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Academic affairs director quits CYSF, then has charge of heart

By AGNES KRUCHIO

George Manios, director for academic affairs for CYSF, resigned last Wednesday night because of what he called that body's "inability to come to grips with its responsibilities".

He withdrew his resignation less than 24 hours later. Manios resigned after a CYSF meeting, when quorum was broken with many items still on the agenda. He said council does not represent the true interests of students and that he was disappointed because many council members were unwilling to stay to debate issues-relevant to academic affairs.

"Only about one third of the 22 member body work, and these are the same people who attend most meetings," Manios said. Problems arise when a two thirds majority vote is necessary.

He felt that the problem last Wednesday was part of a larger problem of lack of participation by the majority of CYSF members. Representatives will not work on items they voted for.

He did not, however, feel that this inertia was due to lack of leadership. He rather blamed it on irresponsibility on the part of members who expect the executive to do all the necessary work.

"If they (the councillors) put their names in for a constituency, their constituents will want something in return," said Manios. "They expect that their grievances will be heard."

"Student governments have been like lions without teeth; they roar, but the don't make any difference" he charged.

Manios has been in a process of preparing a course evaluation questionnaire which was to have been approved by council during the latter part of its meeting Wednesday. This is part of Manios' larger project to develop course unions on campus.

In Manios' view, course union would evaluate courses in a particular department, would handle grievances regarding professors and courses.

"The academic and political aspects cannot be separated in a central student union" he said. He felt that early adjournment of last week's meeting retarded council in its efforts to fight for student rights.

He decided to stay on, he said, because of the efforts he has put into developing the course unions and felt that he had a job to finish. Last term, Manios was instrumental in formation of the history, science and philosophy

student unions.

He also criticized Excalibur for not attending all council meetings.

"I'm not afraid of criticism; in fact, I welcome it. It's through justified criticism that the most fruitful programmes will come about."

"I'm disappointed that the student paper, whose job it is to represent the student public, doesn't cover council meetings, even as much as last year," he said.

Oriental student becomes victim of a racist attack

By FRANK LENTO

A York Oriental student was assaulted by four individuals in front of the Founders parking lot, January 20. Fortunately, four other students came to his rescue before any serious harm could be done to him.

Gerry Chernest, one of the four rescuers, first reported the incident to CYSF. This week he gave an account of the incident to Excalibur.

"I was coming out of Founders with three of my friends at about 11:00 p.m. when we noticed four guys surrounding an Oriental fellow. We thought nothing was happening until we saw one of them strike the fellow in the face."

"We all tried to stop them, but one them came at us saying it was about time 'these nips were told to get out of our country'."

"Because we persisted, they gave up and warned the Oriental student they would get him later when no one was around."

Neither Chernest nor his friends have been able to identify the victim or his assailants. He told Excalibur that he had thought little of the incident until a week later when he heard of the racist slogans painted on Bethune college.

"I pieced the two incidents together and came to the conclusion that something wrong is happening at York and that most

students aren't aware of it until they see it for themselves," said Chernest. "That's why I decided to come and see you people about it."

York Security said Tuesday they had heard nothing of the incident.

Upkeep cost is major hurdle

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the building is on York grounds, York should pay 50 per cent of the total operation costs. McKeough, however, believes that the amount York pays toward the operations should be directly related to York's share of the time, above 25-30%.

It is estimated that it will cost between \$700,000 and \$125,000 per year for maintenance.

Beyond these and other small hurdles, both sides seem to be eager to get down to brass tacks and get the centre built. "Mind you," said Thompson, "even if everything were ironed out immediately, we have to find an architect and builder. There's no way construction will begin before next spring."

Thompson added that "if for any reason there will be less money than anticipated, the bleachers will be the first things to be scrapped."

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