

## Christie influence within '85 council

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Christie's surprising strength in the elections and the domination of council by his slate members poses more than just the academic puzzle of where and how they received such widespread support; it also raises questions about how next year's council will operate and what role Christie might play behind the scenes.

One concern we have is that his slate of candidates may hold to ideologies and ideas about the conduct of council affairs that are contrary to the chosen direction of the president. The Christie slate seems committed to cooperating with whoever is sitting in the other director's seats, but there is still the danger that a slate might form, consciously or unconsciously, a power bloc on the executive that could only work to the detriment of CYSF in general.

As the council for next year stands now, the executive is evenly divided between Christie's four winning

running-mates and the four independent candidates, including, of course, President-Elect Reya Ali. Such a power struggle, if it did occur, could potentially stymie any major policy moves the president undertook.

One also has to take into account how much influence Christie may still have over his slate mates once they take office. While we have no doubts he has the best interests of York students in mind, there is still the possibility that Christie might inadvertently guide his friends on the council executive into a confrontational stance that would benefit no one. Despite his losing the election to Ali, Christie, through the slate, now holds a great deal of influence on the executive that must be used prudently and wisely.

There is the possibility, too, that the presence of the four slate members on the executive might be a positive development for CYSF—at least we know there are four direc-

tors that can work together constructively.

In the end, as always, it all comes down to how well the president can handle the diverse elements that make up his executive, and in Ali's case we have few fears.

With a year of political wrangling in CYSF behind him, a sharp, analytical mind, a fiercely aggressive nature, Ali is probably the best suited of this year's crop of candidates to deal with a potentially contentious council.

All in all, however, this year's executive council looks good. Christie's slate members have shown the ability throughout the campaign to organize and cooperate, Bobechko has imagination and a sense of humor (evidenced by the 'Bobechko Bus') sorely lacking on last year's council, and there's some much needed experience in Hallewick and Robert Castle to balance the relative inexperience of the other directors.

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Thursday, March 28, 1985

11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Room 035, Administrative Studies Building

**Speaker: Dr. Larry F. Moore**  
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