

Role of CYSF representatives to be clarified in Stong meeting

By DOUG TINDAL

Stong College doesn't know what its CYSF representatives are doing, but it's going to try to find out this Tuesday at a general meeting of the college.

The organizers of the meeting, Stong residents Garth Wood and Dave Fleet, stress that the meeting is intended as "a chance to discuss

the general direction and philosophy of the college" in regard to its CYSF representatives.

"We're trying to stay objective," said Wood. "We don't want to concentrate on people or personalities."

Steve Dranitsaris, assistant to the college master and chairman of Stong's weekly meetings, told Excalibur it is once again "the time of year for everyone to complain about what CYSF doesn't do for the college.

"Personally, I'm fed up with hearing about it. Basically, the question to be decided is, 'Who are our reps (if you can call them that) responsible to?'"

Dranitsaris, Wood and Fleet said they do not want to imply that Stong reps Janet Hart, Monica Sikk, Bill Osmars and J.J. Koornstra are not doing a good job.

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"We just don't know whether they are or not," said Wood, "because we haven't been able to see them to find out."

"We haven't attended Stong general meetings because all of us have classes when they're held," explained Janet Hart when contacted.

"All four of us (Stong reps) have attended all CYSF meetings," Monica Sikk told Excalibur. "And it's no fun sitting through those damn meetings listening to constitutional amendments and I-

don't-know-what-all."

But according to CYSF attendance records, Hart and Koornstra have each missed one of the two CYSF meetings held since the November by-election.

There was only one specific instance in which Dranitsaris expressed dissatisfaction with the representatives. He asked Koornstra (who is also CYSF vice-president in charge of finance) for a copy of the CYSF budget "about the second week of November", and has not yet received it.

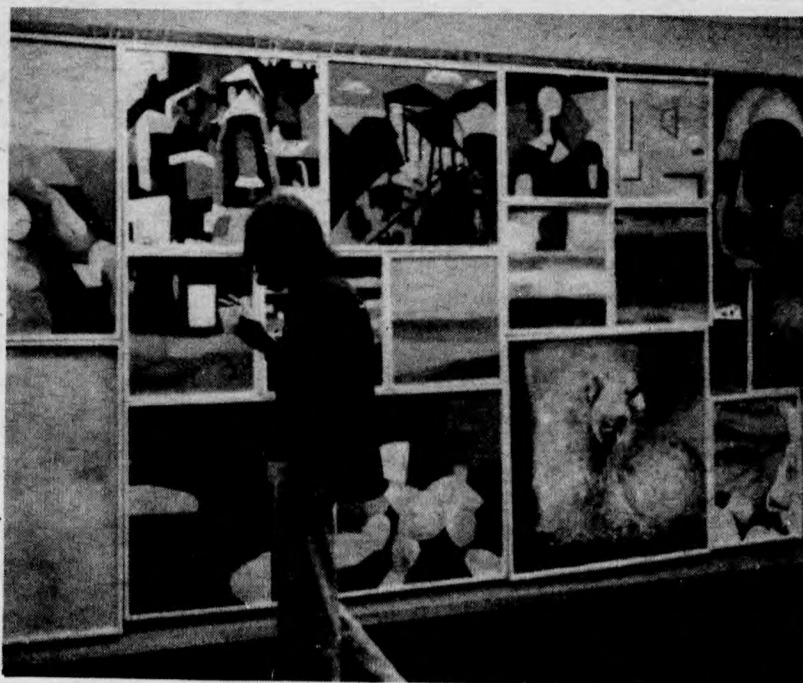
"Does he have any proof (that he asked for the budget)?" Koornstra asked Excalibur. "I don't remember that conversation at all. However I am in the process of sending him a budget."

"He should have asked me in writing, because I'm used to that form of request rather than a verbal one."

"And don't print any of this, because I can dispute it all anyway."

CYSF president Anne Scotton told Excalibur, "The Stong reps are generally more conscientious than most, and have tried to make themselves aware of the activities of the council", but "reporting back to colleges has very definitely been a problem for some time".

Scotton said she would introduce legislation in early February defining CYSF members' responsibilities in this regard.



Thomas McKerr photo

The new Founders Art Gallery opened last Monday night on the second floor of Founders College. The idea of a gallery originated, said organizer Susan McBeth, when the committee investigating available space in the college found that "a lot of the fine arts kids did not get enough exposure, and could not obtain experience exhibiting". The room was a study area before, and was little used. The first show, on for the next two weeks, is limited to Founders students, and thereafter the gallery has been booked by the general university community. There is still one week free later in the spring. Any persons interested in showing their works, contact the student council office at 2208 in room 121 Founders College.

Financial crisis gets new image

York president Ian Macdonald revealed a new perspective on the university's financial difficulties last Thursday by comparing the university to a large house that has been under construction for some time.

"Now that the house is up," he said, "It's going to be a decade of rearranging the furniture at York — hopefully adding a piece now and again."

"The obvious question is, 'How many of the pieces will we have to sell off?' That's going to remain the obvious question for the next few years."

Speaking to an orientation seminar for new staff members, Macdonald said his two objectives in dealing with York's budget problems are achieving "input from everyone and communication to everyone".

Marxist denied immigrant status

By FRANK GIORNO

A letter of protest, signed by 38 faculty members and graduate students from York's department of political science, has been sent to manpower and immigration minister Robert Andras, to protest the immigration department's decision to deny a visa to noted Marxian political economist Andre Gunder Frank.

Frank, an authority on underdeveloped countries, was to have taught at the University of Quebec for a year.

The denial of the visa is baffling, since Frank was admitted into Canada in the late 60s to teach at Sir George Williams. While at Sir George, Frank applied for landed immigrant status, but left Canada to take a teaching post in (then Marxist) Chile before a decision on his application was made. A later

application made while he was in Chile was refused.

The exact reason for the ministry's denial of entry is not known, but there is speculation that information obtained in relation to his landed immigrant bid is now being used to keep Frank out of Canada.

Under section five of the Immigrant Act certain people are denied entry, including mentally and physically diseased persons, persons belonging to subversive organizations, spies, saboteurs, criminals and socially or morally undesirable persons.

The letter of protest urges that manpower and immigration reverse its decision and allow Frank to enter Canada as a landed immigrant.

The signers maintain that a denial to allow Frank into Canada

to fulfil his position at the University of Quebec "clearly limits the opportunities for free enquiry into the social, political and economic issues among the entire Canadian academic community".

Meanwhile, immigration officials are still gathering information, before arriving at a final decision on Frank's status.

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