

Editorial

Staff supports Gaudet

Earlier this week the men and women who work at *Excalibur* had a chance to meet the candidates in the upcoming Council of the York Student Federation and Board of Governors elections. Each of the hopefuls had a chance to present their platforms (which you can read on page 8), and answer questions from our ever-inquisitive staffers.

The staff then carefully weighed all that they had heard, and chose to support a few of the candidates.

This is our second opportunity to speak on an election this year; the first was in October. Before we discuss the specifics of this one, a few words from an October editorial bear repeating.

"We're no great savants. If many of us know more than most students about the CYSF (and BOG), it's only because our jobs force us to keep abreast of theirs."

None of the candidates impressed us a great deal. Those who spoke said little to excite us, if only because it's hard to prove you're a wonderful person in fifteen minutes. Often, our support went to the candidate whom we disliked least.

This was especially true of the race for the position of Director (External) being waged by Peter Mednis, Chris Savvas and Haidar Omarali. Omarali was absent from the meeting. Savvas seemed to us an enthusiastic, concerned candidate, but his greatest appeal lies in his opposition to incumbent Peter Mednis.

Mednis has been in office since

November and has achieved precious little. The one real victory that Mednis can claim (increased bursary funding) is more properly credited to Malcolm Montgomery. Mednis has been almost totally silent on the recent tuition increase, the current revision of the Established Program Financing Act and the CYSF's refusal of funds to the Students Against Underfunding Committee.

We could expect little worse from Savvas or Omarali and perhaps a lot better.

The choice of whom to support for the presidency of the Council was the hardest of those facing the collective wisdom of the *Excalibur* staff. Malcolm Montgomery, the incumbent, is far more experienced than his opponent, Greg Gaudet. While Montgomery has sat on the Board of Governors and Senate and probably a dozen of these bodies' subcommittees, Gaudet has been a representative on the CYSF for a couple of months.

Nevertheless, the staff supports Greg Gaudet for the Presidency of the Council of the York Student Federation.

Gaudet, despite (or because of) his inexperience, is pledged to an open council. After five months of Montgomery's administration, that sounds like a good idea to us. While Montgomery has made no attempt to keep students out of CYSF affairs, he has made no attempt to include them.

When tuition increases were proposed, Montgomery made no

attempt to rally students against them. Instead, he confined his efforts to a vain attempt to remind the university's Board of Governors what effect such an increase would have.

When pub surcharges were being imposed, Montgomery confined his efforts to writing strongly worded Federation Notes columns and forming a committee. More students would have gotten mad about the surcharges if only more of them had known. *Excalibur* featured the issue prominently, but it is just one of a number of media open to the council. Unfortunately, the students were never really informed about the issue, and the half dozen council people working on the issue carried on alone.

When *Excalibur* requested access to the financial records of the Lyceum Used Bookstore, we waited for months, in vain, to see them.

Last, but certainly not least, is the current question of who was involved in the creative alterations of Council minutes submitted to the Labour Board. Gary Empey, ostensibly fired for the deed, says that Montgomery knew about the changes being made to the minutes. In fact, he even says that Montgomery went over the final draft that was prepared.

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