

a swell part-time job

The CYSF has voted in favour of giving next year's student council executive a huge pay increase. The president's salary will rise from \$15,600 to \$17,500 and the vice-presidents will earn \$13,000 instead of \$5,000.

The president's job will, of course, continue to be full-time. The vice-presidents, however, will only be required to work 30 hours a week over the summer and 25 hours a week during the school year, and will be allowed to take three courses.

Vice-president (programmes) George DiPede stated at last week's council meeting that these positions were to be considered full-time.

The CYSF asserts vice-presidents will be encouraged to take one of their courses in the summer, but the contract they will sign will not require this.

The University of Western Ontario's (UWO) vice-presidents get \$16,500 a year for 35 hours a week. (Not \$17,500, as DiPede stated in his Programmes Report presented at the council meeting.)

But, UWO student council president Kimble Sutherland said his council is going to amend the constitution so vice-presidents will only be allowed to take one course. He said, "If they are taking three courses then they are not [in the office] and it defeats the purpose of being full-time."

How many students do you know who have had full-time jobs at 25 hours a week (or 30 hours a week over the summer)? We were under the impression that full-time means at least 35-40 hours a week, as UWO is aware.

Sutherland also said that vice-presidents taking three courses do not have the time to develop new programmes and services. And this is at a university that is much smaller than York.

President of the McMaster Students Union Steve Longo said his vice-president and treasurer "are generally expected to work a 40 hour week," although this is not contractually required. He said, however, the amount of work needed to be done is reflected in their job descriptions, and the jobs would not be done properly without these hours.

Since York is such a large university, having full-time vice-presidents is a good idea. But they should be truly full-time.

Council should either require a 35-40 hour work week and restrict vice-presidents to one course, or even better, follow McMaster's example. If our vice-presidents were merely contractually required to fulfil their job requirements, a minimum 40 hour-week would naturally occur. A course load restriction wouldn't be necessary. All that would be needed would be the threat of losing a job if the work wasn't done.

As it stands, though, an average of \$10.62 an hour is pretty good for what will be a part-time job.

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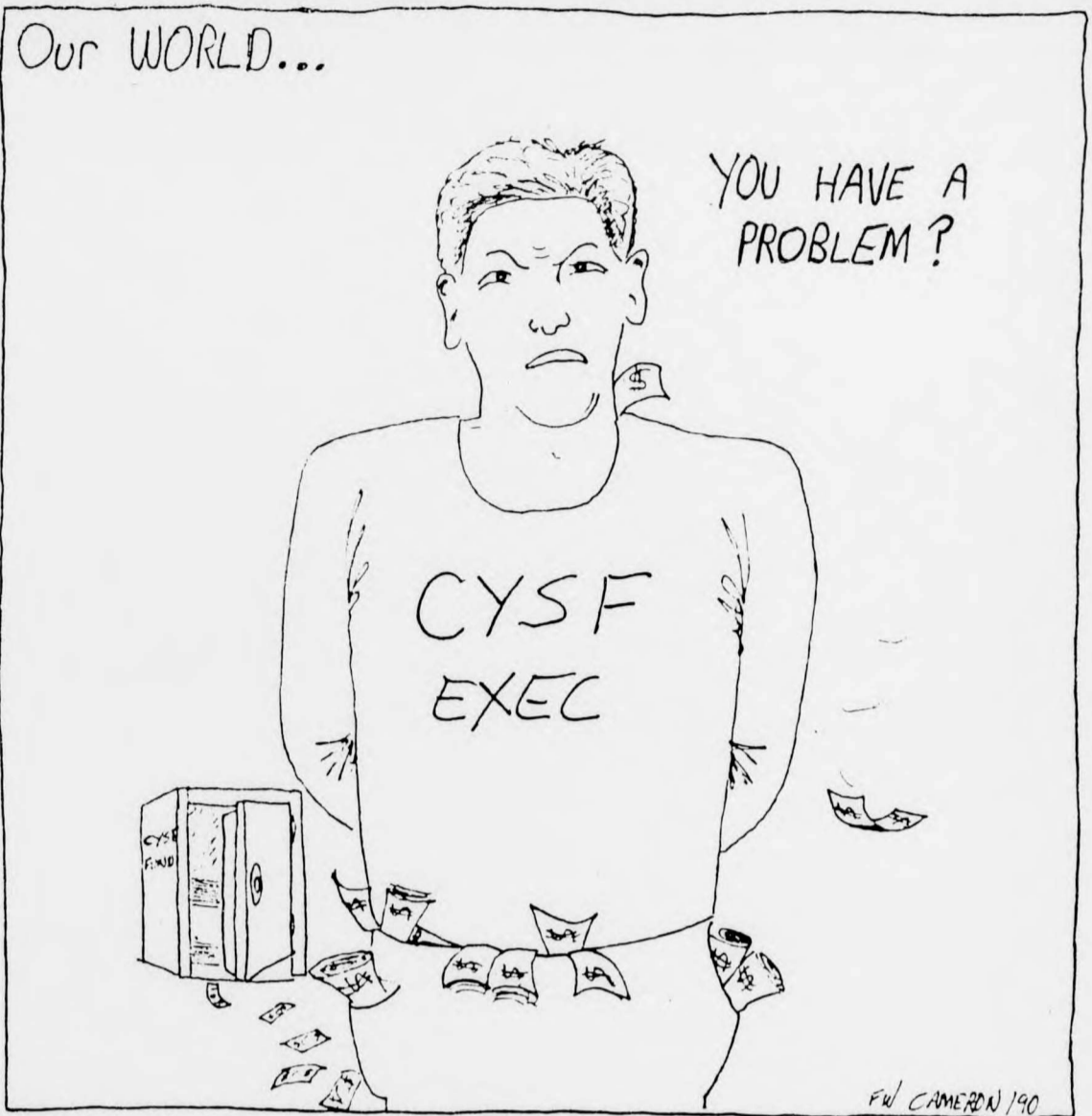
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Arthurs confiscates handicapped parking spot

Dear Editor:

I thought I might perhaps inform you of something I noticed the other day. Something characteristically accurate of our upper administration here at York U.

As the Ross Circle will close February 5 due to construction of the New Academic Building, President Harry Arthurs has had his reserved parking spot moved from the Ross Circle to underneath the Burton Auditorium overhang. One can see his upright locking post that blocks cars from taking the spot and the 'RESERVED DAY AND NIGHT' sign.

This in itself may seem normal. But if memory serves correct that spot was a designated handicapped parking spot before Harry proclaimed it the Presidential spot. Is keeping Harry from being inconvenienced more important than fair access for the handicapped? Security systematically tows cars illegally parked in handicapped spots with a \$50 fine, their value is deemed so high. How does Harry justify confiscating this spot? How is what he does so important that handicapped rights are superceded?

One must wonder, does the administration serve the university or does the university serve the administration? What happens when Harry finds a piece of Fire Route closer to his office?

Sincerely,
 Pat MacGroin

Jackson divorced from reality

Dear Editor:

It is hard to believe that anyone literate enough to write a full-page newspaper article could be as divorced from reality as Phil Jackson. His article, "The Death of Communism?" contains so many ridiculous statements it is hard to say which stands out the most.

I found it particularly interesting that he would use the negative

outcomes of policies generally advocated by socialists as an argument against the market. He writes, "On a global scale, one-third of this world is on the brink of starvation, while grain is burned in America to keep prices high. Millions are spent on ships that can dump rice at sea, using the same deadly logic, that of the market."

These actions are the result of institutions, such as marketing boards, set up by the government to circumvent the market. If Jackson understood the issues he writes about, he would realize he is giving an argument in favour of the market system.

Sincerely,
 Derek Pyne

Offenheim de-evolving

DEAR EXCALIBUR,
 RE: STEVIE OFFENHEIM'S LETTER
 IN YOUR JAN. 25 ISSUE.

STEVIE? WHO ARE YOU TO MAKE ACCUSATIONS OF JUVENILE JOURNALISM? AS A MEMBER OF A FRATERNITY, YOU ARE SOCIALLY DE-EVOLVING!

'GREEK' ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT A "LEGITIMATE EFFORT" TO IMPROVE STUDENT LIFE - THEY ARE SIMPLY A METHOD FOR ELITE BRATS TO 'NETWORK'.

MONEY DOESN'T BUY BRAINS, BOB!

BASH FRATS? IF THAT IS BY WHAT WE ARE DOING BY TRYING TO PROMOTE THE IDEALS OF THIS INSTITUTION, THEN BASH AWAY!

SINCERELY
 Brett Lamb
 EDITOR, VANDOB