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Yesterday morning, members of the Graduate Assistants' Association braved chilly weather to inform York of the state of their contract negotiations.

Gary Hershorn

Harbinger safe for now

Diane Rene

Student council members voted \$3,000 of their budget to Harbinger, York's peer counselling service, at a meeting held on Tuesday night. Past speculation was that the organization would fold if it did not receive substantial financial assistance.

The tentative figure that Harbinger asked for in order to remain operative for another year was \$4,000. The Council originally discussed the option of reducing its own contingency fund by \$1,000 and adding it to Harbinger's budget, but that motion was defeated. Since it was estimated that the sum Harbinger required to remain operative this semester was \$3,000, the Council agreed to allocate the funds they need presently and reopen the matter in January when the counselling service's funds expire.

In addition, the proposed Bethune and Calumet trust fund allotments for this year were approved by the Council. From those colleges, Harbinger is expected to receive a total of \$1,600 (\$800 from each fund), and Excalibur \$4,000 (\$2,000 from each). Still is pending a sum of money to be budgeted for Harbinger and Excalibur from the Osgoode and Glendon trust funds upon their approval, a matter which will be discussed at the next CYSF meeting.

Also discussed was the future of the CYSF Typing Service. Last year, Dawn Morrisette bought the service from CYSF, and changed its name to Dawn's Secretarial Service. Originally, the Federation was paying \$150/month for the use of the room, a rate which subsequently changed to \$200 when the business changed owners. Morrisette's contract expired on April 30, 1979.

Problems arose this summer when, due to poor sales, the service ran behind in its payments to the Federation. In fact, CYSF has not received funds from the business since June. As

well, a more complex question arose when the University Facilities Dept. decreed that CYSF had violated the Student Entrepreneurial Policy of 1972 and that this use of the room would no longer be tolerated.

Smockum feels that if the service were run efficiently, an

annual gross income generating from the typing service could be as high as \$70-\$80,000.

As well, the possible implementation of a used books store on campus was discussed. A motion to place \$1,500 in the CYSF budget for this venture to start in January was accepted unanimously by council.

Assembly squeals, editor yields

Jonathan Mann

Charges and counter-charges run rampant in the wake of a controversial editorial in the October issue of the *Atkinson Balloon*.

The editorial, entitled 'Atkinson Students Without Suffrage' decried the powers accorded the Atkinson College Students' Association's assembly by its new by-laws. The article, by *Balloon* editor Roman Smilka, labels the Assembly "a mini-dictatorship."

In response to the editorial, ACSA speaker Daniel Bloom drafted a letter informing Smilka that a motion of censure had been passed against him. Included in the motion were demands that the article be retracted and "that notice be printed that the article was an opinion and not fact."

In a statement to be published in the *Balloon's* upcoming issue, Vivianne Toupin, Director of Communications for the ACSA explains the motives behind the motion.

According to Toupin, the Assembly objected in particular to Smilka's claim that "the general student body cannot elect the president of their Student's Association nor any of its executive members." The letter states earlier that "Members of the Association need only present themselves to the assembly in order to become full voting members of the

Assembly, entitled to all privileges including a vote in election procedures."

Smilka, who spoke with *Excalibur* on Tuesday, stands by his claim. He stressed that although the Assembly has not denied anyone ratification to date, this remains within their power. In his opinion, "if you

take the by-laws to their logical conclusion, the Assembly can exclude anyone they choose."

Thus, in his opinion, the new by-laws allow the Assembly to determine its own membership, and elect from it an executive which presumes to represent the students of Atkinson college.

Smilka labeled this election process "incestuous".

Smilka will yield to the Assembly's demands, and retract the editorial next issue. Threatened with a judgement finding him in contempt of the ACSA (which could lead to his dismissal) Smilka lamented "I have no choice."

Whodunnit?



Bryon Johnson

Bloom after throwing out papers

Wonder why there were so few copies of *Excalibur* available last week? For some reason, the 900 copies distributed through Atkinson and Calumet College disappeared by Friday morning and the 400 in Central Square and Ross by Monday morning—quite a record if they all went to readers. In past weeks, copies of *Excalibur* have been plentiful till Wednesday.

In an unrelated incident, Atkinson College Student Assembly Speaker Daniel Bloom was witnessed, and photographed, throwing 50 copies of last week's issue into a garbage bin outside the ACSA's office. The issue contained an editorial critical of the ACSA's recent censure of the *Atkinson Balloon's* editor Roman Smilka.

When asked why he tossed the papers into the bin, Bloom replied that "It is illegal to place newspapers on that table." In a letter delivered to *Excalibur* just before it went to press, Bloom stated that he removed the copies "along with other publication and pamphlets which had no reason for being there."

Excalibur photographer Bryon Johnson, who observed Bloom's action, stated however that "there were other (Atkinson) papers lying around left untouched."

Bloom has denied any responsibility for the disappearance of the Atkinson, Calumet, Ross and Central Square papers.

Room doomed?

Lydia Pawlenko

Excalibur's problems have worsened with the administration's demand that the paper relinquish one-third of its office space for commercial purposes.

Despite the possibility of an increase in student council grants, and the fact that the paper has substantially decreased expenditures and guaranteed the university repayment of its debt, a memo from the Assistant Vice-President for student services, John Becker, recommends that *Excalibur* give up its production and meeting room.

Excalibur's Board of Publications, which controls the financial arrangements of the paper, had recommended a five year repayment plan to the administration in order to repay the \$25,052.91 debt which had been incurred after several years of poor business practices and decreasing student council grants.

In his memo to the Board, Becker states that "I am not prepared to recommend to my superiors a five-year repayment period unless the Board can identify and exploit additional sources of revenue."

To this end, Becker asks the Board to consider giving up the

room "on the understanding that the University could then rent it to a commercial tenant and a significant portion of that rent applied to the debt until it is paid off."

In a meeting last Friday with the Finance Committee of the BOP, Becker described the production room as monstrously under used" and admitted that he has been trying to gain control of the it for years.

Becker informed the group that Ancillary Services would also share in the rent revenue. When asked why, he replied, "Why should they rent it out and not get something for it? They want some greenbacks sticking to their fingers."

He explained that the university allowed the debt to reach \$25,052.19 because the administration was "too dumb" to start charging interest years ago.

Excalibur editor-in-chief Hugh Westrup claims that, "This is the worst possible time to lose this room. We simply cannot function in the remaining space. We expanded our operation this year to include typesetting and paste-up and therefore need more room."