

President's salary nears \$5,700

Edson to create new \$3,000 CYSF position

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Less than one week following his election as CYSF president for the academic year '76-'77, Barry Edson has revealed he will ask the council to create a new position, executive assistant, which would carry with it a salary range of \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year.

The executive assistant would in essence serve as the assistant to the president and would be directly responsible to the president and the executive of the council.

Edson revealed that already four persons have told him they would be interested in the post. The four are Edson campaign manager Jay Bell, Edson Team representatives-elect Paul Hayden, Andrew Madden and Sandy McMurrich, the newly elected Founders council president.

All four supported Edson in last week's presidential elections.

The president-elect told Excalibur Tuesday, that should Jay Bell be named to the post, it could not be interpreted as a political payoff.

"We shouldn't discriminate against Bell just because he was my campaign manager," said Edson.

Edson promised the decision as to whom would be chosen to the post would be made by an impartial committee of three or four, and that the CYSF council would be asked to both approve the position and the salary.

When interviewed by Excalibur, Bell admitted ex-

pressing interest in the post, but said the position would be made by an impartial committee based on qualifications alone.

"If anyone applies who has better qualifications than I, then I won't mind them getting the job," said Bell. "But I doubt they'll find anyone with better qualifications," he quipped.

Edson denied that a presidential assistant was needed to compensate for the time he will be devoting to his education, while serving as president. Edson confirmed that he intended to take three courses during the year, but will claim the full salary of the office, plus a cost of living escalator. A 10 per cent cost of living increase, similar to the one voted in for past-CYSF president Dale Ritch, would elevate the president's salary to just under \$5,700.

"I plan to put as many hours into the job as Dale Ritch did this year," said Edson. "My education will take away from my leisure time, not my work time.

"If it comes down to me not being able to do the job, I'll drop my courses," he added.

Bell, however, later confirmed that the new post "probably" was conceived as a result of Edson's plans to continue carrying a partial course load.

The position of CYSF secretary and Handbook editor, applications for which have already been opened, are the other paid positions con-

templated by the president-elect. Edson said he was not sure whether the council would hire a full-time business manager, but planned to ask Doug Wise, the CYSF business manager under past CYSF president Anne Scotton, for advice on the need for the position.

A full-time business manager would bring the total yearly salary requirements for the council to between \$22,000 to \$25,000. The total CYSF budget ranges between \$90,000 and \$100,000 a year.

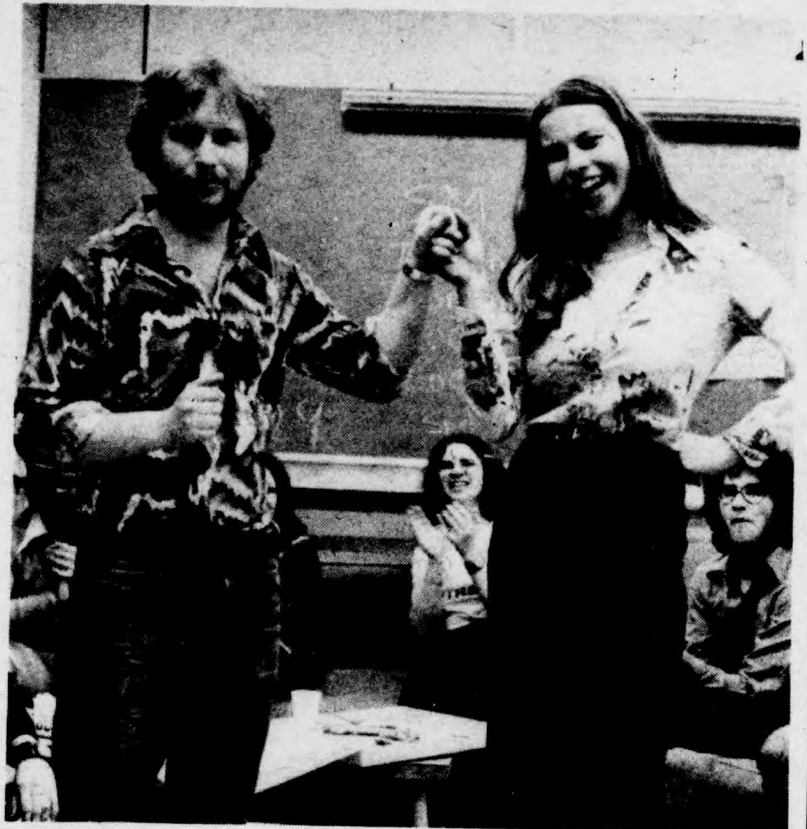
Edson, whose term begins May 1, said he would try to "deliver on all the promises we made during the campaign".

To this end, the new council will form a committee to restructure the CYSF, making the central council structurally connected with the college councils.

The committee would be composed of CYSF representatives, the individual college council presidents, leading student activists from Glendon, Atkinson, Osgoode and Bethune (the four colleges not represented in the CYSF) and would most likely be chaired by Founders representative Cal Martin.

Edson said he planned to have a budget drawn up by the end of May and would attempt to increase funding to Harbinger, Radio York and the social co-operative as well as support the course unions.

Showing surprising toughness, Edson said he would not continue to finance political clubs in the same manner the



President-elect Barry Edson beside smiling loser Gael Silzer, after last week's presidential elections.

ULC-dominated council had done, this year.

"The sums of money allocated to political clubs will depend on the number of students involved in that club," said Edson.

By this formula, Edson said the NDP, PC and Liberal clubs at York would probably receive more funds than such clubs as the Revolutionary Marxist Group and the Young Socialists.

Before any money is

allocated to any club, a club will have to prove, with signatures and student numbers, that they have at least 12 members, said Edson.

"It's quite possible that the RMG and the Young Socialists were given funds by this year's council that was greater than their involvement of students," said Edson.

Edson would not specify which clubs he expected could not meet the membership requirements for funding.



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