

OFS conference adopts new policy

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In order to generate a strong student movement in Ontario, the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) recently adopted measures to restructure their organization.

A conference, held at Trent University in Peterborough 2 weeks ago was called to discuss a report of an ad hoc committee on restructuring. The committee's report recommended a doubling of plenary representation for each member institution, a staff increase to ten, the hiring of executive members fulltime for the summer, and the provision for emergency policy meetings.

All the recommendations hinged on a funding proposal which would require all member institutions to hold referenda asking students to increase their student fees by a dollar and a half per person. This money would go directly to OFS instead of the forty cents per student now paid by student councils.

BRIEF OPPOSED

A compromise was necessitated when the University of Waterloo Federation of Students presented a brief opposing the centralized staff envisaged in the original brief.

David Robertson, a full time employee of the Waterloo Students Federation, called for a sharing arrangement whereby institutions with sufficient budgets would hire full-timers like himself and then share them with other local institutions coordinated through OFS.

Student representatives met at a general meeting last Saturday which was chaired by Phil Rasminsky of Bethune college council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss problems encountered by individual universities and to compare them to similar ones faced by the other schools.

WORKSHOPS

Following the general meeting, workshops took place on the problems of student pubs and the student

awards program. The pubs workshop was concerned with the effect of new liquor regulations which allow administrations to apply for licensing.

Bob Anderson, of the U of T Students Administrative Council, chaired the awards discussion which revolved around the report of Anderson and Paul Axelrod, OFS researcher, on their meeting with Jack McNie, Minister of Colleges and Universities. Since they were not satisfied on the question of tuition fees being held at present levels the possibility of a fee strike and other tactics was discussed.

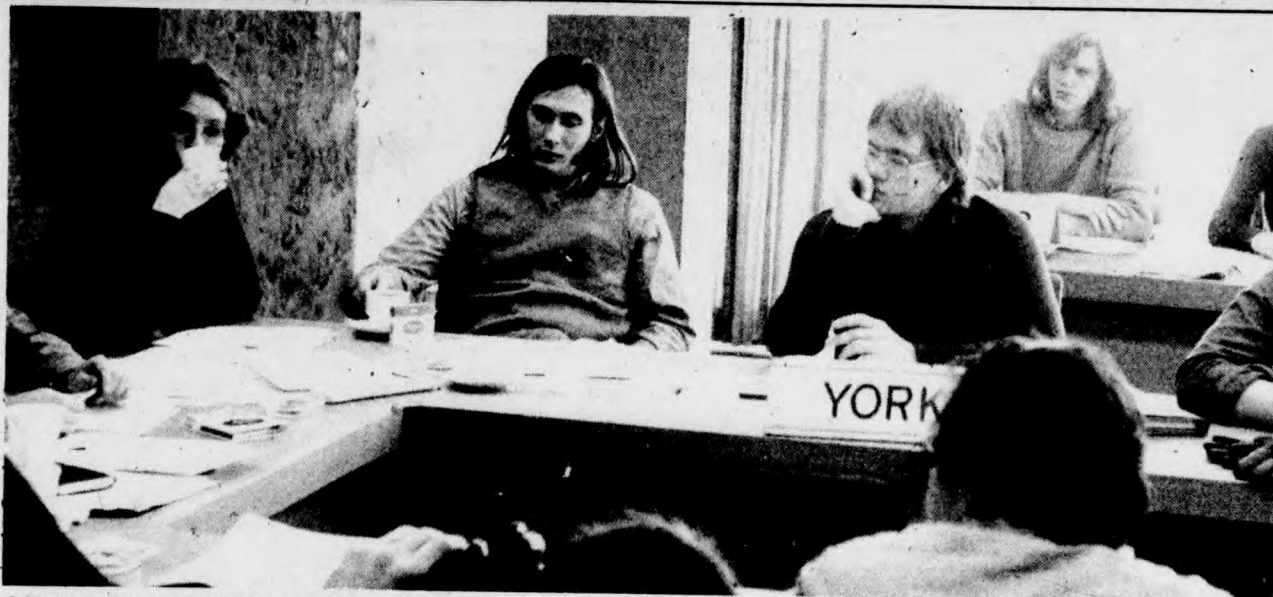
CONFLICTS ARISE

Conflict between OFS and individual council duties was the main criticism of the Waterloo brief which suggested a system of personnel sharing. It was pointed out that such a system did in fact exist with Bob Spencer, a Ryerson student union employee, but that it was not satisfactory for the new OFS concept of building a student movement in Ontario.

U of T's Anderson called for a one year use of the Waterloo proposal supplemented by additional funds from member councils for more central staff. This would provide a period of transition to the complete restructuring.

The meeting continued with an executive committee motion to allow the University of Windsor to remain a member provided they agreed to pay back fees at an unspecified later date. Several motions arising out of the workshops and meetings were presented and carried including one stating the intention of OFS to organize students in forceful opposition to any increase in tuition fees.

A suggestion that the plenary representation be increased to two voting delegates met with much debate. However the addendum that one of these be the council president or his representative and the other be selected by the council, was ammended



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Marilyn Burnett, OFS executive member and Glendon council president, Ben McDonald, OFS field worker, and Ted Kapusta, York's chief delegate and

external affairs director, ponder an early morning motion at OFS conference held at Trent University.

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UNDER ATTACK

Sunday morning the plenary passed a motion condemning Under Attack for exploiting students through its misuse of panelists and the manipulation of the student body in general. The committee urged member and non-member institutions to prohibit

the filming of Under Attack on their campus. During the debate SAC Anderson called Under Attack an "animal show", and Western's Jeff Lawrence.

A recommendation on revised staffing of the organization was made contingent on funding. A section which dealt with summer hiring of the executive removed specific salary proposals and a clause on time sharing

between OFS and home councils.

Other business produced a variety of motions including: the colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT) be encouraged to establish their own organization; OFS employees join a CUPE local being formed at Ryerson; OFS support the U of T struggle against the discipline code proposed there; and OFS support the defense of Dr. Morgenthaler.

York group sponsors meeting

The York University Committee for a Democratic Independent Chile is sponsoring a meeting on Chile Wednesday, Feb. 13 at noon in Ross S 167.

Featured speaker will be Marc Antonia Gramegna, recently arrived with 170 refugees from Chile.

Gramegna, a professor of sociology, will focus his talk on recent developments since the military coup last

September, as well as the plight of refugees still inside the country.

There will be Chilean music and a slide presentation. The slides were smuggled out of Chile after the coup.

Robin Endres will speak on behalf of the York committee and there will be a question and answer period from 1 to 2 p.m.

ULS launches '74 campaign

At a Monday meeting, the United Left Slate decided to launch an appeal to all York students who are interested in running on a left-wing, activist programme in the upcoming CYSF elections.

A preliminary meeting will be held in Curtis L.H. 'D' at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 to conduct a discussion on the

objectives and tactics of the slate and to formulate a programme for the elections.

The ULS at present consists of five CYSF members. It contested the previous two CYSF elections.

All York students and organizations are invited to attend the meeting and participate. Future meetings will be held to organize the campaign and select presidential and college candidates.

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