

EDITORIAL Many interested candidates but only few deserve support

In our ever-questioned wisdom Pearlman is the only one with the staff and editors of Excalibur have decided to make our annual CYSF election endorsements. Because our work forces us to be more acquainted with the issues and because we have had the opportunity to address many of the candidates, we believe our editorial position will be an educated one. It is not the last word on the issues, but it is the best that we can do with the information we have been able to

This year, as in every year, new inexperienced candidates have raised a number of problems that deserve to be addressed, but have not shown the ability to cope with the quagmires they have exposed.

Peter Hobbes has quite rightly pointed out that student apathy can be cured and that entertainment could be used to lure the disinterested student into CYSF activities. Although Hobbes no longer works for Radio York, he is too closely associated with the station and his proposal to use CYSF funds to make it viable would take away, rather than contribute to

platform is an almost empty one.

the experience and the knowledge to be a student leader. Through the York Student Fund and his work on the CYSF Business Affairs Committee he has shown the ability to serve his constituency.

Among the seekers of the BOG post, Erik Schasmin is obviously well-intentioned and his concern with York Food Services is one that most students share. But his statement that the Board of Governors should have the final say as to whether student governments will receive their grants is an insult to the people whose votes he hopes to obtain.

Dario Gritti has done little campaigning and we must ask ourselves how we could support someone whose platform is not public. Furthermore, Gritti's problems at Atkinson College have affected his credibility.

Courtney Doldron's platform contains little of substance and while racism may be a problem at York, Doldron has not been very specific about how he plans to solve the problem.

In contrast to the other candidates, Pamela Fruitman has a number of concrete plans;

plans that she has been able to develop as CYSF Director of Finances. She has already contributed to the Rill Food Debate and is well prepared to deal with the issue as it unfolds. Her concern about the ability of the administration to control student government grants is well placed.

John Chang's organization of the successful food boycott automatically qualifies him for the position of Director of Internal Affairs. Bipin Lakhani's experience as a student senator equally recommends him; but ASUM's endorsement of him might influence his independence. Clearly, Chang and Lakhani are better choices than Surfing Bird candidate Michael Strah and Larry Till.

With regard to the position of Woman's Affairs, it is difficult to choose between two equally concerned candidates.

