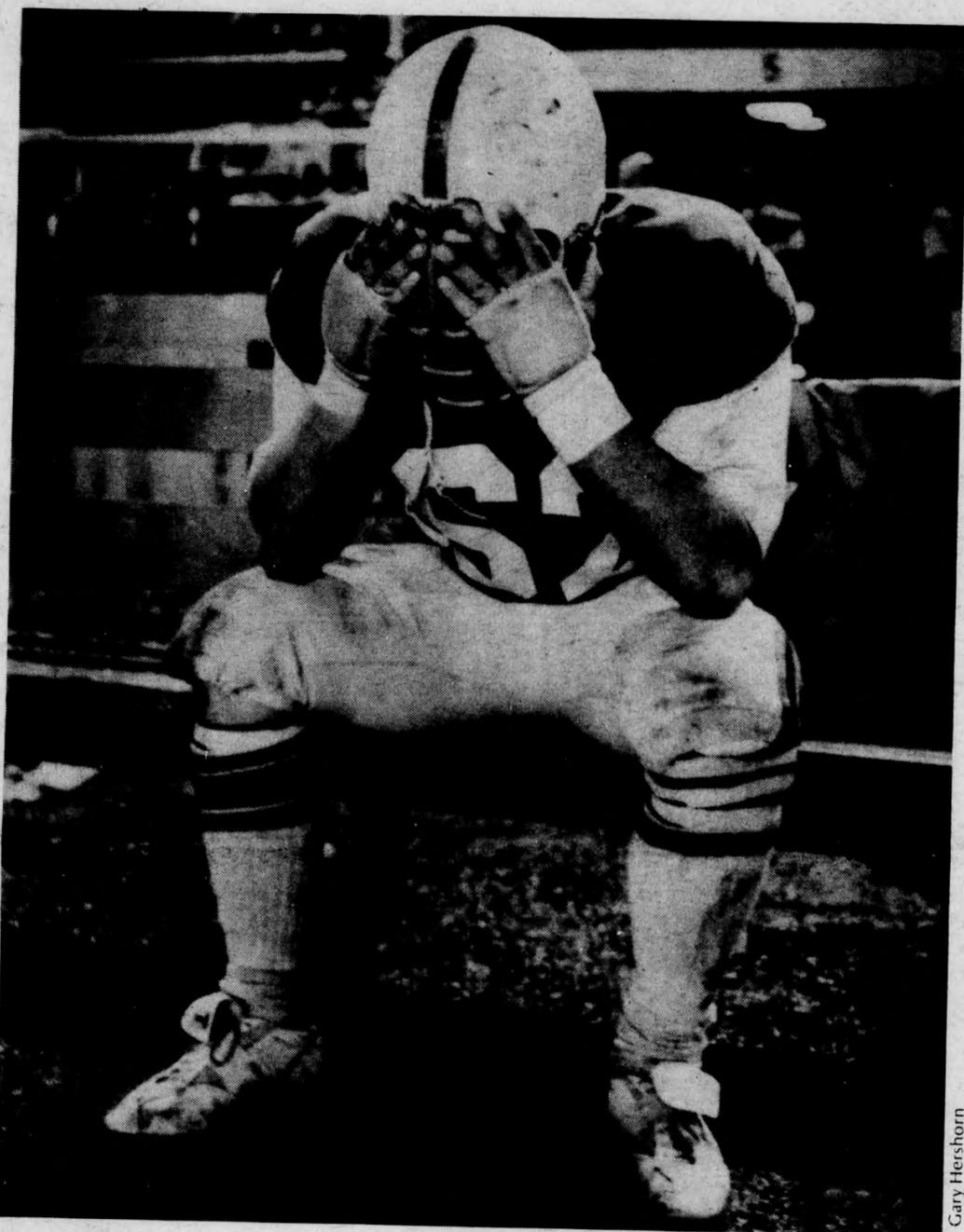


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The agony of defeat. See page 12.

Please York, some more?

Greg Saville

In the wake of educational cut-backs and tuition increases York students are being asked to dig over \$10,000 deeper into the pocket that presently pays between \$11,000 and \$12,000 in membership fees to the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

This was one of the recommendations accepted during the last day of an OFS Conference in Ottawa, from Sept. 27-29. Conference representatives agreed to ask their respective student bodies to increase OFS membership fees to \$3 per student (from \$1.50).

"Perhaps the OFS doesn't utilize its finances as well as it could," said Barb Taylor, Vice-president of External Affairs for CYSF and York's rep at the conference, "but I think basically it's a good organization."

Taylor said it could take up to two years for a campus-wide referendum on the fee hike and it

would also require ratification from York's Board of Governors.

"Criticisms of OFS in the past have resulted from a lack of information about it," she said. "The real problem now is the lack of research done by OFS."

According to the Canadian University Press, "The executive, [of OFS] had originally suggested a \$2.50 increase in fees to cover inflation and make new programs possible, but the membership balked at the idea of asking the students for that large an increase."

In her report on the conference to CYSF last Tuesday, Taylor explained that OFS resources and services could be increased through the adoption of various resolutions including the creation of an information bank, the hiring of a business administrator and administrative assistant, and the increasing of membership fees to \$3 per member.

York simmers while Glendon boils

James Carlisle

While the food controversy at York's main campus remained quiet this week, Norm Crandles, York's Food and Beverage Manager appeared at an angry meeting with students at Glendon. At the meeting, more than 60 students complained of

poor food quality and high prices.

Don Slaunwhite, local manager of Beaverfoods, the Glendon caterer, promised to do his best to improve food quality. He agreed to minor concessions, such as the selling of milk from bulk dispensers rather than from prepackaged containers. Slaunwhite, however, has no control over prices.

On the subject of prices, Crandles was adamant: there will be no price reductions. Crandles claimed that Beaver showed a loss for the month of September, despite University subsidies.

In an interview with Ron Hoff of Pro Tem, prior to the meeting, Crandles scoffed at the idea of a student-run food co-op for Glendon. He stated that "the University will never hand over residence food services to students."

The meeting ended with few issues resolved. The Glendon Food Committee which organized the meeting has not yet decided on its future course of action.

According to Keith Smockum, President of CYSF, students at the main campus "are still waiting for Norm Crandles to call the first meeting of the University Food Services Committee (UFSC)." Crandles has refused to meet with any other student committee and he has instructed Warren Rill, caterer of Complexes 1 and 2, to ignore other student groups. Smockum expects the meeting to be called soon, although in past years the UFSC has not met until January.

Council ponders budget

Jonathan Mann

In its third meeting of the year, the Council of the York Student Federation tabled its proposed 1979-80 budget and voted a much needed loan to Excalibur.

Tuesday night's meeting, attended by a sparse group of 13, was held in the York Senate Chamber. Present were representatives from Founders and McLaughlin Colleges and Radio York. The meeting saw the preliminary budget of the CYSF rise more than \$7,000 over last year's — to \$113,012.52.

There are two notable changes. It was proposed that Harbinger's grant drop to \$2,000, down \$1,000 from what the organization has been receiving for the past few years. This was originally greeted with some opposition by the council. But Council President Keith Smockum argued that this cut would force the social service organization to "broaden its support within the York community" and motivate it to find other resources. He was

quick to add, however, that further funds, if necessary, might be forthcoming out of a trust fund set up by non-member colleges to pay for central student services.

In addition, three \$250 bursaries awarded by the CYSF to needy students are to be abolished. In defending the move, Smockum described the bursaries as arbitrarily awarded, citing the difficulties encountered in choosing only three individuals to receive them out of the many deserving applicants.

The Council also passed a motion loaning Excalibur \$1,405.38 to pay the printing costs for its first two issues. The loan is due Nov. 1st. Although this motion brought on much debate, CYSF president Keith Smockum held fast on the council's responsibility to see York's paper through its present financial difficulties. Business Manager Gary Empey pushed for an interest rate on the loan of two or three per cent, to provide incentive for quick repayment by

the struggling weekly. This was not agreed to by other Council members.

Excalibur was allotted six thousand dollars in the proposed budget. These funds are to last the paper until January, at which time the council will reexamine its fiscal situation.

Also passed by the Council in its three hour meeting was a motion by Peter Brickwood to have a Glendon student sit on the Board of Governors. Brickwood declared that a tight schedule limited the amount of time he could devote to Glendon matters, and that a student from that campus would be better suited to representing its needs on the Board.

He moved as well to have a student and a faculty member sit on the executive council of the Board of Governors. Branding the Board "a rubber stamp for the decisions of the executive council," Brickwood stressed the need for input into the council from individuals within the York

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community. The motion was passed.