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Space Science, (CRESS), Wed. Nov. 19, 1:00 p.m., Tea Room, Petrie Science Building
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CYSF - aided student unions, pave road for future unions

By PAUL STUART

CYSF is currently organizing departmental student unions which it hopes will cause a greater student impact on York's academic power-structure.

So far this year, the philosophy department is the only one to see a new union formed. CYSF's academic affairs director, George Manios, and colleague Joel Goldfarb, a political science major, have been doing most of the work from the CYSF end, and in addition to the philosophy project, have been attempting to rejuvenate the history student's association.

An other new union, the science students' association, was formed in the summer, also with CYSF aid.

Manios, a poli.sci. student and a council representative from Founder's College, told Excalibur last week that the unions will have a social and political function.

"The unions are going to

represent all classes in their respective departments," he said. "Each class will elect a union representative and the reps will be delegated to sit on departmental committees."

The unions can contribute to York's social life by bringing speakers from their respective disciplines, presenting films and holding dances.

"However," said Manios, "the real social function of the unions will be to give people a chance to meet other students in their department."

Asked how the course unions will relate to the colleges, he said, "I hope they can become a force complementary to the colleges."

Manios explained why CYSF has not launched a more ambitious organizational programme in all departments.

"I'm counting on these unions to set a good example so future academic affairs directors can organize more of them. It would

be ludicrous for me to start things off by organizing a large number."

Goldfarb, who became interested in course unions last year in political science, said, "There's always been talk of organizing student unions; there was a lot of it five or six years ago, in the big days of the student movement, but nothing much was ever done."

"So far George and I have received a good response."

Hal Tryhorn, a third year student and chairperson of the political science students' association, commented on the progress of the union.

"I couldn't say the response has been incredible, but more people are becoming responsive to the idea of joining."

In Tryhorn's view, the unions must be well-known to be successful.

You need publicity and unless you get speakers and do social things you won't get that publicity," he said.

He feels the poli.sci. association will be doing well "if it can be molded into an effective group that can move into any field it wants."

Sharon Diceman, a fourth-year student and acting-chairperson of the still embryonic philosophy students' association, was not exactly overwhelmed with the way students in her department have responded to the formation of their union.

"We can't even call ourselves an association until we have a well attended meeting," she said.

Diceman said that "students definitely should have something to say on course content and quality, although most students are willing to accept things as they are."

Like Tryhorn, she emphasized that the students active in the association will determine its activities, but she has her personal ideas on what the association ought to do.

"I hope it will help sharpen students' political awareness, but if students don't want that, then it will be just a social club," she said.

Flyer grounded

The Flyer, Stong's by-monthly college newspaper may fold soon, as a result of the resignations of co-editors Michael Hollett and Gord Graham, earlier this week.

Hollett and Graham published four issues so far this year and cited petty squabbles with the college council over the direction of the tabloid, as the reason for their decision.

The co-editors have been under fire from the council since they changed the name of the college paper from the Walrus to the Flyer.

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