

EDITORIAL

CYSF candidates not worthy of job

It's no wonder York students care little about their central student government — many of their politicians give them little to care about.

It is unlikely that this year's elections will produce even one inspiring politician to alter this situation. At Tuesday's CYSF vice-presidential forum, only two of five candidates — Carolyne Winship (V.P. internal candidate) and Scott Allardyce (V.P. external candidate) — showed up to face a meagre crowd of roughly thirty students.

There is no excuse for the actions of the three no-shows — Andy Chow (V.P. internal candidate), Peter Merrick (V.P. external candidate) and V.P. finance Franco LoFranco (by acclamation). Chief returning officer Kerry Wright said she spotted these candidates in the area during the speeches. Obviously these candidates didn't find it necessary to inform York students about their platforms.

On this basis alone, Merrick, Chow, and LoFranco — unofficial running-mates with presidential candidate Nick Nitsis — deserve to be rejected on election day. Unfortunately, LoFranco is already assured the post of vice-president of finance since he's the only candidate. This new V.P. — who doesn't seem to understand the concept of accountability — will be in charge of the CYSF's \$260,000 budget.

The CYSF presidential candidates — Peter Donato, Stephanie Infunari, Nick Nitsis, Bernie Polster and Sean Wagman — offer little more than the V.P. hopefuls.

Aside from Polster and Infunari, none have any previous central student government experience. In addition, the candidates have yet to show any strong leadership qualities, with the possible exception of Donato who is President of Bethune College Council. Moreover, none of the candidates has presented an imaginative platform.

It is pathetic that not one candidate showed a clear understanding of the structure and functions of student government, which is extremely important in light of President Arthur's recent reforms. Arthur's White Paper, which took effect January 1st, has drastically changed the nature of York's student government, primarily by centralizing it, in hopes it will become a unified student lobby.

For the next few years, future CYSF presidents must seize the opportunity of acting on the reforms if they are to gain any credibility with the administration and the general student populace.

It is imperative that the CYSF president understand the purpose of Arthur's reforms.

Yet when asked about Arthur's reforms in an *Excalibur* interview, Polster and Donato confused student government reforms with college reforms. Infunari and Wagman said they had read the White Paper but had not fully considered it. Nitsis replied: "I have no feelings about anything [Arthur's] had to say."

Excalibur has traditionally endorsed one or two of the CYSF candidates a week before the election. This year, however, *Excalibur* breaks with tradition since no single candidate appears to be worthy of the CYSF presidency.

Too bad there's no no-vote.

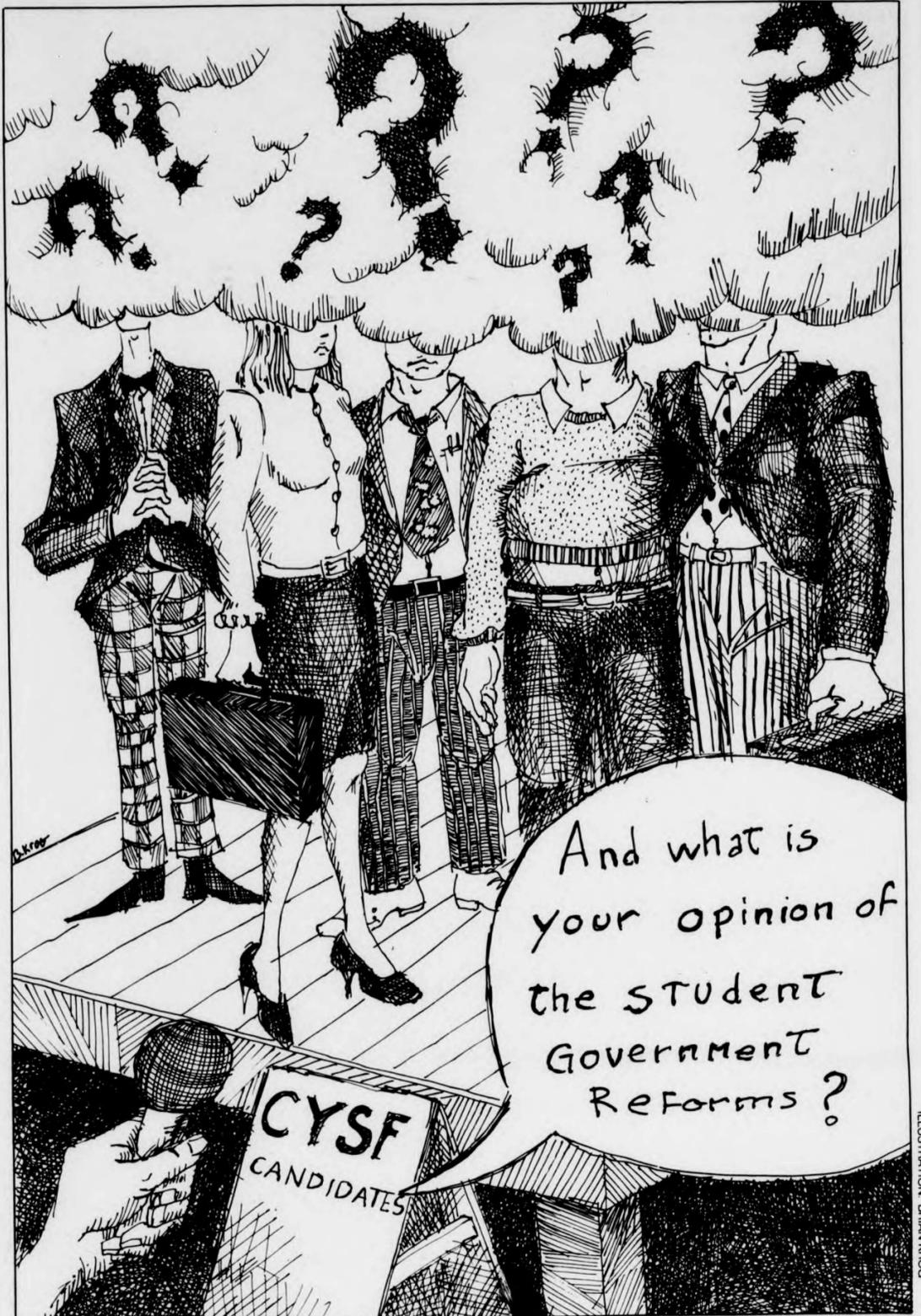


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Questions for CHRY

Excalibur's article "CHRY: the facts, the innuendo" (Feb. 23) contained several errors in fact.

CHRY's President and Station Manager, Daniel Zaretsky, claims that I am bitter because I do not have his job. There is no ground for this claim. It is a falsehood.

As a member of CHRY's Board of Directors, I felt it my responsibility to inform the other members of the Board in the fall of 1988 that Mr. Zaretsky's time may be taken up not by his job with CHRY but will full-time studies for Bar Admission.

It was brought to my attention, and I brought it to the Board's, that the résumé with which Mr. Zaretsky obtained his position contained several misrepresentations. He was not entitled to claim that he has a "BA (1983) York University," nor that he is "Legal Counsel." He admitted the former in print last week and the latter he had to spend some time explaining to the Benchers of the

Law Society (Clayton Ruby, J.J. Robinette, etc.) beginning on February 14, 1989.

The selection committee for his position could have either done the research or let the rest of the Board know. They did not let us know, so I do not know what they found out.

However, the selection committee was chaired by former CHRY President Mel D. Broitman, also Mr. Zaretsky's former room-mate and long-time chum. Were the rest appraised?

This separate committee was struck to solicit and review applications and only one name was presented to the Board. I had no way of knowing whose name it would be, and did not participate in the process. Broitman did, actively. The *Excalibur* article was the culprit of innuendo, here.

Excalibur's reporter, Jerome Ryckborst, claims that financial statements were presented by Zaretsky to the Board in 1988, but calls monthly financial reporting "audits." There was no monthly reporting, and hadn't been since Broitman. At the January, 1989,

meeting of the Board this information was demanded for February's meeting. The audits were presented after I withdrew from December's meeting. I had risen and informed the members present (six) that they had just lost quorum. They discussed the point after I left and passed the audits anyway as well as a motion of equal force giving confidence to Zaretsky.

Pat Anderson, the Board's Chair, does not recollect the matter being raised, according to *Excalibur*. Perhaps one of the reporters present could refresh his memory; perhaps someone could tell him that in any case *Robert's Rules of Order* makes quorum his responsibility.

Neither did Mr. Zaretsky have the time, which most other employers seem to have, to find a way to fire his News Director in a manner which did not contravene the Canada Labour Code. His excuse in last week's *Excalibur*: the Bar exams don't have a section on Labour Law.

Mr. Zaretsky's actions have prompted the Board to initiate, at

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