

**CFS research praised**

# Council agrees to settle 17,000 dollar debt to CFS

**Leala Birnboim**  
At a meeting held Tuesday, the Council of the York Student Federation passed a motion to pay seventeen thousand dollars in fees owed to the Canadian Federation of Students, and its provincial branch, CFS-Ontario.

**Three installments**

The money is to be paid in three equal installments between October 1st and December 1st, 1982. Of the outstanding fees, \$7,042 is owed to CFS, while CFS-O has claim to \$9,820. CFS-O Chairperson Helena Mitchell, who appeared at the CYSF meeting, said these amounts

were the largest debt of any member of her organization, which represents 230,000 students from 34 post-secondary institutions:

**Possible suit**

During the debate that preceded the vote on the motion, CYSF Director of Social and Cultural Affairs Bipin Lakhani argued that a CYSF resolution was unnecessary: "I don't think Council has to agree to a motion. We have a debt and we have to repay it. We could legally be sued."

Director of External Affairs Jorge Garreton, who argued in favour of the motion, stated

earlier that last year's non-payment of fees stemmed from bad feelings between the ex-president of the CYSF, Greg Gaudet and CFS-O. Garreton who must present the Federation with a report on the CFS-O by October 1st, says CFS-O is "very competent" and its research staff is "among the best in the province, even better than the Ministry of Colleges and Universities".

**Some dissatisfied**

But some members of the Federation were dissatisfied with the performance of the provincial body. Director of Internal Affairs John Chang,

who brought forward the August 5th motion to have Garreton prepare a report, feels, "The students are not getting their money's worth."

**Money's worth**

"The CFS-O," argues Chang, "does things without letting the CYSF know, like protesting in front of the TD building last week. It was a really good idea but we didn't know about it before hand, so we couldn't tell York students about it."

After acknowledging at the council meeting that it was normal that the average student is not too familiar with CFS-O he stated, "But I'm the Director of Internal

Affairs and I don't even know who the field worker is."

Lakhani, however, said, "We've heard a few conflicting views. Peter Hoy (the CFS-O field worker) was here; I met him, and helped him set up a table in Central Square. Last year, there was no representation because of the conflict between the CYSF President and CFS-O".

Director of Academic Affairs Mark Pearlman, who seconded Chang's August 5th motion, is "personally disappointed in the CFS-O". He says that although he has repeatedly tried to contact the CFS-O office, it has yet to reply with information about

establishing an ombudsman's office on campus.

Mitchell "apologize(d) for any delay in getting back to you," but pointed out that the "Ombudsman's office is a relatively new position opened in schools," and information on the office is difficult to obtain.

**Office hours**

Pearlman suggested at Tuesday's session of council that York's CFS-O field representatives have office hours at York once a week. "I think," says Pearlman, "for the \$30,000 we pay them every year, we deserve at least that much."

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"People should have the option to dream; they spend too much time thinking about reality. Dream and dreams will come true," Ish the clown told *Excalibur* reporter, Paul O'Donnell. Ish is performing at the first annual Children's Festival at the York Day Care Centre on Sunday, October 3rd.

## Physical Resources stalls housing co-operative plan

**Joseph Revells**  
The promoters of a plan to construct 400 family housing units on the south end of the campus are concerned that the proposal will be rejected by the University's Physical Resources Committee, chaired by Vice-President William Small.

At an informal meeting held Tuesday in Stedman Lecture Hall A, approximately twenty-five people heard the Board of Directors of the Sentinel Housing Co-operative give what amounted to a progress report of their project.

The Board believes the project is not progressing quickly enough, and attributes the delay to the reluctance of the Physical Resources Committee to endorse and recommend the plans to the University's Board of Governors, which has already approved the idea in principle.

"All of a sudden these guys are hit with the idea of 400 units and they don't know how to handle it", said Michael Goldrick, one of the Co-op's Directors.

A Co-op newsletter dated September 14th, says, "Not only would the Co-op scheme make good community sense but it would make economic sense for the University as well. The Physical Resources Committee complains that \$3 million rental that the Co-op will pay to the University for a 45 year lease of the land is not enough! Perhaps someone should introduce Bill Small, Vice President-University Services to George Bell, Vice-President-Finance who is having problems with a University deficit that would be covered nicely by \$3 million."

In a telephone interview given before the meeting, Small said the Physical Resources Committee would like to see Sentinel Co-op get off the ground but he added the Committee must safeguard the interests of the University. "We think it's a good idea in principle if it is economically viable, provides needed housing

especially, and if it can generate income to the University that's a plus... but fundamentally and deep down there are problems important there are problems which are important and which could affect the University for a long time," said Small. He explained that funding guarantees and organization guaran-

tees and organization, guarantees of completion of the project, guarantees that the proposed 25 per cent allotment of units to the university will be adhered to, and a proposal for "carrying" vacant units (financially) remained to be worked out. "Personally," he said, "I'd like to see the project come about because it is useful and does fulfill a need."

Ron Struys, a Co-op director, says that while there was "always the possibility that something might go wrong, we're doing everything to minimize the risk... for example pinning down CMHC to commit, in principle, 2/3 of the cost [of the project] in '83 and 1/3 in '84."

The Co-op's Board of Directors, which also includes Deborah Hobson and Ed File, is optimistic the housing units will be built.

## Class size contentious issue for YUFA

**Barb Taylor**  
Class size, a contentious issue in recent union negotiations, is at the heart of a grievance the York University Faculty Association has filed with the Administration.

The grievance has been pursued all summer, and according to YUFA Grievance Committee member, Luigi Bianci, the issue should be resolved within the next few weeks.

YUFA argues that a clause in the collective agreement,

which deals with past practices, gives faculty members the right to establish limits on class size. But the Dean of Atkinson College, R. Bordessa, has established limits for some classes, which are above the professors' desired limits.

The class sizes under discussion vary and Bianci says, "given the class sizes at York, even a 10 per cent increase makes for an impossible size--the rooms are too small and are filled to capacity. The quality of education is not compatible with huge class

sizes."

Bianci stated further, "The Ministry (of Colleges and Universities) is pushing the productivity of universities--this reduces them to factories only."

When asked about other methods of pursuing this issue, Bianci said, "the university is a community, not G.M.--a lot of terminologies are creeping in and at times there is an obsessive insistence on the letter of the contract and not the spirit. An example is the issue of class size which is

now a battle of numbers when we are in fact talking about the quality of education."

Other members of the York community are also tackling the issue of class size. Students in Economics 423.6 are petitioning the department for additional teaching assistance, because the class size had doubled since last year, and the Class Size Committee, which the Union of Educational Workers battled to establish last year is now preparing its recommendations.

**Flu**

You slip a hand cool under the covers and stroke my stomach. I shrink like a sea squirt poked with a stick.

"Is there anything I can get you? Anything you want?"

"I want flat gingerale and I want to die."

You bring me flat ginger ale with two ice cubes clinking in a glass.

R. Leane