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## CYSF clears rental van issue; President offers apology

By ELLIOT SHIFF

Thursday's special CYSF council meeting allowed members to air their concerns over the van incident, culminating with a conciliatory plea requesting council to get back to business.

Director of Finance Valance Ellies began the meeting by introducing a motion resolving that "Mr. Chris Summerhayes admit that he misled council, and that for this act he offer council a full and public apology."

Summerhayes replied to the motion by stating, "Yes, I will apologize for misleading council. I'm truly sorry we didn't get the van there and get the members down."

Following this statement Ellies withdrew the motion, but introduced a second motion stating, "Miss Hallewick failed to use proper discretion in investigating the van incident as requested by council, and that for this indiscretion she offer council a full and public apology."

Ellies then addressed council, saying, "Given our newness in our political positions we all make mistakes. The harm is when the mistake is not realized and not addressed." Ellies continued, "there are no personal vendettas against anybody in this council by myself or I believe anybody else. I introduced both motions so that the wrongdoing could be understood by people and . . . more importantly, that council is satisfied that this would not happen again."

Some members of council, however, opposed Ellies' motion that Hallewick apologize. Graduate Business Council representative Don McMillan said, "I don't think council should demand that Elise apologize. I don't think she has done anything wrong. It's unfortunate that it had to go through the paper before it came to council; however, I applaud her digging on such."

Board of Governors representative Pamela Fruitman disagreed with McMillan, saying, "the issue did not come back to council. I think that the only action being asked for an apology is for not presenting the information to council as we asked."

Hallewick answered Fruitman's request by stating, "I don't think an apology is in order for simply informing constituents." Hallewick then reassured that she had brought the matter in front of council twice previously.

Executive member Randy Dobson suggested that asking for apologies from both members was the appropriate thing to do so that the air could be cleared, and allow council to get back to work.

"I'm sure no one in this council likes the fact that there's a somewhat pungent odor surrounding the whole organization at this point in time," Dobson said.

"If this motion passes, the odor does not get better, it gets worse," said Graduate Student representative Terry Conlin.

Ellies took the floor again to reiterate that no one was putting down Hallewick's efforts, but he voiced displeasure at her methods, saying, "the executive would have been only too pleased to deal with this problem before it went to *Excalibur*." The executive, as a body, had never been approached on the matter, Ellies said, although Hallewick previously said she encountered problems with certain members of the executive.

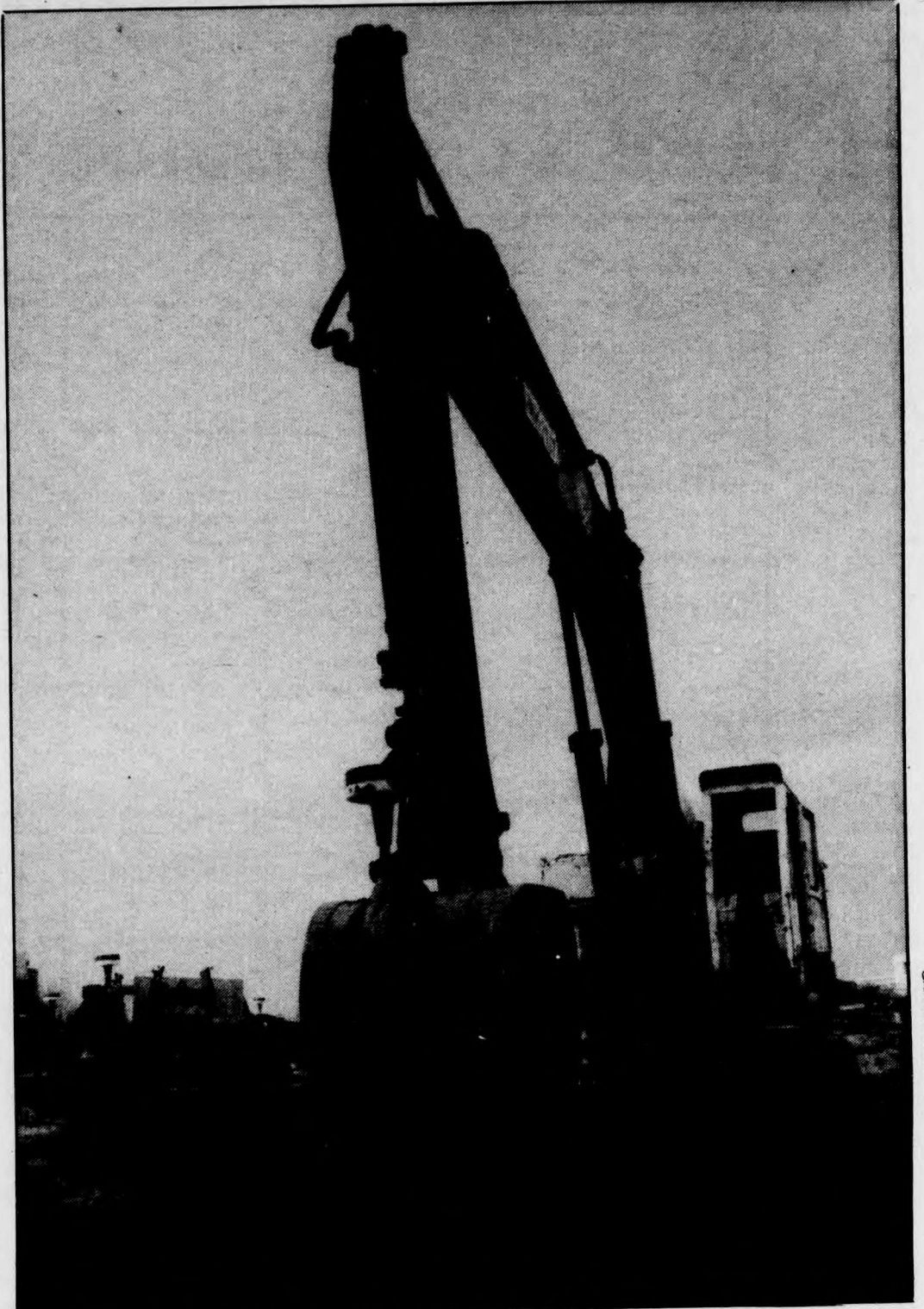
Executive member Rick Koffman backed Ellies, saying the problem was not brought before the executive, and as a result, the article in *Excalibur* "made us look like we're not aware of problems, like we wanted to snow it under, but in actual fact we were never given the opportunity to deal with matter."

Chris Costello sided with those members who opposed an apology from Hallewick.

"Chris (Summerhayes) came up before council twice and said the van broke down. Then he comes back and says he slept in. Who did something wrong?" asked Costello. "We're asking for an apology I don't feel should be asked for."

The motion requesting Hallewick apologize was then called to a vote and was defeated 12-8 with four abstentions.

"There are a certain amount of bad feelings," Summerhayes said. "I don't know how we are going to mend that. Concerning the issue the only recommendation I have is that if a member of either executive or council has a problem to discuss, my door is always open." Summerhayes concluded discussion on the matter saying, "the best way we can put this issue to bed is to do just that. We've wasted enough council time. I am sincerely sorry that when I was asked to help out I couldn't. It's time to get back to business."



GRAHAM THOMPSON

DIG IT: The earth moved as crews began work on new Environmental Studies Building.

## Astronauts touch down at York for training program presentation

By JOSE RAMIREZ

It was like a homecoming when Canadian astronauts Marc Garneau, Bob Thirst and York's own Steven MacLean visited the Burton Auditorium on Tuesday.

R.W. Nicholls, Director of the Centre for Research in Experimental Space Science (CRESS) described Canada's participation in space exploration dating back to 1962. He described CRESS as a "leading centre of its kind in the country."

Much focus was placed on Steven MacLean, who graduated from York in 1983 with a PhD in Astrophysics. He also did his undergraduate work at York.

When asked when he expected to complete his first shuttle flight, he cited the case of veteran Bob Crippen who was part of the space program for 15 years before his first flight.

The two-hour presentation consisted of films about the shuttle training program, narrated by MacLean and Thirst, and another film on the flight, narrated by Garneau and Crippen. Crippen was especially enthusiastic. "You, as Canadians, should all be very proud of the job Marc Garneau did on that flight," Crippen said. The films consisted mainly of the now routine shots of the earth, the operation of the Canadarm, and the antics of life at zero gravity.

Crippen turned out to be the surprise comedian, calling velcro the savior of the space mission. About the space shuttle runway, Crippen said, "they built a moat around it and filled it with alligators to give you an incentive to land on the runway."

The event closed with a presentation of gifts. The four astronauts were given York University jackets and official York ties. Mel Lastman was on hand to present Garneau with

"Norky," a two-foot high, remote control robot complete with Canadian and North York flags.

Along with these congratulations, special thanks was given to the United States—NASA in particular—for allowing Canada, which is not large enough to develop all the different aspects of space science, to benefit from the immensity of the American program.

Ken Davies, Dean of Science at York, directed the last words of the event to the large contingent of children in the crowd, many of whom had recently participated in the recent Science Olympics. The Space Shuttle missions are as much a voyage of the mind as they are voyages of the body, Davies said, and the children of today who have lived their lives during the "space age," have an even greater journey ahead of them."

## Rogers' eligibility challenged

By GARY SYMONS

Five out of the nine directors of Atkinson College Students Association (ACSA), including the president, may not be students, according to an article appearing in Tuesday's edition of the *Atkinsonian*.

The article, written by *Atkinsonian* editor M. Nico Krohn, quotes a York University employee as saying ACSA President Rosamond Rogers last completed a course in June 1983, Treasurer Avi Cohen last completed a course in May of that year, and Director of Athletic



ACSA President Rosamond Rogers

Affairs Courtney Doldrun completed his last course in August 1983.

ACSA by-law number 3.2-d prohibits non-students from membership in the assembly, stipulating that assembly members can remain as members for only six months after taking their most recent Atkinson course. After that period the member is automatically disbarred from the assembly.

The *Atkinsonian's* information indicates that Rogers, Cohen and Doldrun have not completed a course for approximately a year and a half, and that both Director of Social and Cultural Affairs Joe Ewers and Vice President Roger Maule-ffinch have also surpassed the six month limit by one month.

Three of the directors have claimed the information is false. Also, some of the directors have enrolled in courses within the last six months, but have withdrawn in every case.

Rogers told *Excalibur* that, in her opinion, "It's not against the by-laws to drop a course. If you drop a course in a semester, I believe a member would still have six months to remain in the assembly."

Krohn said, however, "I agree that the by-laws are ambiguous . . . but the intention is to exclude non-students from membership. I don't think any reasonable person would say Rogers, Cohen or Doldrun are students, in spite of the fact that two of them have registered for courses and then dropped them in the last year and half."

"I think you've got to look at this in terms of good faith and bad faith," Krohn continued. "In the case of Roger Maule-ffinch, it's clear he has only dropped one course, ever. In Rosamond's case, she has not completed a course in

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