

# Security, budget, and student aid dominate council meeting

By Paul Stuart

The night-time safety of women on this sprawling campus and a reborn, student-staffed, York security force, were among the critical issues discussed at the last CYSF (Council of the York Student Federation) meeting on Wednesday, October 12.

The meeting, which got the council's new year well under way, also dealt with the following topics:

- A student committee designed to cut red tape.
- The forthcoming presentation of the council's budget.
- Possible incorporation of CYSF.
- The student aid situation.
- And stay tuned for details of how the thorny old problem of allocating funds to political clubs cropped up, with the refusal of funds to the Trotskyist League for a proposed forum called, "From The Gay Left To Trotskyism."

Council President Paul Hayden told the meeting, "there've been problems with people vandalizing cars in parking lots and a couple of flashers in Complex Two."

Hayden said there have been "two incidents" in a ravine near the graduate residences and any "women who walk through there at night aren't really thinking too seriously."

"It's not the responsibility of women to avoid certain areas," commented Cheryl Pruitt, ULS (United Left Slate) representative from Vanier College.

"Women can walk any damn place they like."

"The solution is to provide lighting and emergency phones," she said after the meeting.

Hayden reported that when he inquired about the feasibility of installing emergency telephones every 100 yards, the administration told him the cost would be "astronomical".

But a York security force, to be staffed by students, is currently being organized by York security chief George Dunn.

Questioned by ULS Graduate representative, Abie Weisfeld, Hayden informed the council, "we don't have a vote", for the position of security force co-ordinator.

"But Mr. Dunn is not going to appoint a person until he has checked with me, York Vice-President Small and Gary Empey (CYSF Vice-President)."

The force, to be composed of several students, will patrol the campus to guard against vandalism and protect anyone in York's dangerous deserted areas.

Empey, whose Vice-Presidency covers university services, told the meeting that a "University Services Committee", designed to cut through red tape and other problems encountered by students when dealing with the administration, is being organized. He said he is inviting all the college councils to participate in the committee.

Last Thursday Empey told *Excalibur* what the committee's function will be.

"Basically we want to get student voices and concerns to the ad-



The trashed can pictured above, and the vandalized amplifiers described in a story on this page, are examples of the types of incidents which have prompted CYSF and George Dunn to investigate the establishment of a student security force.

ministration. When you go to the administration as an independent student or as a college council, you really have no clout. The administration wants to talk with the central student government, which is the CYSF."

Tom Silverhart, Vice-President for Finance, reported he will be presenting the budget at the next meeting on October 31. At the end of the last session, he told *Excalibur* what information he required from student clubs.

"I want to know what new clubs are doing and get a general idea of their expenditures. I want to know the bank balances of established clubs."

"I need the information by October 22."

The possibility of CYSF becoming a corporation was raised.

"There really are problems in trying to run a democratic body through a corporation," said Bob Freeman, President of the Environmental Studies Student Association.

Weisfeld pointed out that when a

student council becomes a corporation, "the executive becomes the Board of Directors."

"And the law states the Board of Directors shall govern," chimed in Freeman.

Weisfeld explained that though he had long been opposed to the incorporation of CYSF, he has recently changed his mind.

"It's the only way we can insure the autonomy of the student government from the administration. And it's the only way for the student council to get student activity fees from the administration. The terms of incorporation are really key though."

Freeman suggested the council look into incorporating as a cooperative, "because that is the democratic form of the corporation." The council took his advice.

Hayden briefed the meeting on the recent student session with minister of colleges and universities Harry Parrott at Seneca College (see last week's front page story in *Excalibur*). The session concerned

slated changes in the student-aid program.

Hayden said he is "not too happy" with Parrott's revised program, "at least not in the vague terms he's put it in." He complained that before the new plan can be evaluated at least one crucial figure must be released.

"We need the cut-off figure for how much money a parent will have to earn, to contribute to an offspring's educational expenses."

Last week Hayden told *Excalibur* that on the matter of CYSF's strategy vis-a-vis student aid, "Gary (Empey) and I will discuss this when we go to the National Union of Students' conference in Calgary next week."

He stressed the conference's value in helping CYSF co-ordinate its response with other councils.

Cheryl Pruitt proposed CYSF organize a forum on the student aid situation, but she declined to help in getting it off the ground. This drew sharp criticism from Empey, who complained about people who "sit and suggest ideas", but don't work to implement them.

The discussion livened up a bit, when Hayden told council the Trotskyist League had requested \$286 to cover expenses for a forum at York called "From the Gay Left to Trotskyism." Hayden moved the League be allocated \$50 towards the project.

The Trotskyist League is an official York club with ten members, and as such is credited with \$20 for duplicating expenses at CYSF. The club can also use its status to get a 50% discount at the university's central duplicating facility.

A representative of the League explained the club needed additional assistance to insure the forum's success and bring in a speaker from Detroit.

It was pointed out that for a number of reasons, including Anita Bryant's anti-gay crusade, "the question of gay rights has become a large issue in this society." The League maintained it had not asked other organizations, like the Gay Alliance at York, for financial assistance because "their politics are different from ours."

Founder's representative, Steve Muchnik, said the forum would appeal only to a "minority-minority" and "would not really be benefitting" York students.

Weisfeld countered that minority views "are perhaps the most interesting ones" at York. Cheryl Pruitt was concerned that the League's request would be turned down because some council members opposed its views.

The club lost out on its bid in a six-to-four vote.

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## Band's amps gutted in Founders

By Ted Mumford

An evening at Founders College's weekly "Steppin' Out" pub with Toronto's second-hand Beatles, "Liverpool", was cut short last Thursday after the band's amplifiers were sabotaged.

Between Liverpool's second and final sets, three men ripped out the wiring of the band's amplifiers, and left a smoke pot on the stage. They were seen fleeing the pub but could not be apprehended.

Liverpool's road crew quickly extinguished the smoke pot. There were no injuries due to inhalation.

The band offered to play a late set, but at 1:15 a.m. were still unable to fix their amplifiers, and the final set was cancelled.

Immediately following closing time, the halls of Complex 1 were vandalised, which "Steppin' Out" manager Dirk Berkhuisen believes was the work of some disgruntled patrons. (The admission charge was \$2.50 or \$3.) One window, some lights, a ceiling and the walls of a telephone booth were broken.

Two announcements explaining the technical problems had been made to the capacity crowd.

In the wake of the destruction, Berkhuisen is attempting to bring

back Liverpool at a reduced rate (since they did not fulfill their contract) and reduced admission. Tentative dates for the return engagement include October 27,

November 3 and 27.

Earlier this month a similar smoke pot was left on the dance floor of the Cock and Bull pub, also in Founders College.

## News briefs

### You can plant trees today

York community members headed by Vice-President Bill Small and Arboretum Committee members will be planting trees around Stong Lake today as part of Arboretum Week.

The trees to be installed include maple, oak, magnolia, chery and chesnut varieties. They are expected to add colour to the campus throughout summer and fall.

Students are invited to trade their books in on a spade and join in the planting. Donuts, coffee and cider are available to reward participants, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, over 100 trees will be planted.

The plant materials were chosen by the arboretum committee to provide a good selection of native

Canadian materials, and were funded by the Physical Plant budget through the authority of Small.

### RWL speakers come to York

On October 24 at 12:30 p.m. in Administrative Studies 030 a national tour to launch the Revolutionary Workers League will be making its appearance at York. Art Young, a former leader of the Revolutionary Marxist Group, will be the featured speaker, talking about the recent fusion that formed the RWL and the political situation in Canada and Quebec.