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## A garland of nominees

### Eight candidates in search of a platform

With the largest number of candidates in CYSF memory running for the post of council president in next week's election, (March 11 and 12), reporters Ed Piwowarczyk, Bonnie Sandison and Julia Buck combed the corridors and dusted the rafters seeking out the eight nominees. Herewith they present their mini-interviews, supplemented by the campaign platforms themselves outlined on pages 8 and 9:

#### Anne Scotton

Anne Scotton, a third year political science student and currently president of the Winters' College student council, feels there is "a need for experienced leadership not provided by the other candidates."

"CYSF should be co-ordinating activities of universal interest to the York community. The input should be provided by the student reps; the president should be the co-ordinator."

If elected she plans to continue attending classes because "I don't think the president has the student perspective if he or she is not involved in day-to-day academic activities."

On the question of cutbacks, she said, "The council should act through the university administration as representatives of the student body to impress the serious nature of the cutbacks."

"I also think scrip should be refunded at full price. Students shouldn't be coerced into a plan which is finally constricting."

Scotton said council should publicize student course evaluations, provide student counselling and encourage the various student unions.

"Essential services like Harbinger should be guaranteed funding," she said. "I'd be willing to see part of the president's salary go elsewhere."

#### Dale Ritch

Dale Ritch, a third-year political science student, is campaigning for CYSF presidency as part of the United Left Slate (ULS) "to build a strong student movement on campus which will fight to reverse the government's reactionary policies in education and which will fight for things students need."

For Ritch the main issue is "the cutbacks in education, particularly as reflected in the university's food policies this year. The increased food costs, the terrible quality of food, the scrip rip-off, all are symptoms of the increasing cost of education."

On the food issue, Ritch said, "The administration is trying to make Versa the scapegoat for the unsatisfactory food service. Versa merely cooks and serves the food. It's up to the administration to provide cheap, high-quality, nutritious food and it's up to the council to make sure they do."

As for the Radio York referendum, Ritch said, "It's a great idea to have RYFM but the present money proposal is out of the question."

"I disagree with the idea of council being responsible for organizing co-op bookstores and cafeterias," he said. "CYSF should apply political pressure on the administration to provide these services, whatever it takes."

#### Joe Renda

Joe Renda, a second-year political science student, is running for CYSF president because "there is a need for an experienced person in CYSF."

Renda, a senator for Vanier, former financial secretary and president of Local 7291 of the United Steelworkers of America and former president of Seneca's college council, said "there

are some issues we can solve immediately, like high bookstore prices."

"The monopoly nature of the bookstore can be broken by a student-run bookstore," he said. He estimated the cost of such a venture at "about \$330-400, maybe less, depending on how many students you hire."

As for scrip, he said, "There is room for improvement but you can keep it the way it is." Scrip refunds should be given "upon examination of individual cases."

On the Radio York referendum, he said, "The administration should pay at least three-quarters or one-half of it. You'd have to go to the Board of Governors to get that."

"This year's council got involved with external issues that maybe we shouldn't have gotten involved so much in, like the Artistic strike."

#### Phillip Rasminsky

Phillip Rasminsky, a second year political science student and former chairman of the Bethune student council, became a member of Stong College to qualify as a presidential candidate.

The council should promote "intelligent discussion and not political bickering," he said, and provide "political leadership for York with the college council acting as programming units within the university, with CYSF providing financial support, services, and co-ordination of programs."

Rasminsky said the president "should be council's employee to see that their desires are carried through." The CYSF president's salary is "too high (\$5,000) and should be cut by \$1,000."

"The president should provide strong leadership in OFS so students can explain the damage of education cutbacks to the Ontario government," he said.

On the food scrip question, Rasminsky said council should make sure students show up for food services committee meetings, have the university introduce an optional meal plan and "seriously limit Versa's power on campus."

And CYSF spending on social activities should be "at least in the \$6,000 bracket," he said.

#### Fred Hauptman

"I am running seriously in this campaign," said second-year student Fred Hauptman. "I am running as an average student."

The main objective of council is to inform the students of what is going on, according to Hauptman. "We have no morals; everything is a means to get where we are going. Hustle, organize, and inform."

Hauptman stated that the university administration is set up poorly and if elected he will "rip the constitution to shreds" and change it completely.

He also said the CYSF president needs more power in order to get more achieved. "Council is just playing social games. It is a waste of time."

Hauptman promises jobs for anyone on campus who needs them. His father owns six factories.

#### Brian Green

Brian Green is in his first year as a graduate student in sociology. According to Green, former academic affairs chairman at the University of Victoria and currently external affairs officer of the Graduate Student Association, the major campaign issue is "getting York as a university to be aware of the community it is in and press for academic reform."

Green stated that the council should be a "co-ordinator for college activities and services like films and posters. There has to be more co-operation between CYSF and the college councils to save on money matters."

"Political, university-wide considerations should be the exclusive province of CYSF," he said. "It should be the primary body for co-ordinating such things as committee work and setting up a used book exchange in Central Square."

#### Berny Birman

When asked why he wanted to run for president, Berny Birman replied with an old proverb: "If the stocking runs, why wear it?" In other words, "I want to wear the clothes of the Presi-

dent of CYSF."

Birman, a first year arts student, intends to "accentuate a view of life that would end a cosmic barf of reality." When asked what changes he would make if elected, he stated that he would leave the basic skeleton and put "more mustard on the bun".

Birman stated that Radio York should be given the \$25,000 they requested from CYSF because "a lot of money is wasted anyway; and if it goes to Radio York, it would be a positive use of money".

On the food scrip issue, he would like to use guerilla (free form) theater to involve students and make them more aware of what is happening.

#### Chris Bart

Chris Bart, fourth year business ad-

ministration student, and former president of the undergraduate business students' council, believes "there must be co-ordination between the council and colleges." Bart plans to spend the summer talking to members of the college councils and those elected to CYSF, to investigate the goals and ideas of all the members.

According to Bart, Radio York is a clique. But the FM licence they are seeking is a good idea if Radio York can prove it serves the community.

One of Bart's goals is to see an effective council which has the support of the students and which can serve as a voice for the students. He wants to ensure that the money spent by council is for student services to the fullest value.



C. T. Squassero, photo

The first intra-curricular surprise party of the winter term, complete with booze and a Tweety-pie T-shirt, sprang out of the Ross faculty lounge Tuesday as a going-away shock for sociology professor Cliff Jensen. Jensen, a member of York's faculty since 1968, is leaving on sabbatical at the end of April to

carry out 15 months of research in southern Italy, on the ethnic attitudes and opinions Italians harbour about Canada. Of the native South African and graduate of England's Bath university, one of Jensen's students said, "He's my teacher, yes, but he's also one of us." Greg Martin

## Cafeteria survey: York loses

By BONNIE SANDISON

In a survey of three off-campus cafeterias designed to compare their prices with those at York, Excalibur found that in all three cases the off-campus prices were lower than York's.

Last week Food Services circulated a flyer called "Some Facts About Food Services," in which York's prices were compared with those of Charlie C's and the University Steak house and Tavern. York's prices were lower.

The following survey, taken this week, compares York's prices with A) the Ryerson Cafeteria, B) Canada Catering cafeterias and C) Glendon College.

	A	B	C	York
Egg Salad Sandwich	.35	.35	.35	.40
Tuna Salad Sandwich	.50	.40	.50	.55
Hamburger	.55	.55	.50	.55
Cheeseburger	.65	.60	.55	.60
Hot Dog	.35	.35	.40	.45
French fries (L)		.40		.40 (6 oz.)
French fries (S)	.25	.30	.25	.30 (4 oz.)
Battered fish		.60	.65	.75
Fried egg	.25		.20	.25
Bacon (slice)	.20		.10	.12

Ryerson's cafeteria is operated by Ryerson itself. No outside food company is involved in the purchasing, preparing or serving of the food.

Canada Catering Services company supplies the cafeteria services for Crippled Civilians, the Civic Centre, Commercial Travellers, the Highways and a number of hospitals. The company does make a profit, without being subsidized.

Glendon College is served by Beaver Foods. A spokesman from Beaver said the company is not subsidized at Glendon; they are on a contract, and suffer any losses themselves. At the present time Beaver is losing money at Glendon. Versa is guaranteed 3.5 per cent of gross revenues by the university.

## Sweet tooth?

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

Fifteen and 12-cent chocolate bars will cost the York community 10 cents if they buy them in the vending machines.

The university food services committee voted Feb. 25 not to let Active Vending, the campus vending machine supplier, ignore their contract and raise the price of chocolate bars and soft drinks.

Active Vending appealed to the committee for an increase in chocolate bar prices from 10 cents to 15 cents. Active said it now costs them 11.1 cents to put bars in the machines where they are sold for only 10 cents.

Food Services Committee chairman Ioan Davies said that since the service was poor, he could see no justification for a price increase, and felt that there was no reason to bail out the vendor just because "he didn't have foresight".

Peter Jarvis, deputy-chairman of the committee, felt that the York community would not "sit still" for another increase so soon after the controversial Versafood 10 per cent price rise.