

Letters To The Editor

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"CYSF business manager more than a bookkeeper"

Although I enjoyed reading Oakland Ross' recent analysis of the York Student Federation 'February 13', I would like to correct a statement attributed to CYSF vice-president William Osmars; namely, that "one of the major reasons for hiring a full-time business manager this year was to ensure that the \$3,000 Winter Carnival debt run up by last year's council was paid off".

There was no Winter Carnival

"debt" (or deficit) last year. A total of \$3,000 was allocated for social affairs, which included Winter Carnival events, and a total of \$3,000 was spent. Last year's council left a \$9,000 surplus (to be used as a summer budget by the 1974-75 council).

Douglas Wise, the present CYSF business officer, was first appointed in January 1972 (after the council had amassed a huge debt to the University), in order to

recommend and implement proper accounting and dispersal procedures for CYSF funds, and to organize an effective office (in all of which he has been quite successful).

He is not, however, simply a bookkeeper (nor is the CYSF strictly a financial institution). There are, I think, three other major advantages to the council in employing a full-time business officer (not to mention numerous

minor ones.)

In conjunction with the council secretary, the business officer is able to deliver certain services to students because of his physical presence in the CYSF office; the "cost" of these services is covered by the cost of his salary.

As a permanent and impartial civil servant he is able to provide continuity and stability to an organization whose officers and members change annually; his advice and recommendations to the council thus have the value of historical perspective.

Finally, the business officer is a resource person, able to do research and staff work for the president, the vice-presidents and the committees of the CYSF, on practically any subject. Whether this latter function is exploited depends almost entirely on whether the president and the vice-presidents decide, and know how, to use the business officer's expertise in this way. People who have no plans do not have much use for research (to wit, Mr. Osmars).

Michael Mouritsen,
Past President [1973-74]
York Student Federation.

A September, 1972 CUPE seniority list shows Mrs. E. Eero in that classification, and she was in it for several years. Mrs. R. Hendrickson was also in this classification for some time.

During my time with the department of physical plant, I was not aware of any disagreement with the concept that if women can do the work, they should get the job. I think you would be hard put to find an instance of real discrimination on the basis of sex.

Almost every article I have ever read in Excalibur relating to events of which I have firsthand knowledge, has contained some inaccuracies. Many people must have had the same experience, judging from some letters to the editor which have appeared. After a while this really reduces your effectiveness as an agent for change.

I wonder how much resentment and how much damage to relations between students, faculty, and staff has been generated by false statements appearing in your paper? I would venture to say a lot.

Please, do the York community a favour and check your facts. You could do a great deal of good in bringing to light those things that do need to be changed.

Ellie McTaggart
Staff member

Ed.: The article stated that Sinicola is currently the only female cleaner-lead hand, which is true. The headline, for which reporter Ritch was not responsible, incorrectly assumed that she was the only woman ever to hold this position at York.

Hits from the past

What happened this week (give or take a day) in York's history? The Excalibur files tell all.

1967: The Honorable William G. Davis, minister of education and university affairs, makes public a report on the Ontario student awards programme, commissioned as a result of widespread protest from students and university officials. The report calls for a loan ceiling not to exceed \$600, but recommends a ceiling of \$500, and states that the proportion of grants to loans in the awards should be increased. (And eggs used to sell for nine cents a dozen.)

1969: A university-wide referendum is held to decide whether or not to build a chapel at York University. Funds have been by William Scott, then chairman of the board of governors, but the chapel's opponents feel the campus has more pressing needs and don't wish to accept money over which they have no control.

1970: York University president Murray Ross accepts a proposal of the task force on rights and responsibilities and establishes a "university court", the senate committee on rights and responsibilities. (The committee has never met.)

1971: Sociology professor Roma Standefer requests permission to teach a course on the Canadian Indian, arguing that the sociology department needs more Canadian content. Gustav Thaiss, coordinator of the department's anthropology section, says the section doesn't want to "go overboard to become a completely Canadian studies programme". The request is denied.

1972: Atkinson student Gar Mahood files suit in small claims court for \$10, in damages against board of governors member Leonard Lumbers. Mahood claims Lumbers blocked his exit from

Glendon college by parking his car illegally. Lumbers says his car was parked legally, Mahood's car was parked illegally, and the whole case is a spurious abuse of the courts.

1973: Acting president John Yolton presents a proposed budget to the board of governors that is \$1.6 million short, due to the second term fee strike. (The strike was called in protest over the 1972 tuition increase from \$560 to \$660).

Yolton is told to come back when his budget is in order. Out of sympathy for Yolton, and in recognition of the fact that "the Ontario government is not going to budge", CYSF votes to end the strike.

1974: After the university decides to increase the cost of food by 10 per cent, assistant director of ancillary services Norm Crandles tells Excalibur that students do have a choice in buying scrip. "They can take it or leave it," he says.

Staffer claims no discrimination

Dale Ritch's article, "Cleaner breaches sexist job classifications", contains an error which I would like to correct. Mrs. Sinicola is not the first woman to be a lead hand cleaner at York.

On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to Department of Information and Publications, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday, 2:00 p.m. - Department of Sociology & Anthropology Colloquium - Professor Orrin Klapp of the University of Western Ontario will speak on "Identities, Redundancy and Closing - The meaning of Nostalgia" - Osgoode Hall Faculty Room.

4:00 p.m. - Mathematics Colloquium - "Watson Integrals" by Dr. M.L. Glasser, University of Waterloo - S203, Ross

4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - Symposium on Black Perspectives: Canada and the Third World - continued - today's events are as follows: 4:00 p.m. - "Blacks in Canada and Canadian Radicalism" lecture and discussion with Leo Bertley, Georgia Boyd, Acua, Beth-Allan - Club Room; 7:30 p.m. - "Africa in Jamaica and Myths of African Music" illustrated musical discussion between Denise Narcisse-Mair, Queen's University, and Samuel Akpabot, Michigan State University - Junior Common Room - Bethune.

7:00 p.m. - Lecture [Historical Geography] Professor Brian Osborne of Queen's University will speak on "The Settlement of Kingston and its Hinterland" - 004 (Fellows Lounge), Atkinson.

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. - E.G.O.-Communications and Interpersonal Relationships [Centre for Continuing Education] "Parental/Child Communication" by Irv and Ronda Cooper - general admission \$6.00; students \$4.00 - 107, Stedman

8:00 p.m. - Lecture - on Eckankar, the ancient science of soul travel - S128, Ross

Friday, 11:30 a.m. - A Day of the Woman [Stong] a series of events planned as a salute to International Women's Year as follows: 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Group exhibition of photographs by six women at the Samuel J. Zacks Gallery, Room 109; 11:30 a.m. - Opening - meet the photographers as they talk of their ideas and experiences in photography; 1:00 p.m. - "Women and Politics" - talk by Stephen Lewis, leader of Ontario New Democratic Party - 112, Stong Theatre; 2:00 p.m. - "Women in Universities" by Johanna Stuckey, with special attention to the report of the task force on the status of women at York - 214; 3:00 p.m. - Nancy Cole will present her one-woman show of readings: Gertrude Stein, 112, Stong Theatre; 4:30 p.m. - "Women and Publishing" by Sandra Foster of Educational Women's Press, 106 - Book Exhibition with Beth Appeldoorn of Longhouse Bookshop; also Beverly Allinson and Judith Lawrence, co-authors of "Women at Work"; 7:30 p.m. - Concrete and Sound Poetry, with original music, entitled "New Sounds for Perennial Seasons" by Patricia Elliott - Senior Common Room; 8:30 p.m. - "The Feminist Movement, Marriage and the Family" by Dr. Dianne McGibbon (M.D.) - Senior Common Room; 9:30 p.m. - Performance by feminist singer Rita McNeil of Toronto - Senior

Common Room - all events will take place in Stong College and there will be no admission charged-everyone welcome.

2:00 p.m. - Film/Lecture - Professor Uladimir Petrich of Harvard University will speak on "The Factory of an Eccentric Actor" - Screening of "The Overcoat" (Russian, CHINEL-1926) with Professor Petrich - S137, Ross

4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - Symposium on Black Perspectives: Canada and the Third World - continued - today's events are as follows: 4:00 p.m. - "Canadian and U.S. Involvement in the Third World" lecture and discussion between Luiz Costa-pinto (Brazil), Horace Campbell (Toronto) and John Saul (York) - Club Room; 7:30 p.m. - Theatre Fountain Head presents "The Swamp-Dwellers" by Wolfe Soyinka, and dramatized poems of Black Canadian poets - director is Jeff Henry - Junior Common Room - Bethune.

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. - Symposium on Black Perspectives: Canada and the Third World - final day - events are as follows: 11:00 a.m. - "Religion as Colonial Ideology" by Geoffrey Johnston, University of Toronto; 2:00 p.m. - "Stirring Spoon Workshop" presents an afternoon of Black and Indian art, music and poetry with rhythm workshops, readings of poetry to music and dance, AhBenoojeyug: Canadian Indian dancing, a film workshop with Calvin Butler - Dining Hall and Junior Common Room; 7:30 p.m. - Concluding party featuring the Afro Canam Quintet and Carlene Davis - Dining Hall - Bethune

Tuesday, 12:00 noon - York Poetry Series [English, Humanities, Fine Arts] featuring Daphne Marlatt - S869 (Faculty Lounge), Ross.

2:00 p.m. - Guest Speaker [Law and Society Program] "Intergovernmental Relations and Energy Policy in Canada" by President H. Ian Macdonald - S203, Ross

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - E.G.O. - Parapsychology and Frontiers of the Mind [Centre for Continuing Education] "The Physical Body as an Open Energy System" by Dr. Howard Eisenberg - general admission \$5.00; students \$3.50 - D Stedman

Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. - Seminar (Chemistry) Dr. J.B. Jones, of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Toronto, will deliver a paper entitled, "Synthetic Applications of Enzymes in Organic Chemistry" - 317, Petrie

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, 2:00 p.m. - Film - "Two Gentlemen Sharing" - discussion to follow with director Ted Kotcheff - I, Curtis

7:00 p.m. - Film - "Outback" - discussion to follow with director Ted Kotcheff - L, Curtis

8:00 p.m. - Concert (Music) of South Indian music with Trichy Sankaran and Jon Higgins - Senior Common Room, McLaughlin

8:30 p.m. - Play [Glendon Dramatic Arts Program] T.S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" directed by Michael J. Gregory - admission \$2.50 - Old Dining Hall, Glendon

8:30 p.m. - Concert [Winters] Pat Godfrey and Len Udow, - general admission \$2.50; \$3.00 at the door - Burton Auditorium

Friday, 8:00 p.m. - Concert [Music] York University New Music Cooperative under the direction of David Rosenboom - no admission charged - Foyer, Fine Arts

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Concert [Music] a Tyagaraja Festival - patron saint of Indian Music - Junior Common Room, McLaughlin

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Deli Coffee House - present Dave Martin on guitar and vocal - no admission - The Deli, Founders

Sunday, 8:30 p.m. - Entertainment [Winters] L'il Guido and the Chromatics - no admission charged - Absinthe Pub, Winters

8:30 p.m. - Play [Glendon Dramatic Arts Program] See Thursday's listing at 8:30 p.m.

Monday, 12:00 noon - Films [English 333] "The Blues According to Lightning Hawkins" and "Will the Real Norman Mailer please stand up" - Osgoode Hall

Tuesday, 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. - Concert [Music] featuring the Trump Davidson Dixieland Band - Junior Common Room, Bethune

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Japanese Films [Humanities, Social Science 390] "Late Spring" - L, Curtis

4:00 p.m. - 4:52 p.m. - Film [Humanities 179B] "But What if the Dream Comes True?" - I, Curtis

7:00 p.m. - Japanese Films [Calumet] "Late Spring" - I, Curtis

8:00 p.m. - Concert [Music] featuring the Wind Ensemble Concert of Jim McKay - F, Curtis

8:00 p.m. - Concert [Music] viol Consort Studio of Christel Thielman - Senior Common Room, Winters

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. - Concert [Music] See Tuesday's listing at 8:00 p.m.

8:30 p.m. - Performing Arts Series [Fine Arts] featuring the Bill Evans Trio - tickets \$7.00; \$5.50; \$3.50 - Burton Auditorium

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Thursday, 4:30 p.m. - Monthly Meeting of the Senate - due to space limitation, tickets must be obtained from S945 - Senate Chamber (S915), Ross

Monday, 7:30 p.m. - York Bridge Club - Vanier Dining Hall

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - Christian Science Organization - 030-B, Winters