

Options: your chance to help others

York University's latest addition to a long list of clubs, societies, foundations and institutions is a group of students, staff and faculty that hails by the name of "Options".

This "foundation" was created spontaneously approximately six weeks ago by several students suffering from mass frustration and disillusionment of the University Complex.

In an attempt to make York more relevant to our surrounding community, and outside groups more accessible to York students, Options has adopted the following mandate.

Options intends:

- to have available to interested members of the York Community information on any and all volunteer agencies, interest groups etc. involved in social action.
- to promote the sharing of personal and academic resources of the York community with social action groups
- to create within the university structure a shift in emphasis, where applicable, to direct the university potential towards a greater relevance to social problems.
- to integrate interested sections of York's faculties and students into applying research and studies to relevant social

problems.

Options is not a group of altruistic students who have attempted to right the world's wrongs. They are a group of students who wondered what they were doing here at the university.

The mandate boils down to an attempt to set up a student

volunteer referral service on campus. There is an ever increasing and immediate need for volunteers in all levels and areas of our society, if you have some spare time come and see us or....

If you haven't got the time to donate there, but wonder how we

can make the university including students, more relevant, would you like to help design or engineer courses that could give students credits and help surrounding groups or....

Would you like to see where you could lend a hand, a thought, a concept, a minute, whatever you

lose. Our options are open and you can find us in Rm 202B Vanier College, or contact the Office of the Master. Our office will be manned from 12-2 Monday to Friday. Drop by and see what we are all about.

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student governors' report

This is my first article as the student representative on the Board of Governors, so I will start off with a short introduction to explain who I am, and what I would like to do over the next two years. I am a fourth year math student here at York, living on campus for three years and near Dufferin and Bloor this year.

I know many of the trials and tribulations of residence life, as well as the hassles of being a commuter student. I have numerous concerns that are related to my new position on the Board, and quite a few that do not. I intend to continue to attempt to

invoke changes where they are needed, whether the problems relate to the Board or not. Though I will probably spend most of my time discussing "problems at York," I will also stress those positive aspects I encounter as well.

The four main issues that I feel we must take to the Board are:

(1) The establishment of a Committee for Research into Forms of Alternate Funding for York, to be composed of members of the Board, Senate, Unions and the Student Governments.

(2) The restructuring of the executive committee of the Board to include a student voice. We must stress the need for open meetings in general but recognize the need for "in camera" sessions when needed.

(3) Increased student voice on the Board. With approximately thirty people on the Board, there is

room and indeed a need, for more student participation, especially from under represented areas like Glendon and Atkinson.

(4) The guarantee of student services funding, an issue that Paul Hayden will raise, and that I will lend all my assistance to.

Not relating to the Board directly, but issues that I feel need more attention are:

(1) The scrip system at York. It's a crime. A system that is designed to guarantee the caterers money, but is in no way beneficial to students. This system must be discarded or at least made-equitable for residence students.

(2) Efforts to start a student owned and operated, non-profit food store, bookstore, and cafeteria, should be encouraged and aided, to bring about their conception at the earliest possible date.

(3) The Residence Budgeting Committee should take the time

for a total rent restructuring at York. At present there is a difference of under \$25 between a double room in residence, and a double bedroom apartment with furnished living room, dining room and kitchen in the Assinaboine Graduate Residences.

Of current interest in the Board is the proposal that will be before the Board at the next meeting, for the establishment of a Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at York. The Donner Canadian Foundation has awarded the prospective Centre \$415,500 over a four year period. With the expected appointment of Dr. Louis Lafaber, an internal move, the prospective cost to the university is minimal. I will be supporting the motion whole-heartedly, and hope to see similar proposals in the future.

The Board Appointments, Tenure and Promotions Committee submitted a report that was accepted by the Board that states:

"New tenure stream appointments should be the exception, rather than the rule, and used for the purpose of making academic appointments of high quality and promise. New full-time appointments, if necessary at all, should normally be made in one of the classifications of the Contractually Limited category. "At the moment over 90 per cent of York's faculty are tenured or probationary, but the proposal effectively makes it impossible for York to attract a high calibre of Professor.

If you are concerned about any of the issues mentioned please contact me through CYSF. (667-2515)

Shawn Brayman
Student Governor-elect



your student council

Students — convenient transportation to Montreal leaves Bus departs from the Ross Building Friday December 15th, 1978 1:00 p.m. Bus departs from Montreal at Atwater and St. Catherine, Tuesday January 2nd, 1979 at 11:00 a.m. and Fairview Plaza Pt. Clair 11:30 a.m. Cost - return trip to Montreal \$28.00

Payment: by money order or certified cheque made payable to VOYAGEUR COLONIAL, PETERBOROUGH. Deadline for checks December 8, 1978. Checks are to be left at the C.Y.S.F. offices room 105 Central Square. There is also a similar trip to Ottawa leaving and returning on the same dates as the Montreal trip. The

cost return is \$25.00.

More Student travel - convenient transportation to Ottawa and Montreal directly from the York Campus leaves Wednesday December 20, 1978 at 3:00 p.m. Returns January 2nd, 1979 at: From Ottawa - 1:00 p.m.

From Montreal - 11:00 a.m. Cost - Ottawa return \$25.00 - Montreal - \$28.00. Payment - cheque or money order to Voyageur Colonial, Peterborough. Deadline - December 13, 1978. Please leave cheques at the C.Y.S.F.

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formation please contact C.Y.S.F. 667-2516/2515.

International Students Identity Card is available at the C.Y.S.F. office for \$2.50. If you're planning to travel don't go without your card.

Reminder that the Senate Student Caucus meeting will be held today. For more information contact C.Y.S.F. 667-2515/2516.

The next meeting of the Council of the York student Federation is December 5th, 1978. It will be the last meeting of the term.

The NEW Vice-President of External Affairs is Cheryl Scott.

Submitted on behalf of the Council,
David W. Chodikoff
President, C.Y.S.F. Inc.

York Unions

Last Wednesday, more than six months after the expiry of the old contract, the YUFA Negotiating Committee reported that some belated moves by the Administration had prevented the breakdown of negotiations, and that the basic outlines of a proposal for a new Collective Agreement had been reached. The Committee were prepared to recommend acceptance of the new Agreement, inasmuch as it was the best that could be achieved in present circumstances.

One feature of the proposed Agreement is of special significance to faculty and students. It concerns workloads, which are to remain under the control of a Joint Committee of faculty and administration. This means that certain arbitrary increases in teaching loads will be impossible. The student/faculty ratio will be in some measure protected, although this protection is only a partial one.

From the standpoint of the University as a whole, the principle of collegiality receives a further, desirable recognition. In matters relating to YUFA, the Administration will be bound to avoid describing itself as "the University." The distinction between the Administration and the University should be an

obvious one, but it has sometimes been overlooked.

The faculty have attained one important objective: an agreement on salary floors for the Alternate Stream (which includes language and laboratory instructors). On the other hand the total wage package offered to all faculty does not go beyond, six per cent which will in fact amount to a 5 per cent nominal salary increase for most people.

The salary increase will not move York from its low position in most categories of the salary tables for Ontario Universities. It does represent an improvement on the four per cent increase which the administration-dominated Senate attempted to legislate, and on the three per cent the Administration was insisting on during most of the negotiations. The General Meeting of YUFA on Wednesday 22

November recommended acceptance of this package, which still has to be ratified by a formal vote of the members during the first week of December. The package represents a considerable achievement for the YUFA negotiators, who felt that the faculty as a whole wished to avoid a situation of confrontation following the YUSA strike. It also represents a considerable sacrifice of time

on their part (YUFA negotiators are of course not paid for the time and effort they devote to negotiations). If the vote of the General Meeting is an indication, YUFA members are prepared to leave the goals that were not achieved in this set of negotiations to the next set, which begin in February.

Nicky Lary
YUFA Information Officer

letters

All letters should be addressed to the editor, Excalibur, Room III Central Square. Letters must be typed, triple-spaced, on a 66 stroke line. Letters are limited to 300 words (seven column inches). Name, address, or phone number must be included or the letter will not be published. Excalibur reserves the right to edit for grammar and length.

Deadline Monday 4 pm

York Security stinks

The alarming increase in vandalism throughout York's campus, is evident that George Dunn and his fellow associates are focusing their efforts in the wrong direction. Instead of spending time patrolling the parking lots all day long, issuing tickets and window stickers, and towing cars across campus in a feeble attempt to control parking, Dunn should place these security officers throughout campus where there is a constant rate of vandalism occurring (ie. Cock & Bull Washroom).

York's Safety and Security

Officers are also guilty of vandalism and should be charged by the Metro Police for breaking and entering into a car to remove a parking decal. These so-called "security officers" are suppose to be setting the example, not breaking the law and infringement into private property.

If Dunn and his fellow officers would get out of the parking lot and off their behinds, maybe this campus would be a safer place to live. No wonder vandalism is on the rise; the vandals are romping through the buildings on campus at will while Dunn is frolicking in the parking lot.

Shape up or ship out Dunn!

H. Sharp

Thanks Excalibur, from the Red Cross

I want to thank you for running the message in the Excalibur about the blood donors clinic at Founders on Thursday, Nov. 9th.

The clinic was quite a success with 212 people attending and collecting 166 units. Enclosed is the breakdown of who attended. It shows good support by both students and Faculty and Staff.

Once again, thanks for the publicity, and perhaps you could extend our thanks to everyone who came to the clinic and thus made it a success.

Sincerely, Phil Shessel,
Clinic Organizer.

Breakdown of Clinic Attendance

Founders	46
Faculty & Staff	31
Vanier - Students	31
Stong	26
Calumet	14
McLaughlin	13
Bethune - Students	12
Winters - Students	12
Grad. Students	10
Visitors	5
Atkinson	5
Unknown	3
U. of T. - Student	1
Administrative Studies	1
Osgoode Law	1
Glendon	1