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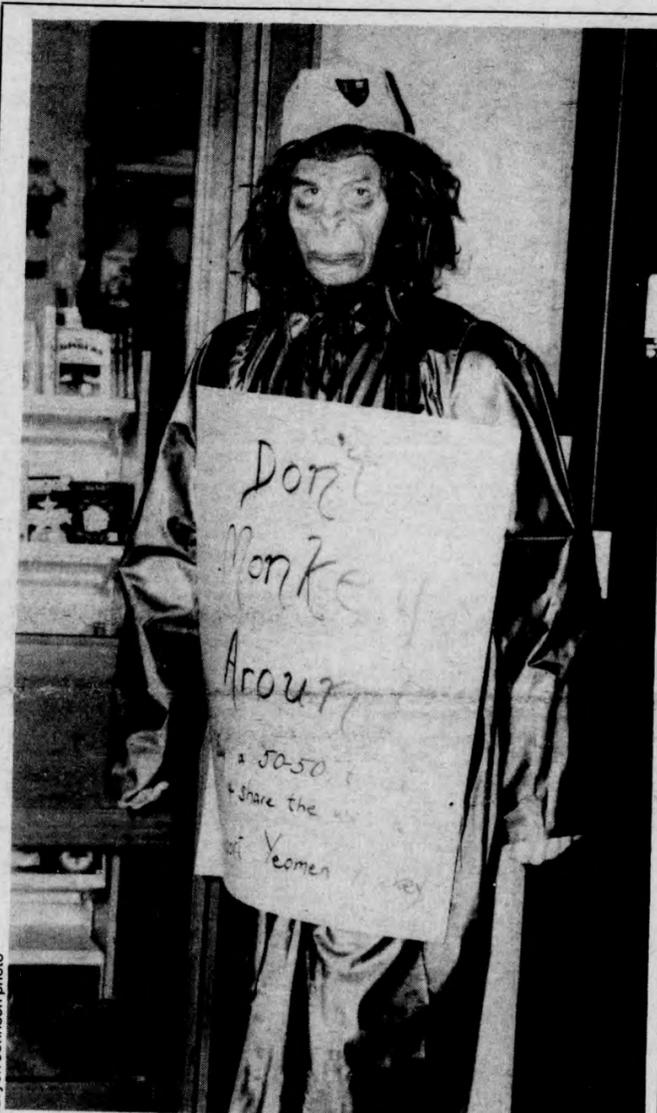
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Bryon Johnson photo

An unidentified Yorkite warily eyes a passing Excalibur photographer, before accosting him to request his support of the York Yeomen hockey team. He is believed to be a wookiee with the team.

Ten grand in bank, but not in budget

By Laura Brown

While controversy rages among council members over student service cutbacks, a \$10,000 deposit is collecting interest in a CYSF bank account.

The CYSF (Council of the York Student Federation) finance vice president, Tom Silverhart, did not mention the \$10,000 in his report at last week's budget meeting. Consequently, many council

members did not know of its existence.

The deposit was discovered by Steven Campbell, a delegate representative from Calumet College, when he checked last year's CYSF budget.

The budget, obtained from the internal auditor, Jeff May, showed a \$19,000 surplus from last year's budget. Only \$9,000 was reported in this year's budget.

Campbell checked the records because he was concerned over this year's insufficient budget and the consequent student service cutbacks. He wanted to check all the facts about the present state of the CYSF finances.

Harbinger was allocated \$2,000, \$6,000 less than it received last year. Course unions received less money than they did last year although the number of unions has nearly doubled. *Excalibur* received \$14,000, a \$2,000 cut from last year.

Campbell announced his discovery at a November 9 Calumet College general meeting.

Paul Hayden, president of the CYSF, had been invited to the meeting to answer questions about the Harbinger cutbacks, and Campbell asked Hayden to explain the \$10,000 discrepancy in the budget.

Hayden said that a surplus amount of money was discovered in last year's budget in January 1977.

By the authority of last year's executive committee, the money was placed in a short-term deposit to be used for some future CYSF investment.

Hayden said he was looking into a student health plan. The insurance would include dental, prescription and accident plans. This plan would cost council \$20,000, according to Hayden.

Hayden said that such long-term investments by council could benefit the entire student body.

Other considerations for the money include plans for a student union building and taking over Oasis and making it a student-run store.

Campbell later told *Excalibur*, "Mr. Hayden is sacrificing existing student services, such as Harbinger, for the sake of future student services such as Oasis. I suggest that the \$10,000 deposit be cashed and the funds be divided up among the presently underfunded campus organizations such as course unions and Harbinger."

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Bethune students soggy

Rent strike looms

By Paul Stuart

A student rent strike is looming in the Bethune College residence, and will be organized this Monday if repair work has not been started on the building's leaky window frames.

The season's high rainfall has twice seeped through window sills, soaking carpets and filling about 15 rooms with an offensive, musty odour.

The residence, particularly its southern and eastern sides, is more susceptible to flooding than other university buildings because campus residences were built more cheaply.

Rain seepage aroused the ire of Bethune students during last month's heavy rain. After severe storms on the weekend of November

15, about 25 soggy students attended a meeting of the Bethune residence council and a five-person "flood committee" was formed. It's a response to an apparently long standing problem at Bethune.

"This has been going on around here for four years, although I guess not to this extent," said committee member Janice Green on Tuesday. "It's just incredible that nothing has been done."

After a rainy October weekend Green, and roommate Sara MacLennan, returned to Bethune and found half their carpet soaking wet and smelly. When it happened again early this month Bethune students got tired of waiting. They stepped up their efforts to get the college administration to take action.

MacLennan wound up coordinating the effort, committee member Gary Emsley was delegated to notify the *Toronto Star* (which reported the situation November 11). Janice Green let the North York Health Department know about the situation.

Attempts to get the Borough to step in apparently met with some bureaucratic buck-passing, as the committee's requests were shuffled from department to department.

student or a faculty member to its executive committee."

When asked whether it ever will, he replied, "it is not outside the realm of possibility."

Both faculty members, Thelma McCormack and Michael Creal supported Pinder's motion.

"There is now no rule that a student or a professor cannot be on the executive, said Anne Dubin, a lawyer in a prestigious downtown firm.

After extensive discussion, Pinders' motion was defeated. Another of Pinder's motions, that committee meetings be open to board members was also debated and tabled until the next meeting.

During the remainder of the meeting, president Macdonald repeated part of his statement made recently to Senate. He described York's dire financial picture and some of the steps taken to handle it.

Professor Thelma McCormack, sociology professor in the faculty of arts, said morale in the university is

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Board keeps students off exec

By Agnes Kruchio

A student's attempt to ensure student-faculty representation on the York board of governors' expanded executive committee, was overwhelmingly defeated earlier this week.

Harvey Pinder, recently elected student representative, moved the executive committee contain at least one student and one faculty member. The executive committee was recently expanded from nine to eighteen.

"It seems to me not entirely coincidental, that the board declared itself open last spring and very soon after ten people were added to the executive committee, which meets in closed session. There are at present no students or faculty on the executive committee," he said.

Bertrand Gerstein, chairman of the board, said there was no motive attached to the expansion of the executive committee.

There were simply not enough people available for meetings, he said. Many board members travel

extensively, Gerstein said.

"It was simply to expedite the decision-making process to deal with fiscal problems."

In an interview earlier this week, Pinder said it is important that students and faculty feel they have an input into the executive committee, which deals with intricate financial matters. "This is not possible when students and faculty are excluded.

When a reporter pointed out that the alumni representative, Gregory Cooper, was on the executive, Pinder said Cooper "fits in with the prevailing sentiment of the board: 'a balanced budget or bust'".

Students or professors might be too controversial to be included he added.

Gerstein in an interview after the meeting said the board appoints individuals to various committees where they are best qualified, such as a student participating in the student relations or the buildings committee, for instance.

But, he added, "the board in its wisdom has so far never appointed a

