

## CYSF by-elections

## Savaas and Garreton take posts

Margi Randall

As a result of recent by-elections, two key positions on the Council of the York Student Federation have been filled. Jorge Garreton, a twenty-year-old physical education student, has been acclaimed the new Vice-President of External Affairs, and Chris Savaas, a third-year psychology student will occupy the position of Vice-President of Internal Affairs.



Savaas savours internal win.

Garreton sees strengthened ties between the CYSF and the Ontario Federation of Students as one of his major objectives. Garreton believes that the two bodies represent the vast majority of York students, but adds that he will only support

those programmes that are in the best interests of the student body. Garreton urges a united opposition to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities' proposed ten per cent fee hike and advocates a freeze on tuition fees for one or two years.

Garreton states that students should support all campus unions because the unions form an integral part of the university community. He also stresses student unity and "hopes to see closer ties develop between the main campus and the non-affiliated colleges, such as Glendon and Bethune."

Like Garreton, Savaas emphasizes student unity. In his opinion, "students are different from the rest of society, and organizations such as the CYSF are intended to protect the interests and rights of the student body, such as the right of universal accessibility to education."

Savaas sees himself within the CYSF not as an administrator or a politician, but as a real member of the student body. He believes, "the CYSF is occasionally too

concerned with administrative tasks," and student apathy, he says, is partly responsible for this situation. Savaas points out that without student participation, the student federation has no focal point from which to operate.

Garreton and Savaas encourage student suggestions and complaints. So, if you have any gripes, praises or suggestions, you can contact Jorge or Chris at 667-2515-6. They can be found in the CYSF office every day, but if you can't find them, leave a message. *Excalibur* has been assured that your call will be returned within twenty-four hours.



Garreton's got external affairs.



The always flamboyant mayor of North York, Mel Lastman.

## Mel is all business

Elliott Lefko

"There's nothing wrong with working and making money."

—Mel Lastman

He fits the image perfectly. Sitting in the carpeted concrete of eighth-floor Ross, the businessman cum politician sports silver-black curls, charcoal black suit, deep tan, and a long fat stogie that takes forever to smoke. Mel Lastman is no mere public figure—he's a star.

Speaking as a guest in the Fall Career Centre series, the mayor of North York outlined his life in reference to the topic of careers in business and politics. Lastman began selling while in his early teens and wound-up owning a business before he was in his twenties. Later he built Bad Boy appliance stores into an extremely successful business.

After conquering the business world, the colourful Lastman turned to politics. He came into the arena with little knowledge about being a controller, his first position, yet he won the election and very shortly learned what he needed to know. Since January '73 he's been mayor of North York.

Lastman's business background has served him in his mayoral capacity.

Foremost, he is pro-development. "No municipality outside of Calgary is booming like North York," Lastman says. "A lot of head offices are coming to North York. I predict that some huge conglomerates will be making announcements soon."

The name of John Sewell, ex-mayor of Toronto, crept up in Lastman's speech frequently. Lastman claims that Sewell is a negative type of politician who is

"destructive and loses the battles and the wars. Sewell says that North York is going to go broke. I don't think he knows what he's talking about."

Lastman suggests that with economic development comes many problems, among them affordable housing, job scarcity, crime and drug abuse among youth. "I'll stand up and tell people that we've got problems. We must try to work them out, otherwise North York will become as ugly a city as Miami."

The housing situation in the next decade will be grim, concedes Lastman. "The biggest problem is rent. People will have to move further away from downtown North York (Yonge and Sheppard) if they want reasonable rent."

Addressing the problem of federal political parties entering municipal politics, Lastman spoke in his smooth, yet still street-wise patter. "You can't do the job and be aligned with a party. I need to say what I want to say, even if it means angering someone like Bill Davis or Pierre Trudeau. There's nothing they can do if they don't like what I'm saying. What are they gonna do, throw me out?"

The barrel aimed, Lastman fired away. "Politicians are very scared people. They have great principles before elections; they want to do all kinds of things. But once they get elected they change. Soon they only do what the pressure groups want them to do. They're only concerned with getting re-elected."

And Lastman, is he true to himself? The salesman stares ahead. "I just want what's best for the city."

## Racism symposium: a simple message

Cathy Moffat

The simple message shared by the three speakers at last Friday's Anti-Racism Symposium was that "racism hurts everyone". The event, held in a Curtis Lecture Hall, was organized by the All Students Union Movement, which plans to hold an anti-racism week in January.

The opening speaker, Jabu Dube, of the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) addressing a crowd of about 50 people, spoke strongly against what he claims to be false Western press accounts of the situation in South Africa. Dube firmly repeated his belief that the ANC "is a response of the people" and not a minor terrorist group as some western critics have claimed.

"The ANC is leading the struggle and we do not need to show the whole world," remarked Dube, "for it is not possible for the ANC to operate visibly above ground due to the repression." According to Dube, "human beings are not the target of terrorist attacks of the ANC, but rather military and business institutions."

He stated that there is a semblance of security in South Africa, but that the ANC has been able to prove just how vulnerable South Africa really is because of the number of "progressive movements" it leads.

Al Hershkovitz, vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) spoke for the need to be your "brother's keeper".

Hershkovitz believes that "racism thrives on economic stress" and this is why the OFL has launched a large campaign to make people aware of the danger of racism in the labour market and in society as a whole. He would like to see affirmative action taken by employers, instead of waiting for the employee to apply for a job.

Sandy Negova of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) is presently on a tour of Canada and the United States to appeal to people with financial resources to assist the refugees from Namibia and South Africa. Negova also claims

that the Western press has misrepresented the situation in South Africa. He sees the conditions in Namibia as "unchanged" despite statements in North American newspapers that claim that "things are better". Negova told the crowd that Namibians are

still not allowed to live, travel or work where they want to, and blacks are relegated to living in the Bantu lands where there is no economic potential. "Namibia has the biggest deposit of uranium in the world," Negova stated, "but the Namibian people do not reap any of the benefits."



CYSF president Gaudet ponders future of Campus Connection.

## Campus disconnection

Elliott Lefko

Campus Connection, a York sponsored service which was the model for Ontario University peer counselling services, is in real danger of folding after an outstanding ten-year record of service.

Formerly Harbinger, Campus Connection has been without a coordinator since Eillen Pinto left in May '81. The offices, located in the basement of McLaughlin College, have been open sporadically and only some counselling is going on.

Campus Connection is described in its promotion as an oasis for people with problems who wish to speak to open-minded volunteers. Currently the service is operating under a \$3,000 budget courtesy of CYSF. Greg Gaudet, CYSF president, heads a Campus Connection operating committee which also includes Dave Kelly, director of Communications, John Wright, manager of Soundproof Records, and Rodd Webb.

"The biggest problem now is finding a coordinator," Gaudet stresses. "Although we've advertised since last June we've only found one suitable candidate, and she took another job."

"The job doesn't pay well, only about \$250 a month," says Kelly, "and it entails about 20 hours a week." Gaudet says that the job requires someone "who has a controlled eagerness, organizational aptitude, and inter-personal skills. You don't have to possess a degree, although some experience in special work would be helpful."

Another problem facing the Connection is its location. "Who goes to the basement of McLaughlin College?" asks Gaudet.

The committee has been searching for a location with a higher profile, and have contacted Fred Baker of Facilities Planning and Management, and John Becker vice-president of Student Services.

"I've only recently had any communication from Campus Connection," says Becker. "I haven't replied yet to their plea for space relocation. If we can find a space that is preferable then I have no objections to a move. However we don't want to disenfranchise anybody. They're not at the top of our priority list. But we might be able to do something. It'll take some time."

## A financial mishap

Berel Wetstein

Last week it was revealed that the university had absorbed a \$600,000 loss on its endowment fund. This week more details of the financial mishap have surfaced.

It has been explained to the *Excalibur* that this was only a paper loss and is not in actuality a real loss of funds.

Mr. John Heber, of York's Accounting Office, said: "When the finance committee decided to combine the endowment fund with pension funds which are being handled, in part, by Sceptre Investment, we had to give them a value on the day of the transfer. This value was the bid price on the over 70 bonds on April 30, 1981 which was then credited to the University account. This amount was \$1.2 million, a depreciation of \$600,000 from the original \$1.8 million of which over a million dollars was donated by R.S. McLaughlin. It was determined that the university could receive

a better return on its endowment if some of the bonds were sold and reinvested elsewhere.

"The money could not be added to general revenue as it was stipulated that only interest earned could be used by the university. The finance committee, in turn, invested this money on the advice of the downtown banks."

The bonds had a weighted average return of 7% and average maturity date of seven years, which explained the loss of 33% on the bond's face value.

Heber also wished to stress that the loss will in no way effect the pension fund.

"I am very disappointed in Mr. Buchbinder's comments about having to be a financial detective as we send all minutes of the committee to the YUFA office."

Last week Buchbinder, chairman of YUFA, chastised the administration for not revealing financial developments of this kind.