

# Editorial

## Andrea Doucet

Like most elections, the upcoming York Student Federation contest has attracted candidates who are qualified, in varying degrees, for the position of president and who, if elected, would not make incompetent student leaders. Like any group of people, however, some are more competent than others.

During the next year, York will need a president who is not only willing to fight increasing residence and tuition costs but one who will also work to establish student enterprises geared to service and not profit making. For Andrea Doucet, these are cornerstones of her political philosophy.

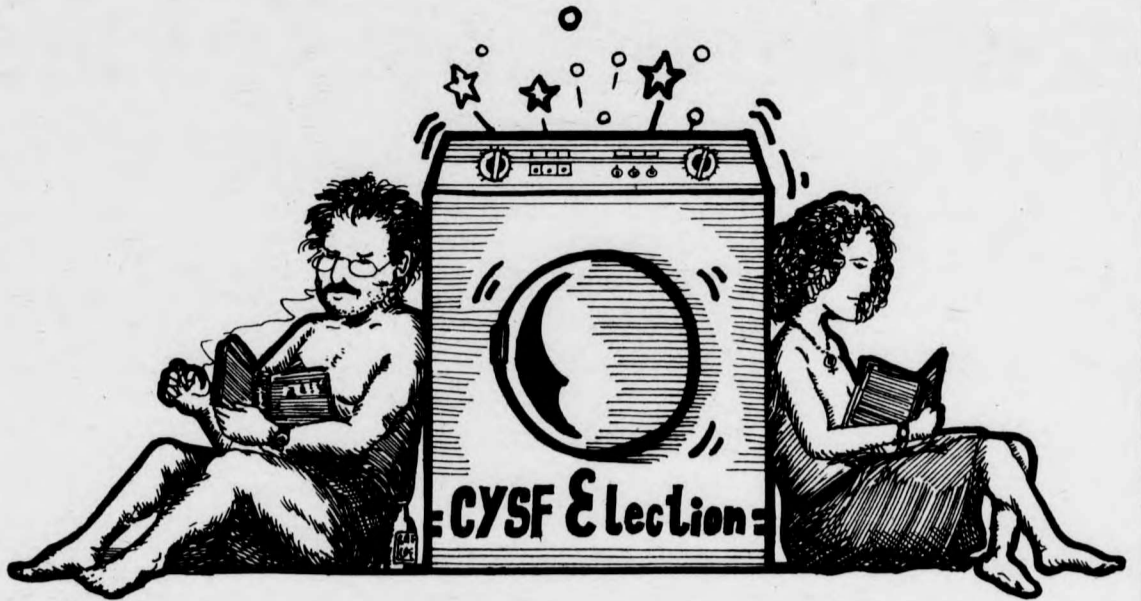
A long-needed Ombudsman to hear student complaints and course unions in the various faculties are other reforms which Doucet is rightly campaigning to achieve. It's time that the university began working to help students instead of regarding them as a commodity to make money out of. If elected, Doucet

will look into the immediate problem of an over-priced typing service. Considering that the current cost is \$1.50 per page, we support her entirely.

We also support her desire to fund the clubs more sufficiently and to increasingly co-ordinate social and cultural programmes with other York councils to save wasted money and effort.

Combined with intelligence, political integrity and experience (a student representative on the Board of Governors, three years on the Bethune Student Council and, this year, chairman of the council), Doucet would provide strong, responsible and exciting student government at York.

Exciting will certainly be the word if James Boyle is elected. As his platform (reprinted on p. 5 of today's paper) states, he is in favour of free beer (on certain occasions), decreasing CYSF administrative costs, giving megaphones to student BOG representatives for a louder student voice and other whimsical and not so whimsical



ideas. Dionysus in '80. For a change, yes, but for a government?

Donn Sugg, who brings up the field, offers neither excitement, innovation nor political integrity. His program boasts that he will offer "alternatives to the cliché methods of fighting cutbacks." His "three-point" alternative: hold a cutbacks week, give a brief to the administration and establish strategy with the Ontario Federation of Students.

New?? A cutbacks week was held but two weeks ago; Keith

Smockum, the very able president of the current government, has presented innumerable briefs to the administration; and the OFS issues strategy papers after each of their sessions—which are quite often. One can only wonder whether Sugg is even aware of what is occurring on this campus.

In fact, a reading of Sugg's platform will reveal that it is as hollow as it is slick. He tries hard to win every lobby group on campus, patronizingly tossing

off a goodie here and a goodie there. On women: "Now that the CYSF used bookstore is officially open, Donn will push for a section for new and used books which deals directly with Women's affairs." What was that about avoiding cliché proposals? Sugg can be given credit for mounting the most effective poster campaign — it is substance that he is weak on.

York needs an innovative, intelligent and talented student president. It would be a pity if we miss our chance.

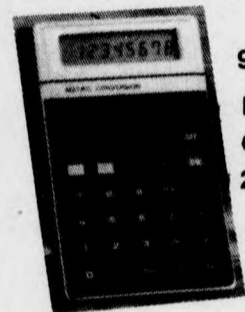


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