and the Canadian Forum.

Dean Morrison has been appointed Active Member representing York University in the Metropolitan Educational Television Association of Toronto, October 12, 1962.

Professor S.G.D. Smith has been appointed editor of the Canadian Forum for the ensuing year.

Professor M. H. Appley, who is already a Fellow of the Division of Experimental Psychology, has been elected a Fellow of the Division of Personality and Social Psychology of the American Psychological Association. He has also been elected to membership in the American Psychosomatic Society. Prof. Appley was re-appointed Chairman of the Anthropology-Psychology Panel for 1963 for the evaluation of applicants for U.S. National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships; the panel is one of seven organized by the (U.S.) National Academy of Sciences--National Research Council at the request of the National Science Foundation.

From the York Gazette

#### SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science approved the establishment of a Schools Liaison Committee to prepare a programme of presentation of information about York University to the schools and prospective university students. It was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary of the Council be empowered to select five members for the Schools Liaison Committee.

Mr. John McKellar, former Principal of Parkdale Collegiate and Lawrence Park Collegiate, has been appointed to assist the Registrar in the Development of a high school liaison programme.

From the York Gazette

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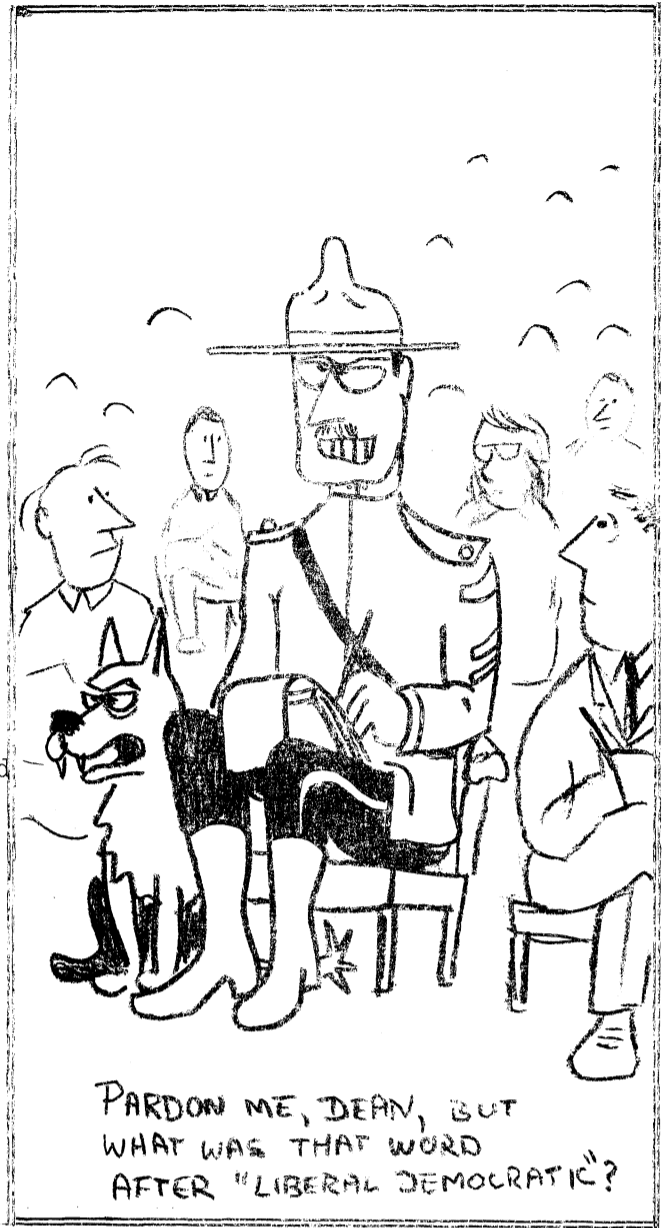
LE COIN FRANCAIS

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Le suivant est la description d'une jove d'Hockey a Montreal entre Montreal et Toronto. Il vient des "times" le journal de Huron Universite.

The following is how Marcel La Scragg broadcasts on station K.R.U.D. the last hockey game to all the French fans along the Frog River in Northern Quebec.

"Bonjour, fans d'hockey au Canada et les autres parts de Quebec. La score at le half-way mark dans period second est Montreal 3 - Toronto deux. Le face-off est to the left the Long Johns Bower. Le puc est dropped et it allé back at Talbutt ... over a Harvey, il shoot ... oh, sacre Bleu, il miss le net par trois milles ... Maintenant Brewer has la puc; il skate out lentement och, et Harvey plants him avec a dandy body check. Put him quatre rows up dans les blues, fans de hockey. Manifique, Doug. Maintenant, Richard brings le puc up a centre ice, passe a brother Henri, back a Moore et il est tripped par Baun. Que'est ce que la matter there, Udberry? La dumb biscuit. Il was picking son nez sur cela play, sports fans, maintenant Kelly comes back for le leafs, over a Masniveescotch, I mean, Mahovel-snith ... I mean ... il passe back a Ehman ... il shot ... well mon Dieu... il score. Damn. Smattin up there, tied, trois-trois. Pulford est facing off avec le Gros Jean. Pulford gets le draw, over a Olmstead qui goes dans le coin ave Johnson. Ils battle pour le puc ... whoops, Johnson broke Bert's nez ... pauvre garcon ... mais Olmstead est mad et drops his gloves. Il belt Johnson dans le mush. Johnson clubs him over la tete avec his stick .... Crunch ... What une great fight, fans. L'est une right, une left, et un autre left ... Blood toute over la place ... Belt la basket again, Johnson .. Hey, no fair, Olmstead et hitting Johnson avec his tinny! Et le bell goes to end round 2, I mean la deux period. Et maintenant, une mot from our sponsor.



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SING A SONG OF YORK

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Mr. Wm. Penny and Mr. D. Bell who have been mandated by Student Council to conduct a contest for a York song, have released tentative details concerning the contest.

All students, faculty and administration of York are eligible to submit entries. It is hoped that both lyrics and music will be submitted, although it is not necessary to submit both.

The style of song is wide open although something with a good beat is preferable, i.e. martial-type music. Mr. Penny further expressed the wish that the song be kept short, preferably about three verses.

Judging will be underthe direction of Dr. Wm. McCauley, York's Director of Masic. Dr. McCauley plans to select a judging committee of about four or five members from the York choir, and these people will make the final decision.

Entries should be submitted to Mr. Wm. Penny as soon as possible, as it is expected that some deadline will be set early in the new year. It is believed that a prize will be offered for the winning entry, although just what this prize will be has not yet been determined.