

Vice-president (finance)

Bradley Abrams

To begin, let me first say hello, and thank you for taking the time to read the platforms in *Excalibur*, as I feel that this is the mark of a responsible student. My name is Brad Abrams and I want to be your vice-president (finance) for the coming year.

Having spent the past two years working part-time in the accounting and finance field, I feel that I have a very strong background to properly represent my fellow students on the Council of the York Student Federation. The following is a brief synopsis of my campaign platform:

I will continue with the present executive's policy of seriousness and responsibility where financial matters are concerned.

I will attract more sponsors, like American Express, and raise money from outside sources.

I will increase the funding for both clubs and important services found on campus.

I will increase the role the CYSF plays with the colleges by co-sponsoring more events.

Lastly, I support the proposal to make the CYSF the central student auditor for clubs and colleges, therefore saving the clubs and colleges money, time and effort.

In closing, I would once again like to thank both *Excalibur* and the student body for allowing me this opportunity to express my views and opinions and look forward to your support in next week's general election.

Nirvaan

Meharchand

platform not submitted

Vince-Paul Balatbat

My name is Vince-Paul Balatbat and I'm running for CYSF vice-president (finance). I'm the person whose posters with the funny slogans say "I'll increase Reading Week to two weeks," "He'll buy you a beer" and "If you get a 'D' I'll buy you an 'A'." I have decided to run a joke campaign only at the beginning of the election so I can have everyone's attention in bringing up important issues that I'll be supporting.

Issues that are on the top of my list are the cuts in university funding and tuition hikes that will be implemented by the provincial government in their next budget due this April. I will also consider increasing the funds for clubs and carry out more events. Recognition to new and small clubs will be given, provided there are enough members.

I will also consider supporting any ideas and issues that students believe in, provided they are beneficial to the rest of the students.

If you want someone to listen to you, someone who's dedicated and hard working, then on the election days, March 6 and 7, vote for Vince-Paul Balatbat for vice-president (finance).

Editor's note: Vince Balatbat is not an official candidate in this election. He is currently appealing the chief returning officer's ruling that he missed the official nomination deadline.

Vice-president (external affairs)

Alan C. Preyra

As CYSF vice-president (external), I will strive to keep in touch with the changing needs of our student body, and lobby governments and the private sector to achieve long-term solutions.

My primary focus is to unite the students of York, UoIT and Ryerson into a powerful lobby group, outside of the OFS. This coalition, called MUCC (Metro Universities and Colleges Caucus) will be more effective than the OFS because it will represent the specific needs of Metro students.

This will also send a strong message to the OFS that we have special needs which are not being met, and hopefully make them more aware of these needs.

Another programme I am adamant in implementing is that of inviting other academic institutions and businesses to York to advise students in such areas as course counselling and career strategies. How many of us end up taking summer courses and night courses to make up the credits we are missing? How many of us actually received good counselling on picking courses? How many of us know the steps required to get into the graduate schools or firms that we are aspiring to? These are problems that we all have that have been ignored by the university.

I would like to see the quality of student life at York improve. Funding and sponsorship for athletic clubs and teams and brewery-sponsored Oktoberfest week at York are just two ways in which we can raise money for student services, without raising levies.

Lastly, I would like to see student groups at York more in touch with external organizations so that combined, we may make a greater impact on our community. Inviting environmental groups in to help us cut down on waste and make our campus more environment friendly is indicative of the trends going on in the world which I plan to get York actively involved in.

These are just a few of the ideas I have to make York a stronger presence in our community. Innovation and leadership is our mandate. Now, I ask for your ongoing contributions and your support. On March 6 and 7, make an intelligent choice, cast your vote for me and together, we'll make a difference.

Mitchell Blass

platform not submitted

Lou Fortini

platform not submitted

Vice-president (internal affairs)

Caroline Winship

(acclaimed)

Hi, I'm Caroline Winship and I'm your CYSF vice-president (internal).

Although I have been acclaimed, I feel it is my responsibility to keep in touch with you and outline some of the things I want to do for you.

My number one priority remains the health care plan. Although it has been given the mandate to go ahead through the referendum this year, much remains to be done. The plan has to be implemented and supervision of the overall process (as it affects the students) is required. Every student who is a CYSF member has to be registered and an office (in the CYSF) will handle questions and claims starting in September 1990. The internal vice-president must also coordinate efforts with Blue Cross, the Canadian Federation of Students and the administration to ensure that implementation is smooth and efficient.

My second objective is to ensure that the views of residence students are heard and acted upon by the administration. Everything from food to repairs to the unacceptable proposal to raise rents to "market value" should be constantly monitored. I started the open forums this year so that any student could have the chance to address the administration on these very issues. Such forums were not a one-shot deal — I plan to continue them because they have proven to open up communication lines between the administration and the students. Now the administration is for the students. As awareness is growing that students have valuable input into the functioning of the university. The open forums demonstrate that students and the administration can work together for the betterment of the university.

My third objective is to start a student advocacy programme. Students must have a centralized

place where they can go to get action on their complaints and to obtain information. A central student government should be able to address any student concern or question and handle it effectively and professionally. This includes course evaluations, academic appeals and action on non-academic complaints such as smoking, parking and food to name but a few.

My final objective is to continue the good relationship with the colleges that has been fostered through the constituency meetings. It is important for the CYSF to create effective liaisons and an in-depth understanding of the college system — to truly function as the central student government.

I wish all presidential candidates the best of luck. However, voters should remember that a proper CYSF president should address the concerns of all the students and not be occupied with vested interests.

On March 6 and 7, remember to look beyond the posters and vote for the person.

Vice-president (programmes)

George Sanghera (acclaimed)

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platform not submitted

Peter Merrick

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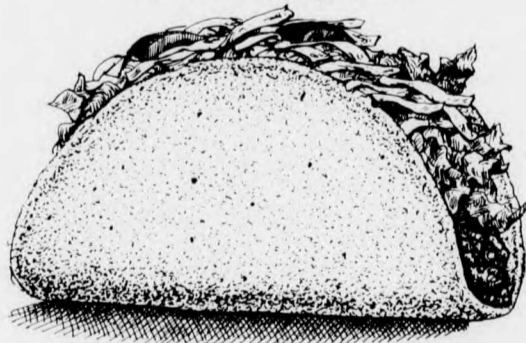
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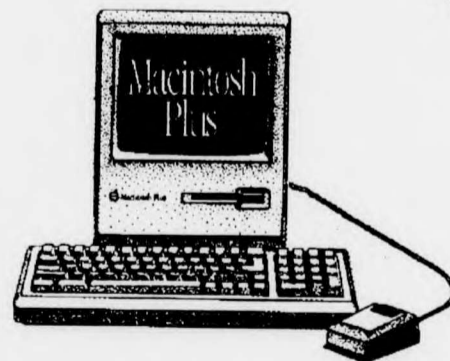
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