

## Bare bones budget for CYSF

### Council tows the austerity line

By JOHN WRIGHT

Darren Chapman, Director of Finance for the Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF), gave first reading to his 1983-84 budget at the general CYSF meeting Tuesday.

While still in the form of a working paper, these figures are expected to form the basis for the final CYSF budget.

These figures indicate that CYSF can expect a cash surplus that will reduce the current cumulative deficit of more than over \$60,000 by approximately one-third.

University grants are CYSF's chief source of income. These grants come in two forms. The first is a direct payment of \$18.50 per student registered in a CYSF affiliated college.

The balance of this year's revenue comes from various programs that raise all or part of CYSF's revenue from outside sources. These include \$15,000 from advertising in the *Manus* student handbook, \$30,000 from the Reel and Screen movie series, and \$13,000 from the Port-A-Pub liquor management agency. CYSF's political and discretionary expenses are paid out of the directors' portfolios (for instance, External Affairs, Women's Affairs, etc.). Most directors have submitted detailed proposals for this year's budget requests.

Brian Patterson of Academic Affairs has requested \$3,500. Included in his plans are funds for the Student Senate, and the creation of a fund to grant money to the Department of Student Unions.

Services and Communication Director Lisa Pisano has asked for \$15,975 in order to promote CYSF activities, and to provide some funding for *Excalibur* and York Student Security.

Jenny Burnaka the Director of Internal Affairs has allocated a total of \$23,800 to fund this year's student orientation, and to grant both Campus Connection and the Career Centre a portion of their operating expenses.

The Director of Women's Affairs, Lana Floman, has submitted a detailed list of activities for the year, for which she has requested \$3,700.

While yet to append detailed proposals to the working papers, Chapman has proposed a \$4,800 budget for the President's Office, and a \$1,500 fund for his own Finance portfolio.

Chapman has instituted cost-cutting measures in CYSF's outside activities this year. Radio York initially requested a \$40,000 deficit this year, but this has been cut to \$13,900. *Manus* expenses were cut by \$9,000 this year, and the Reel and Screen has been asked to trim costs by 10 percent.

A significant saving will be achieved by instituting stricter inventory controls on the Port-A-Pub service. At 1982-83 year-end there was a whopping \$14,000 in inventory missing.

Should these figures form the basis of this year's CYSF budget, the cumulative deficit should fall by about \$20,000. The total income expected from all sources is expected to be \$277,640, and assuming a \$40,000 External cost, expenses would total \$259,747. This would result in a net surplus of \$17,893. This, coupled with the missing income reports, would bring the total net surplus to the expected \$20,000.

## Challenging media ethics

By CAROL BRUNT

"Publicity is the soul of justice. Secrecy is its most sinister enemy." So said *Toronto Star* publisher Beland Honderich at an open forum called "Trial By Media," which was held at Ryerson last Thursday.

The forum dealt with the question of whether the identity of an accused criminal should be made public.

"If we restrict public knowledge of how justice is being administered—and to whom—we give rise to suspicions and fears of favoritism and injustice," said Honderich.

Honderich was one of a panel of five at the forum, which was sponsored by the Ontario Press Council. The panel was divided, however, on the question.

Darlene Lawson, executive director of the Elizabeth Fry Society, disagreed with Honderich. Disclosing the identity of an accused upon arrest "seems a dubious way of protecting rights," she said.

"Disclosure of identity during a trial also violates the rights of protection until proven guilty," said Lawson.

"In my view, the bar, the law enforcement associations, and the media must be legally prohibited from releasing any information whatsoever until the accused is found guilty," said Lawson.

Edward Greenspan, a Toronto criminal lawyer, continued in the same vein: "The media can influence justice in one direction or another merely by publicizing the facts of an arrest."

According to Greenspan, the media is disregarding the presumption of the suspect's innocence when they refer to the arrested suspect as the "gunman" because this implies that he's the proven perpetrator.

"The most helpful steps which can be taken to promote impartial trials is for the news media to adopt voluntary codes covering all aspects of crime reporting," he said. "Naming names of persons accused of a crime adds nothing. The accused should have the right to decide whether his or her name is published before the end of the trial."

But Alan Borovoy, general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association said "the law already imposes too many restrictions on the freedom of the media." Referring to the Susan Nelles case and the present lawsuit, he questioned why the public should be deprived



"of an important and timely debate about an important issue of public policy."

Also referring to the Nelles case and to the recent case in Orillia concerning the large group of men charged with gross indecency who did not want their names published, Honderich said that publicity acts as a restraint on police conduct. Without publicity, Honderich said that abuses would increase. "Publicizing the names of those involved is a means for the public to assess the quality and fairness of justice," he said.

Though Honderich said he believes most newspapers and broadcast stations have guidelines concerning publication that they attempt to follow, he admitted problems arise when trying to follow them citing the incident in Orillia.

In the question and answer period that followed, Greenspan said "the media and the legal profession can't continue this way. This is a very serious issue. We have a constitution now and as a result much greater autonomy will be given to the press."

"What we must do is our separate disciplines must get together and must discuss the issues, issue by issue," he said. "We must try to develop codes as the Americans are attempting to do—codes that control each particular group."

When questioned about the validity of Greenspan's solution regarding the development of codes, Honderich replied "I'm all in favor of discussion, but this is an age-old problem that's been going on for years. I don't know how to bridge it."

Greenspan admitted that what he's suggesting "is not a particularly revolutionary concept."

"It's time that it happened here. It's time that we all sat down and tried to come up with a set of rules that are fair and yet don't infringe on the right to a fair trial."

He believes that the establishment of a committee who would present a report to the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Ontario Press Council, would achieve some rules.



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