

# CYSF gives itself raise for next year

## '[the increase] will make CYSF more accountable'

by Heather Sangster

**T**he CYSF has voted to significantly increase the salaries of next year's executive council.

Effective May 1, 1990, the CYSF president will be paid \$17,500 a year, instead of \$15,600 a year, and the vice-presidents will receive \$13,000 a year up from \$5,000 a year.

The vice-presidents' positions will become full-time, and each vice-president will be expected to sign a contract. Presently, they are considered part-time elected officials and follow a "verbal contract."

The contract will require the vice-presidents to work a minimum of 30 hours a week during the summer and a minimum of 25 hours a week during the academic year. The contract will also allow vice-presidents to take up to three courses during their term in office (preferably taking one of those courses during summer school).

This year, the vice-presidents are expected to juggle council duties, courses and part-time jobs because the \$200 a month honoraria they receive is not enough to live on, said vice-president (programmes) George DiPede who was responsible for proposing the new pay system at the January 31 council meeting.

DiPede came up with the new figures by comparing the CYSF's salaries with those of other university student councils and their incoming capital, as well as looking at part-time wages in Ontario. He created a base salary of \$250 a week.

The salaries will be paid from the programmes budget as well as from added revenues such as the

CYSF's advertising deal with American Express and profits from *Imaginus* (a poster exhibition and sale), said DiPede.

DiPede thinks the increase in salary can only improve the CYSF. "It will create a continuum. In the summer, we were doing really well. We had good ideas and the time to implement them. Come September," he added, "we lost a little steam as we started classes and our part-time jobs."

DiPede believes that full-time status and pay will make the CYSF "more accountable" for its actions. He added that the pay increase will give the CYSF positions some professionalism and, ultimately, respect, as they will have the time to produce some solid results.

Caroline Winship, vice-president (internal), thinks the salary increase will "create more autonomy" among the CYSF executive as well as making the CYSF more of a presence with the administration.

"Right now, the administration knows that the vps are not used to having enough time to get their acts together and do things about certain issues, but with the pay increase, the council will become even more effective," Winship said. "We can make our serious commitments — like the health care plan, the used bookstore, and organizing under *The White Paper* — and give the time to do them well."

"There won't be any excuses," she added, "because it will be your job. Everything will improve."

Winship, however, was concerned that the president's salary increase was not enough. "The president should be paid more

because it is such a huge responsibility," she said. Winship questioned whether anyone would want to run for president if they could be paid so well, with less responsibility, as a vice-president.

The other vice-presidents think the president's salary increase was adequate. Vice-president (finance) Franco LoFranco said, "I personally think that all the vps and the president should get an

equal amount of money. There would be less hostility."

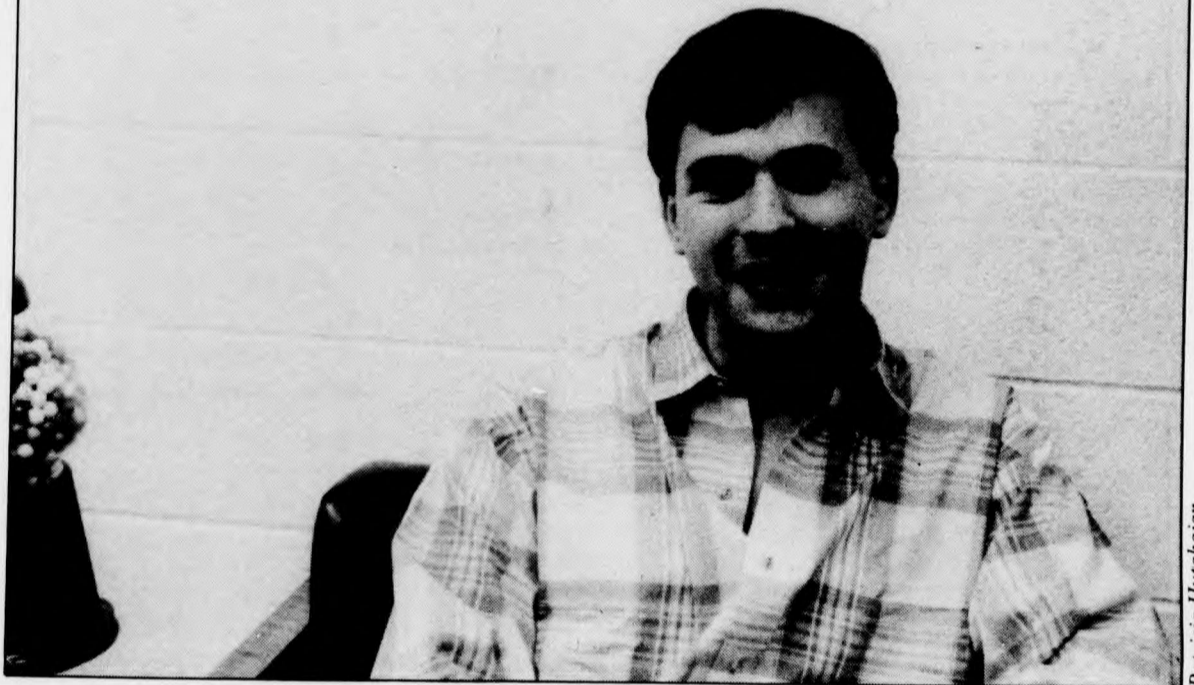
Vice-president (external) Peter Merrick agreed, suggesting, "If I had my way, I'd take the salary increase the president received and divide it among the vice-presidents and have everyone receiving the same amount of money."

Merrick added, "People that join

the CYSF are interested in politics, not money. There's no money in politics."

CYSF president Peter Donato said, "The money doesn't make a difference. The president has more responsibility and that little bit of extra money is warranted. I think York is getting good value for its president this year. But," he added, "it's for next year's council to decide."

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Vice-president (external) Peter Merrick: "There's no money in politics."

## Bethune Council fails to endorse *Lexicon* plan

by Daniel Wolgelerenter

**B**ethune College Council (BCC) has supported in principal the creation of a "separately incorporated publication" to publish a campus-wide paper in a motion passed last Friday. The motion did not specify that the paper be *The Lexicon*, Bethune's college paper.

BCC president Chia-Yi Chua said the second paper could be *The Lexicon*, but as it stands now, it doesn't have to be. He added that the motion does not address the question of who owns the name, the room and the equipment the paper uses.

*Lexicon* editor John Montesano said the motion did not give the paper a solid mandate to approach the Board of Referendum and it needs to be amended. He added that the paper was looking to get some kind of position from council on the issue in order to make the February 5 deadline for referendum proposals with the board.

*The Lexicon* is seeking to become financially independent from the BCC, which provides the paper with over half of its budget. The one dollar it would receive would help it come out bi-weekly on a regular basis, said Montesano.

"I want *The Lexicon* to be the paper receiving a dollar and to be the paper incorporated," Montesano said.

Montesano dismissed charges that going campus wide would deprive Bethune of a college

newspaper and a voice on campus. At the meeting, the paper pledged to increase coverage of Bethune events by allocating two pages every issue to Bethune-related information. *The Lexicon* currently devotes one page every second issue to Bethune.

Montesano also said that by going campus-wide and keeping an affiliation with Bethune, the college's profile on campus would be enhanced.

Board of Referendum chair Geoff Martin said that groups which have submitted proposals to the board have the option of "fine tuning" their proposals before the board decides next week which proposals to accept. Martin said the support of the BCC would strengthen a proposal because it is a formally recognized body, while *The Lexicon* is part of the BCC.

He said it is possible that the board could approve the proposal as it stands but it has not yet been discussed.

Montesano is hopeful a settlement between the BCC and *The Lexicon* can be reached by next Wednesday in time for board approval. He said *The Lexicon* will be giving a presentation to the board by next week.

"We feel that we can reach a deal," he said. He added that it was premature to discuss what the paper plans to do if it does not gain the BCC's explicit support to pursue a referendum.

The BCC met yesterday to discuss the issue further. Details of

the meeting were unavailable at press time.

Montesano said he was "disappointed" because the many negative comments about *The Lexicon's* proposal to become autonomous from the BCC came from "non-students."

BCC fellows representative Stan Jeffers strongly opposed *The Lexicon's* proposal. He said York does not need another campus paper and that *The Lexicon* "has not served Bethune well over the past three years."

Jeffers said the proposal was a way for the current editorial board to "hijack the paper." He said if they want to start a paper, they should start a new one.

"They want to ride off into the sunset with Bethune's college paper," Jeffers said. "I would urge this council to reject this and call on the editorial board of *The Lexicon* to behave in a more responsible way towards this college."

Bethune master Fred Morgan expressed concern that Bethune students will not be able to participate in student journalism at the college level if *The Lexicon* were to gain autonomy. While being "reluctant to criticize the paper for being excellent," Morgan said he feels that eventually a campus-wide *Lexicon* would sever its ties with Bethune altogether, leaving the college to start another paper from scratch.

Former Bethune master David Lumsden was also at the meeting and expressed his opposition to the plan.

Montesano said he felt that students on council were not given enough time to voice their concerns or support for the plan because debate was dominated by administration representatives. "The opinions of the students are more important to us than the

opinions of the administration," he said. "We've always been here to service the students and not the administration."

"[The administration] has a false impression of this being a college paper, but this is not a college paper, it's a student paper."

## Larvae found in Founders caf spinach

Staff Story

**F**ounders cafeteria had a "spinach problem" on January 30, said Suzanne Cullen, the cafeteria manager. Cullen wrote in a report to Marriott's head office that in each serving of about four to five ounces of frozen spinach about three to four larvae were detected.

Cullen said the spinach was bought from an outside source and was not "in-house." She said as soon as she noticed the problem, she stopped selling the spinach and "went into the dining room and stopped people from eating it."

"We take a great deal of pride in what we're doing," said Cullen. She said she sent a sample to head office along with her report.

*Excalibur* has not received any complaints about this incident, although Cullen said she has received some "heavy duty accusations."