

Hellman and Saul

York professors boycott conference in protest

By KEITH NICKSON

A conference on Canada and the Third World was abruptly cancelled two weeks ago when many Canadian scholars began a boycott motivated by the immigration department's refusal to allow Andre Gunder Frank to enter Canada and participate.

York professors Judy Hellman and John Saul nevertheless went to Queen's University in Kingston and along with other faculty and students organized a press reception and issued a statement

which reads in part:

"The Canadian government's refusal to let A.G. Frank into the country... is a blatant violation of freedom of thought which requires the free flow of ideas and intellectuals across international boundaries. All those concerned with freedom and with Canada's role in the Third World must join in resisting it."

The symposium was planned by Queen's University's Department of Sociology and intended to focus discussion on a critical assessment

of theories of development and their implications for public policy. Professor Frank, whose theories of global development have run counter to the policies of western governments, was to have been the keynote speaker, but was declared a 'security risk' by the immigration department.

Judy Hellman, who helped draft the press release admitted that "At first I thought it would be useful to hold the conference and use the occasion to discuss Frank's views and to highlight what such exclusionary policy means for Canada, for Canadians and more specifically for Canadian-Third World relations. In the weeks before the conference, I discussed the issues with some of the other scheduled participants and eventually I came to feel it would be altogether inappropriate to carry on."

"If we did carry on" she added "we would suggest by our action that the absence of Frank is not all that important, when in fact the exclusion of Frank is a most significant act on the part of the Canadian government."

Why Frank was labelled a security risk by the immigration department is not immediately known. "It may be that Frank's outspoken criticism of American policy in Latin America has made him a security risk," suggested



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Judy Hellman

John Saul. "The security risk clause is used so often that it's turned on and off like a faucet. In 1974 Frank was initially prevented from taking a position at a Canadian university and after much protest the government reversed its decision but then it was too late for him to take the post."

"The government must tell us

why Frank is barred" Saul insisted. "If we try to speculate we are playing their game which we must not do."

Saul and Hellman along with the other professors who prepared the statement arguing for Frank's admission, are now planning to pressure the government to either reverse or explain its decision.

Hayden plans funding for FM radio license

By TED MUMFORD

Although he will not take office until May, Paul Hayden has already set himself many goals for his year-long stint as president of the Council of the York Student Federation.

Two days after his election last week, Excalibur asked Hayden about the projects he will take on once he is behind the president's desk in the central square offices of CYSF.

Hayden mentioned first CKRY-FM, York's student-run and student-funded radio station. "Hopefully, CKRY will soon be getting an FM licence. I'm going to get together with Richard Gould (the station's manager) and start raising funds. We're going to approach North York and maybe Metro council for funds. We'll make an application to Wintario, and do whatever else we can to raise money."

Hayden is interested in drawing CYSF and the college councils closer together. "I want to meet with the colleges and review the amendments suggested for the CYSF constitution to put a member from each college council on CYSF. This would strengthen the college-CYSF ties. Hopefully, if that goes through, Bethune College will look more closely at joining CYSF. Bethune is into some money-making ventures. If CYSF can make money too, maybe Bethune will want to join."

Another of the president elect's first priorities will be to refine the council's election procedures. "Bob Freeman, George Manios and myself worked on the election procedures last fall. Our report will be considered by the new council, and it should clear up the election problems for good."

Hayden was involved in the Social Co-op this year and hopes that it will be bigger and better in 77-78. According to Hayden, the Co-op was hindered by severely limited access to the Tait-McKenzie gym and Burton Auditorium and by date clashes between its presentations (including Dom Troiano and Ray Materick concerts) and events held by the college councils. As well, not all of the colleges opted to join the Co-op. "Next year, I want to avoid the duplication of social events problem. If the Co-op is running a concert, we want it to be the only thing happening on campus. I'm hoping all the colleges will get into the Co-op next year."

Hayden noted that Concert Productions International has already approached York's Board of Governors with a request to hold concerts with the Co-op in the recently constructed Tennis Centre. An outdoor concert at the Centre during the summer will hopefully kick off a series of CPI-Co-op ventures during the year, says Hayden. "There's a lot of problems to be worked out yet, but I'm in favour of making money as well as spending it." (The Co-op's projects to date have not been lucrative, to say the least.)

"A personal priority for me is to get a cover on the Tennis Centre. It could be a great year-round facility for both tennis and concerts."

Off the top of his head, Hayden listed some other areas his energies will be devoted to: the One Canada conference, which will be held at York this summer; the production of a "counter-calendar" including the results of student course evaluations; the CYSF handbook *Manus*, which will contain "information so vital that students will use it every day"; and the creation of a soccer league for local children.

Although he campaigned for withdrawal from the Ontario Federation of Students and the National Union of Students, Hayden says he will honour the students' decision to remain in the two organizations and "work as hard with OFS and NUS as I would on any other area."

Hayden predicts a "productive summer" for CYSF. He feels that last summer the council's "hands were tied" by the misplacing of its financial books and the lean state of its bank account. "This summer there will be a good chunk of money left from this year's council, and some of it can be allotted over the summer. I want to keep Doug Wise on as business manager, and between him and Tom Silverhart (an MBA student elected as a McLaughlin College representative), there should be no financial difficulties."

Of the presence of nine United Left Slate members (all acclaimed) on council, Hayden says, "I hope they will vote the way they feel, and not as a slate. I hope we've got all this Edson team — 'Hayden team' — ULS animosity over with. The results of the election should show the ULS they don't have much support and that they should cool it."

Mary Marrone, an incumbent ULS candidate who was acclaimed in Calumet College, told Excalibur, "The ULS voted this year as a slate because we decided our stand beforehand at caucus meetings. We intend to co-operate with Paul in the interest of York students. We see our task as implementing our program as much as we can. In my case I'm working to stabilize the funding of *Breakthrough* and the Women's Centre."

Hayden and current CYSF president Barry Edson worked together closely throughout the year, and Edson was Hayden's campaign manager. Does Hayden see his stay in office as a continuation of Edson's? "No, Barry was leary of taking a stand on an issue and losing forum if the ULS members walked out. I think I'll stick my neck out a little farther on some issues."

When asked if he thought Edson was frustrated by his experience this year, Hayden replied, "Yes, he's been low profile, he's worked very hard." How will he cope with the same job? "I think I'll have less problems because, unlike Barry I have no responsibility to a slate."

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