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York University has been called many things in its undistinguished first decade, and useless is just one of these names. Debbie Bodinger and Anne Russontsi didn't believe it, and this week they set out to prove that the university's terrain makes for excellent cross-country skiing.

CYSF, Bethune will sack Commercial, run cafeterias

By JULIAN BELTRAME

Preliminary plans for the ouster of Commercial Caterers from the Complex II eatery and the Central Square cafeteria were drawn up Monday evening in an informal meeting in CYSF offices.

The meeting was called to weigh the chances of a successful transfer from Commercial to a student-run servery.

The plan, drawn up by CYSF president Dale Ritch and food union secretary John Sobolewsky, came as a response to mounting dissatisfaction with the quality of food served in the Stong-Bethune and Central Square cafeterias.

The conclave of seven included James McMurdo, president of the Bethune student council, James Brennan and Mac Musabay of the Food Action Committee, Fred Lentil of Winters college who placed himself on the fringes of the Action Committee, Ritch, Sobolewsky, and Joseph Isao Hamade, who would step in as the manager of the student food services.

Hamade, who has been anonymously referred to by Ritch throughout the food fiasco as "an experienced manager with over 30 years in the trade, ready and willing to step in at a moment's notice", produced letters of reference from Calvert Caterers and Canadian Johns-Mansfield Co. Limited.

Hamade had been employed by Calvert Caterers for seven years, during which time he was employed in the Johns-Mansfield, Whitby Dunlop and Honeywell

Controls cafeterias as manager. He also produced a diploma from Ryerson testifying to his chef's qualifications.

With Hamade as manager and a managing board composed of student members of the CYSF, Bethune and Stong assemblies and union representatives, the conclave would usurp Commercial's operations, immediately following the company's abandonment of the cafeterias.

Here's how the scenario would unfold:

CYSF, Bethune and Stong councils will, with student support, boycott the Central Square and Complex II operations. The move, reminiscent of the abortive boycott of Central Square in October, will have the effect of crippling Commercial Caterers' sales.

Since Commercial will still have to pay rental and labour costs, which Sobolewsky claims are excessive, the caterer will be left with no option but to vacate the premises.

It is at this point that the student-managed service would move in and begin operations, manned by the present Commercial workers. The new servery would order food on a 30 day loan basis, using CYSF's savings (\$30,000) as collateral and as a cash fund for immediate operating expenses.

"CYSF has enough money to pay for the first few weeks' payroll — we're prepared to put that money up," Ritch told the group at the meeting. The group agreed that the food workers may have to temporarily forfeit their first week's pay, so as to not excessively tax the new operation with debts before any return on sales is realized.

The workers will be paid \$3.23 an hour under the new arrangement, the sum they would have received had Versafood remained as the campus' monopoly caterer. Commercial presently pays its workers an average of 25 to 30 cents less.

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Student loans, allowances go up

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

The Ontario government announced last week that it will raise loan ceilings in the student assistance programme (OSAP) next year by \$200, raising the loan portion to \$1,000.

The move will make it more difficult for students in Ontario to get government grants towards their post-secondary education.

Currently a student can qualify for a grant after receiving an initial \$800 loan. However, after a student's award has reached the loan ceiling, he or she is rarely given an additional grant. Therefore, a student in future will

not receive a grant until his or her awards exceeds \$1,000.

Last year the average student award in Ontario was around \$800-\$850.

The government also announced that OSAP food and lodging allowances will be increased from \$51.50 a week to \$57 for students living in residence and from \$32.95 to \$36 for students living at home.

The increases will bring the government's grant budget to \$61 million, an increase of \$11.45 million.

CYSF President Dale Ritch termed the government an-

nouncements as a smokescreen.

"The timing of the announcement seems to be an attempt by the government to confuse students on the eve of the big rally downtown (held yesterday)."

Ritch added: "What the announcement means is that students will have to go into debt an additional \$200 a year. This adds up to an increased debt of \$800 on a four year degree."

Jay Bell, a student representative on the Board of Governors, called the \$200 increase in the loan ceiling excessive, although he could see an \$80 or \$100 increase.

Bell outlined the proposal for post-secondary education financing he will submit to the government.

"In light of the fact that tuition is 18 per cent of the total cost of a university education, we have reached the point that is a fair burden on the student. I want to freeze tuition, in real dollars, at 18 per cent.

"I think it's a realistic compromise; the only people who will be upset with this are the radicals who enjoy demonstrating every year," he said.

Bell had sharp words for activist opponents of the government. "Dale Ritch going downtown to demonstrate is giving Davis the opportunity to say 'I stood up to the teachers and I stood up to student radicals' and run in an election on that platform," he concluded.

Have you been swindled by this man?



Composite drawing of Michael Jacobson, alias professor Michael Jaye, last seen around McLaughlin college. He is approximately 5'6", 37 years old and wore a gold amulet around his neck.

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

Several York students have been defrauded by a 'questionable entrepreneur', posing as Professor Michael Jaye of the psychology department of the U. of T. who claimed that he was marking essay papers at York.

Dave McCulloch, a McLaughlin student who issued a warrant for his arrest, said that he saw Jaye for the first time in November helping McLaughlin students change the locks in the college residence.

"When I first met him," remembered McCulloch, "he knew what my name was and where I had worked during the summer". McCulloch said that because he had seen Jaye with several of his friends, he trusted him and later offered him the use of his room during the Christmas break. "He had been staying in the bunk rooms for several nights apparently marking exams, so I thought that I'd lend him my room for the holidays. Nobody was asking questions at the time because everybody was too involved in exams and looking forward to the holidays."

According to McCulloch, Jaye propositioned him just before leaving on the Christmas break, promising that for \$50 he could get \$130 worth of scrip. When he returned, Jaye told him that he was leaving the following evening. McCulloch, however, did not receive the scrip, he had been promised.

According to McCulloch, Jaye had made other propositions to several McLaughlin students "offering them deals on colour T.V. sets".

Professor Jaye is known to police as Michael Martin Jacobson, an ex-convict with a record dating back to 1968, including several charges of fraud.

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