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This week marked what may have been a last chance for York students to enjoy a leisurely time alone before winter's onset.

CYSF accepts new budget

By JOHN WRIGHT

The Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) voted to accept the revised budget of Finance Director Darren Chapman at Tuesday's budget meeting. While preliminary figures indicated that the cumulative deficit of the Council could be reduced by as much as one-third, the new and final figures show that in fact Chapman plans to increase the deficit to \$66,000 by the end of this fiscal year.

The change in these figures comes about due to a change in accounting for the income CYSF receives from non-member colleges. Rather than being expensed to various accounts, the monies are now no longer considered as general revenue.

The budget proposes that CYSF borrow an additional \$3,000 from the University in order to cover the projected expenses for this year. This will be in addition to the more than \$40,000 debt CYSF now carries with York.

Chapman reported that expenses have been cut to the bare minimum. Radio York will receive a cut in funding to less than \$4,000. Many of the Directors' portfolios have been cut from the first reading figures two weeks ago, and Chapman reported that cost cutting will be taking place in the CYSF offices.

Chapman was asked about the ways in which the annual increase in cumulative deficit could be stopped. He said that a report is now being prepared for presentation to the student relations committee asking for an increase of \$3 per student. When pressed by Martin Zarnett, member of the Board of Governors, Chapman said that the executive will be reexamining

the CYSF commitment to both the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS—O/OFS), to whom CYSF currently pays some \$40,000 annually in fees.

Chapman said that he has not yet reached an agreement with the University to increase the CYSF debt. He did say, however, that there was no way they would not allow them to do so, or to remove borrowing privileges. When contacted for comment, Bruce Dugelby, the University accountant, said that any change in the status of the CYSF account would first have to be approved by senior university management. To this time, University managers have not been approached.

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The CYSF has reached an agreement with former external affairs director Jorge Garetton. Garetton had been charged with the misappropriation of more than \$1,000 in the form of long distance telephone charges. The settlement was negotiated by Martin Zarnett, student representative to the board of governors.

Terms of the settlement include a \$150 cash payment and \$80 monthly installments until the full amount has been paid. Other terms specify interest charges and methods of payment.

Zarnett said he had little difficulty in reaching the agreement and that Garetton had negotiated in apparent good-faith.

After reporting the terms of settlement to council, Zarnett was awarded a \$50 honorarium for his services.

Groups mount opposition to banning of bearpit events

By GARY SYMONS

Several York student groups have voiced opposition to the Conference Centre's new policy to ban all events from the Bearpits in Central Square.

The Jewish Student Federation (JSF) is responding to the move by distributing a memo, dated Oct. 24, requesting the support of other groups on campus in their protest against the ban.

The letter, addressed to all student governments and groups, states "The Bearpits are the public forum of our university and we cannot sit idly by as this avenue to free speech and expression is closed to us all. Pressure must be brought to rectify this state of affairs."

JSF Program Director David Gord said his organization has always made extensive use of the Bearpit and to be denied access to them would severely restrict their effectiveness.

"We're not getting the kind of attendance in the lecture halls that we do in the Bearpits," he said. "Already we have had at least three or four programs we haven't been able to run."

Thus far the only group to respond to JSF's memo with a letter of their own is the Chinese Students Association. Other organizations, such as the York Association for Peace (YAP) and the York University Faculty Association (YUFA), are acting independently.

YAP, the first group to be refused the Bearpit under the new policy, has written letters of protest to Vice-President of Academic Affairs William Found, Assistant Vice-President of Student Relations John Becker, and to York President H. Ian Macdonald.

YUFA has not responded directly to the administration, but Chairperson Janice Newson said YUFA members share the concerns expressed by students. "We are living in a society where the curbing of freedoms has

become popular among governments. The Bearpit issue is just another example of how academic liberties can be limited by the stroke of a pen," she said.

Newson added that some action protesting the policy would be forthcoming but did not specify what form it would take.

Chris Summerhayes, Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) president, also voiced his disapproval of the ruling. He said the Bearpit is the only available public forum. "Why all of a sudden are they (the administration) so concerned about congestion?" he asked. "After all, anyone that rides the TTC isn't going to worry about congestion in the halls."

Summerhayes will be representing student concerns to the administration as a member of a committee studying future uses of the Central Square concourse.

According to Becker, the new ruling is based on a 1972 report titled "Policy on the Use of Concourse Areas—Central Square." In particular, he cited Section I(d) of the report which stresses "easy and comfortable traffic flow throughout the area."

It is Conference Manager Jock Moore's responsibility to interpret the policy and put it into practice and allocate all public space. Moore decided there will be no crowd-generating events scheduled for the Bearpit, including non-political events such as the recent art sale and the fashion show. Moore said he has recently turned down a request by Physical Education students to use the area for fitness testing.

Becker criticized protests against Moore's ruling, saying "it is a freedom of speech issue in the same way as a person on a bus with a ghetto blaster. It's a question of intrusion upon others." He added that, given the rapid increase in enrollment over the last few years, "something had to give."

York student found dead

By LAURA LUSH

A body found floating in the Toronto Harbour two weeks ago has been identified by dental charts as York University student Paul Gilmore.

A construction worker discovered the missing 19-year-old's body washed up against a breakwall—a few hundred yards from where Gilmore's knapsack was spotted two weeks before. A commuter sighted the bag on the off-ramp of the Gardiner Expressway in the early morning rush-hour on Friday, October 7.

Gilmore, an honors graduate from St. Thomas-Elgin Collegiate, had recently come from his hometown of St. Thomas to attend York. York Regional Police were notified of Gilmore's disappearance from his Thornhill boarding house shortly before Thanksgiving.

Described by his parents as "a quiet, sensitive boy," Gilmore was last heard from when he telephoned home on October 5 to say he would be home for Thanksgiving.

In an effort to trace Gilmore's last steps, Metro Police are using a ticket stub, to a Famous Players movie theatre at Yonge and Bloor, dated Thursday, October 6.

A bank transaction showed that Gilmore withdrew \$10 from a Green Machine in the Eaton Centre at 1:45 a.m.—five hours before his knapsack was discovered.

Prior to his disappearance, Gilmore, a first-year Arts student, had been notified by York's Vanier College that he had a place in residence.

Police say they are "not handling it as a homicide" at this point. An autopsy has been performed but the Coroner's Office has not released the findings. An inquest into the case has been ordered.

Casino York:

On October 27th the second annual Casino York was held in Winter's cafeteria. Casino York is one of the main fund raisers for the York Fund, which is currently in the process of attempting to raise 15 million dollars. There were 150 prizes donated, including weekends for two, and a grand prize of a trip for two to Las Vegas.

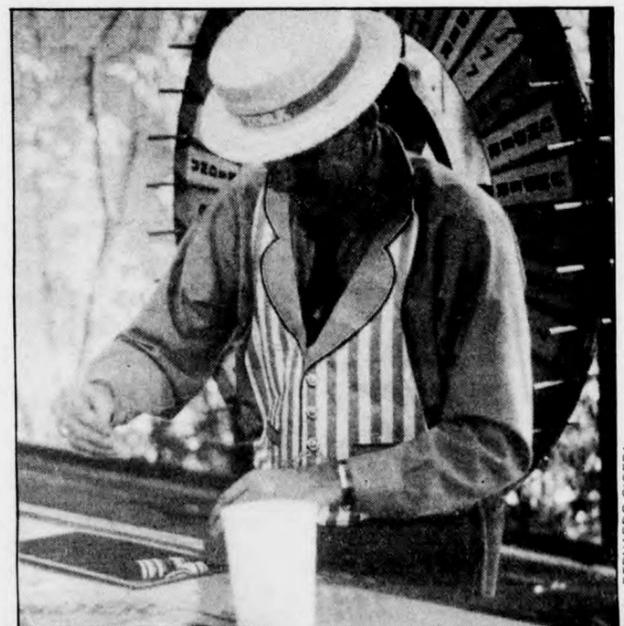


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