

CYSF Internal Affairs post vacant

Bevilacqua challenges Chang

Paula Todd
Responding to a charge made by former Internal Affairs Director John Chang, CYSF President Maurizio Bevilacqua denied that his council is inefficient.

In an interview, during which he discussed Chang's decision to leave CYSF, Bevilacqua told *Excalibur*, "I thought the resignation was irresponsible. If he really believes that this organization is inefficient, then that is more a reason to stay than to take off."

Chang was voted a \$200 honorarium by the Council, at Mark Pearlman's request. "I didn't support the motion to give Chang the money," said Bevilacqua. "Honorariums are given to unsalaried people. These people make \$100 a month. I don't know why Mark did it."

Food boycott

"I did it," explained Pearlman, "because John did one hell of a lot of work for this organization. He has accomplished a lot. For example, the Food Boycott Report last year and he has sat on a number of committees this year. He was very dedicated and it's not his fault that he had to resign."

Bevilacqua commented on statements that Chang made to *Excalibur* after his

resignation: "He's right that I don't keep regular office hours, I work over-time. I am very accessible to the press and to other people. I work more than 40 hours a week and I do a lot of work for the Council that is not accounted for."

School schedule

About Chang's criticism that the Directors were "never around", Bevilacqua said: "As far as I am concerned, each director sets aside their time for meetings with various people. They may be here at six, but not at three o'clock, depending upon their commitments and their school schedule. They are all students."

Chang believes, however, that the Directors should be available on a full-time basis. "I've been dropping into the CYSF office all week and nobody is ever there," he says. "That's the essence of the problem. The people do not have the time to work there. Morris is the only one who is a part-time student. They just can't give enough of their time. How can the students get their money's worth?"

Chang, a member of Stong College, is "working with Stong. They are concerned about the dollar value of CYSF. Stong is sending a letter of protest and telling

them to shape up. I'm trying to come up with different proposals to streamline CYSF. What does CYSF do that cannot be done by the colleges?"

Chang has suggestions for the restructuring of CYSF. "I'm thinking of something like a council of colleges which would include every college, even those not involved in CYSF right now (Bethune, Calumet, and Atkinson). They would meet about once a month to deal with whatever could not be done by the individual colleges. There would be fewer directors and they would all be full-time employees." Under the new system, for example, Chang said, "the Director of Internal Affairs would be elected and an appointed Director of Academic Affairs and Director of Social and Cultural Affairs would report to him." The salaries of the full-time directors, explained Chang, would be paid for with the extra money contributed by those colleges not presently in the CYSF.

Create the CYSF

"He's just describing the CYSF," commented Bevilacqua. "What can he offer that we can't offer now? What he's basically saying is that he's going to create the CYSF." Bevilacqua disagrees that the

new structure would eliminate the problems Chang claims to have had with the CYSF.

Not fault of system

"If he was having trouble implementing certain programmes while he was in office it is not the fault of the system. He should have been talking to the college reps and the council members personally. He should have been dropping programme information into their mailboxes. Not being able to speak at the council meetings was due to our not being able to get quorum. That was a problem faced by all directors. It's the responsibility of the colleges to get their reps to the meetings. We're doing everything we can to move the business along."

Chang also charged that the CYSF was shirking its responsibility to its constituents. He cited the delay in the rewriting of the constitution and the slow pace at which office renovations were moving.

"First and foremost," said Bevilacqua, "there have already been two meetings on the constitution called by Tye Burt (the CYSF speaker), but I was the only one who showed

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Art Eggleton: A peace plea.

Operation Dismantlement

Peace proposals studied at meeting

Greg Gaudet

Approximately 125 people heard a panel of four politicians discuss the issue of nuclear disarmament last Saturday afternoon at Burton Auditorium. This session, part of a Disarmament Conference held at York on the weekend, dealt mainly with Operation Dismantle, an organization which is attempting to include in municipal elections a referendum on disarmament. Most of the discussion centred around the political problems involved in attempts to convince municipalities to hold such a referendum. Speakers included Lyle Kristiansen, the NDP Member of Parliament for Kooteney West riding in B.C.; Jack Murta, a Progressive Conservative MP from Manitoba; Arthur Eggleton, mayor of Toronto; and Herb Epp, a Liberal MPP for Ontario.

Epp is the sponsor of Bill 133 (presently held up after Second Reading), the purpose of which is to legalize municipal referenda on disarmament in order to eliminate concerns of some municipalities that if challenged in court the referendum as well as the whole municipal election might be deemed illegal.

The question as to who might put forth such a challenge was addressed by Art Eggleton. He said that those who "fail to realize the referendum is asking for universal disarmament" may feel a vote in favor of disarmament "will only result in weakening our defenses." Consequently they might attempt to challenge the results. In addition, the question of whether or not disarmament, is a municipal issue could be used as the

basis for the challenge. Eggleton said, though, that nuclear disarmament was "the biggest issue of all--the question of our survival," and that the possibility of Toronto's elections being challenged was not as important as putting the question on a ballot. He further vowed to fight any challenges to the elections "all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary." Epp stated however, that any challenges were brought forward "the government will bring in retroactive legislation legalizing the referenda."

Kristiansen discussed the referendum in a different light, speaking of "democracy as a substitute for war." He said that despite the fact that opponents to Operation Dismantle's efforts claim that a vote on disarmament will lead to war, "those societies which have not had the opportunity (for a free vote of any kind) have ended up shedding their blood and losing their lives."

One major point that permeated the discussion was that of partisanship. Jack Murta cautioned the audience not to "make Operation Dismantle political. It is an issue which cuts across party lines. If it (does become political) this turns off some people you may want to get to." And, of course, one of the main problems facing Operation Dismantle is that of public "misperception" that the referendum means unilateral, not bilateral disarmament. Murta felt that "people at the local level remain 100 per cent behind you provided the process is a balanced one." And all speakers seemed to agree with Kristiansen when he said that "peace is too vital to be left to politicians."

Opposition to wage controls

Unions plan boycott of Casino York

Barb Taylor

At a packed forum on Wage Control legislation held on Tuesday, campus unions called for a boycott of the York Fund's Casino York. The forum was sponsored by all campus unions to discuss the effects of the provincial legislation, Bill C 179.

Union members believe Bill C 179 and the York Fund emphasis on internal fundraising puts the economic crisis "on the shoulders of those individuals who can least afford it," said Karen Harrell of YUSA.

"This is in the context of the 5 wage legislation," said Harrell. "We're still being asked to help fund the universities. The two don't make sense, especially since they're stopping the corporate fundraising--those are the people who can write off all their contributions as tax deductions."

Casino York is sponsored by the York Fund, which is a York group attempting to raise \$15 million for special projects in the University. Early this year the York Fund decided to suspend its corporate funding drive.

The large crowd showed its support for both the boycott and union leaders who have criticized the wage control legislation for its effects on women, workers below the poverty line, collective bargaining rights and the university as a whole.

Madelaine Parent, of the Canadian Congress of Unions, said, "Women in the public sector are among the lowest paid workers, and they are concentrated in job

ghettoes such as office clerks and waitressing. This lower wage is now frozen, which means the pay gap between men and women will widen--the inequality will continue and intensify."

Two campus unions, the Operating Engineers and Canadian Guards are still in contract negotiations, and will now be subject to the wage controls.

Charles Doyon of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers, said, "Those who make less than the poverty level, such as most CUEW members, will be hard hit. I don't think this type of union is going to affect inflation."

Union members also feel that Bill 179 will increase the effect of cutbacks, "line ups are longer because staff is decreasing--there is the same

amount of work to be done as when we had 100 members more," said Harrell.

"The legislation is a threat to the procedures that we're using at the University--in

order not only to negotiate for wages and benefits but also to negotiate for things crucial to the University such as class size, and hiring policies. This attacks some of the tools we've been using to protect quality and accessible education," said Jan Newson, Chairperson of YUFA.

Speakers at the forum also suggested alternative economic solutions: "It takes out one sector of the community and makes them try to bear the burden of the crisis. If government must get money, then we propose they use the tax system. A surtax on all incomes would spread the

burden out evenly," said Sean O'Flynn, President of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

Lynne Macdonald, newly-elected NDP MPP for Broadview-Greenwood, said, "We don't manufacture enough, we have a branch plant economy, we import too much, we export our non-renewable resources. We are not addressing the real problems and this legislation draws attention away from them. Other countries invest more in research and development--we're getting university cutbacks."

As well as boycotting Casino York, the unions are conducting a letter-writing campaign directed towards Premier Davis and other MPP's, and they will be supporting demonstrations and other actions.

Co-operative receives a boost

Joseph Revells

The Sentinel Housing Co-operative's proposal to build 400 housing units on York's southern strip "should get to the Board of Governors by mid-December", says co-operative Director Michael Goldrick.

On October 20th, Goldrick and another director, Eli Comay, met with the University's Physical Resources Committee to discuss the project. Monday, in a telephone interview, Goldrick expressed optimism regarding the negotiations, and said that

examine the proposal if the details are worked out by the next meeting with the Committee.

William Small, the University Vice-President who chairs the Committee, agreed that "progress is being made. There are no issues of principle in question".

Referring to the lease agreement, he added, "We're just waiting for the piece of paper to come to us." The lease will determine what percentage of the units will be occupied by York students, faculty and staff. Goldrick said, "The meaning of 25

occupancy by York has not been determined: "The question is how to count the 25, is it beds, units, or apartments? It will be solved soon."

Small is pleased that the fine details are being worked out: "This is a big project--close to \$30 million. We want to be able to say five years down the road that we looked at these questions and made some good decisions."

The next meeting between the Physical Resources Committee and the Sentinel Housing Co-operative will take place sometime in mid-November.