

MICHAEL LATCHANA

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through this with my own groups in the past, and I've learned from that experience about how to deal and negotiate with people. And I think I used this experience to help the clubs this year. As well, I don't want the clubs to think that the CYSF is a bank to whom they can run for more money. They have to justify where the money is going.

EXCAL: There has been some criticism of CYSF in that it just hands out money, and does not deal with real policy issues, like underfunding, security, or the Gilmor report or the Hare commission. Is there any meat to this accusation, and how would you alleviate the problem?

LATCHANA: Yes, there's meat to that accusation. I really think the CYSF should concentrate more on policy, with what's going on on campus, for example security. I'd like to bring up some other things like the recent race and ethnic relations thing which took me by shock when I saw the results. Yet nothing came out of Council on it; apparently they felt it was not important enough. I feel it is.

EXCAL: What would you do about York's present security situation?

LATCHANA: I'd like to see student representation on an advisory committee to that department, much like UFBSC (University Food and Beverage Services Committee) in Food Services. I'd like to see all York departments with input from students. The bookstore has it, parking has it, Housing and Food Services, why not security, too? Security is a major problem at York; it has been for years. It has never been fully addressed until this year.

EXCAL: What do you think of Gilmor report recommendations?

LATCHANA: I don't really go for faculty departments at this time. We've got college governments, and we can improve on what we've got right now, instead of confusing the issue any further, by confusing the students we represent, by starting something entirely new.

EXCAL: The underfunding of the CYSF has long been a problem. And as funding is not linked to inflation, what do you plan to do about CYSF's lack of finances?

LATCHANA: We should ask for an increase in funding, either through a referendum, or whatever money the University could come up with. I'd hate to go back to the students with another referendum, but at the same time we must consider (whether) we should go ahead with more funding for student government.

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There'd be no hills, so you could park cars anywhere, what does it matter? It just doesn't matter. And who put those paths in anyway? They said, "Hey, people seem to be walking right across here, so let's put paths over here." There's never a path where you need it.

EXCAL: What do you have against all the new red signs on campus?

McCREADIE: Oh, very pretty red signs, but what do they say? Have you ever tried to drive and read them?

EXCAL: It seems that your mother has had a great deal of direction on your life. If you were elected president, would she really be the president? Would she be like the empress dowager of the campus?

McCREADIE: I've never thought about that—it's kind of a scary thought. To have my mother in charge of 40,000 students. That's a lot of lunch to pack.

EXCAL: What do you think student government (CYSF) should be doing?

McCREADIE: I think the CYSF right now, all they seem to be doing is allocating funds. People say "we want a club," they say "here, have some money." That's all they seem to be doing. The reason for this, I don't know . . . Sure, you need clubs . . . but I think more than just supplying clubs with money, they should be supplying clubs with more support in other areas.

As well as just having clubs, the CYSF should be running more things itself. Why is the Latin-American club presenting something, and why is this club presenting something and that, and you never hear about anything from the CYSF.

There's supposed to be all this, being one force, indestructible, irremovable, and big enough to take over Black Creek Pioneer Village, and they're throwing that away by not making themselves public enough, by not doing what all the other clubs are doing. If a club's doing something ingenious, then take it from them; do it before they do it.

That's the thing with campaign promises in this campaign; there'll be speeches, there'll be things written up. And let's say one of my fellow candidates thinks up something great; well, okay, that's mine too. So why vote for him or her anymore? Okay, I agree, so vote me. It's not just ideas that are going to do things here. It's, can you get people going, can you get people to care about the school? The Student Centre has to be done to make the school more fun, something we can be proud of.

On that final note, I think everyone should realize something. If they don't believe I actually talked to God, think about this: the election is on April Fool's Day. If that's not destiny, what is?

KELLY RAMSAY

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on; that will be up to the Director of internal affairs. However, I would play a role as President, but I haven't concerned myself directly with this now, except that there must be improvement.

EXCAL: Two colleges, Calumet and Bethune, are presently not part of CYSF. How would you get them to join?

RAMSAY: Looking at the realignment of CYSF so that it suits, meets, and provides for everyone much better (is one way). It's not going to be something which we can achieve easily, but I do think that the problems of the past will be considered as the past and they will be overcome.

EXCAL: Yes, but what can you offer them?

RAMSAY: I can offer them better treatment, I can offer them a more satisfying relationship with CYSF. I can offer them a student government that will provide for students.

EXCAL: What recommendations from the Gilmor Report would you implement?

RAMSAY: There has to be more drive with college governments and a strong student government at York. The only thing I agree with the Gilmor Report is realignment. Steps must be taken to correct the problems that exist now before Gilmor (Report) comes down.

EXCAL: In your campaign platform, you stress multiculturalism. Do you find that the present CYSF executive created many problems in this area? Also, how would you change it?

RAMSAY: It (multicultural policy) has been hindered through the suppression of it. It hasn't been provided with the (necessary) services and funding that is needed to prosper at York. It has been provided with a minimum amount of funding to sustain it, but that's it.

EXCAL: So would you increase funding for CYSF to meet the increase in funding of the multicultural area?

RAMSAY: The whole funding of clubs will have to be looked at. Something again will have to be worked (in that should) club funding be on a per membership basis or a set fee and then so much per member. CYSF can also provide them with better student services which will probably do more for them than actual finances.

EXCAL: So would you have a referendum to obtain this funding increase?

RAMSAY: I can't say that there would be a referendum. It's something again which has to be worked out like everything else.

JILL SHIBOU

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there should be 21 major projects in their whole area, which are being done. I don't think people really realize what can be done—it's almost like you're sitting on a pot of gold that nobody's ever opened. I believe the Colleges are the strength of this university: I think without the colleges, the central student government wouldn't be as effective as it is.

EXCAL: What recommendations from the Gilmor Report would you like to see implemented, if any?

SHIBOU: The area of the structural changes in the CYSF (is one that has to be addressed). However, Gilmor wanted to make (college membership in) CYSF mandatory. They didn't discuss any real structural change other than that (the Council). Why aren't they there now? Making them sit on (Council) isn't going to make any them sit on (Council) isn't going to make any difference (they still will not want to participate).

The idea of choice (between faculty and college affiliation) I didn't like. You're going to have a chaotic system with that, because you're taking away from the colleges to try to build up the faculties. So instead of having one strong system, you'd have two weaker systems.

EXCAL: What should we do about security?

SHIBOU: I definitely support the idea of making them peace officers, and making them more effective to the extent of having them have some sort of restraining devices, i.e., handcuffs. That's something that the CYSF should be following, that model: a group of students, on a certain issue, forming a policy, and taking that policy and trying to put it into place; going right to the top, and making a show of it, and getting strong support. You do that continuously, and they start taking more notice of what the students are up to.

EXCAL: Beaver Food is taking over from Rill (in Complex One and Two). Beaver was concerned about getting a permanent income stream, so Norman Crandles (Director of Food and Housing Services) wants to institute a computerized scrip system where students can only use it within their complex.

SHIBOU: I think that's a ridiculous system. Then, you're keeping Stong students within Stong, and Bethune students in Bethune. The Administration is always looking for nice easy ways of doing things for themselves. It makes it easier for them to get a tender or a contract, but it's not easier for the students. Now that Beaver Foods will be in, the students have to take an immediate stance right at the beginning, like "Big Brother is watching this organization." They have to set up the Council to examine them constantly, otherwise they're just going to end up like Rill was.

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