

Atkinson leaves, undermines our student council

By AGNES KRUCHIO

What were the advantages for the Atkinson Council Students' Association to stay within the folds of the CYSF? In what way did the CYSF represent the interests of the part-time students of this university?

What did the CYSF do to keep this admittedly valuable portion of the student population within CYSF?

"I regret very much their withdrawal," said Council President Michael Mouritsen Monday night, "as I believe very much in a strong central student government."

Admittedly, the students' council has not offered Atkinson enough reason to stay, even though it has not exactly blocked any recommendations put forward.

The advantages for Atkinson to stay within CYSF include use of council services, such as duplication. More important, CYSF was Atkinson students' ticket to representation on such university committees as the Campus Planning Committee (supervising and suggesting new building on campus, the Committee on Schools Liaison, the Food Services Committee, and the University (Senate) Committee, which is responsible for such non-academic amenities as the bookstore, parking, safety and security and transportation policy. The CYSF would also provide an avenue for Atkinson to participate in various ad hoc committees on campus which could serve Atkinson's expressed aim of achieving equality with day-students. According to Michael Mouritsen, however, "they are parochial, and can't see beyond their noses."

"They would not let me talk to their assembly," said Mouritsen, who did however, note that neither he, nor student council made any attempt to contact the renegade Atkinson Students Association to address the members.

Thus Atkinson departs. It represents about 10,000 part-time students who are alienated from the mainstream of university life under present arrangements. Their departure heavily undercuts an already small popular base of student government in this university.

Rotting worms plaque pools

By DAVED MUTTART

You know those little wading pool things over by the Scott Library?

Well, according to one of the nearby staff, they haven't been cleaned since March. There are rotting worms and dead algae on the bottoms, and a dead frog floating around the "rainbow sculpture".

Dead birds have been reported. Various leaves, one coffee cup and other assorted crap round out the list. Not very nice to look down at from your office or even in passing . . .

It is, in short, a good idea gone to pot. Perhaps if it were cleaned every once in a while it would again be beautiful.

Maybe the guys up in Environmental Studies could do something about it. As it is I'll do my wading in the Don.

Michael Lawrence

It's time to play Queen for a day

York's prize plumb is once again up for grabs.

One wonders if there are enough Americans left willing to take the presidency as the search committee begins its task of selecting the new celebrity of the month. If experience is any indication, the committee has its job cut out for it. Selection in the past has been an arduous experience.

Criteria for selection have always been the major sources of contention for former committees. The difficulty here is obvious. Imagine if you can the committee placing a classified advertisement for available candidates. Might the ad look something like this? :

WANTED

Qualified person needed to fill executive position. Candidate must be widely unknown, preferably of mixed marriage background. Experience in bartending is not compulsory, but will be viewed as valuable asset. Candidate must be able to speak twelve languages, all poorly, in order not to offend any ethnic group. Friction with faculty and staff a must. Age is not important but all applicants must have one.

Open to both males and females, but hermaphrodites seem most suitable for position. Only such individuals are able to screw themselves as much as the job demands. Reply by letter:

Box 123,

Clarke Institute, Toronto

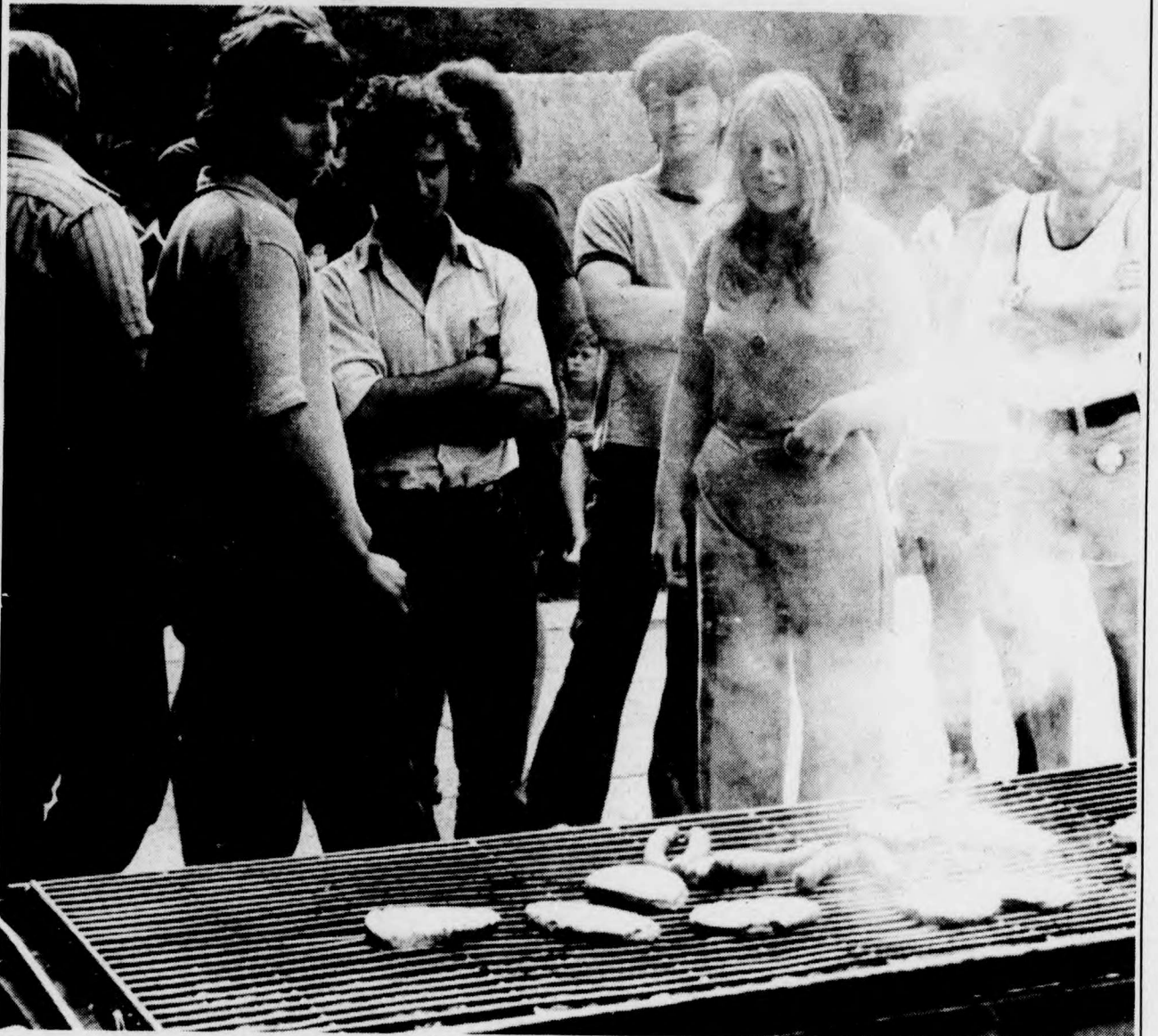
Retiring from frivolity for a moment, a serious problem for the committee seems apparent. What on the surface seems a plum, may have now soured. Highly qualified candidates have fled the opportunity to sit in the president's chair, as though it might be electrified.

With little examination, the reasons for this become clear. Those bright enough to deserve the position are bright enough to refuse it. More simply, the criticisms and aggravation most contemporary university presidents must bear now outweighs the gratification of the position. In some ways, this may explain why the committee is bound to choose amongst mediocrity. Who else would take the job?

The only thing that seems clear is that the ranks of the unemployed is soon to be reduced by one. After all, Manpower must know someone who is looking for light temporary employment.

Cast of thousands

Vanier got oriented



"Aah, I've seen this trick before."



Following the early morning disappearance of a resident student near the barbecue, diners noticed a strange after-taste in their burgers.



In protest against the new voucher system introduced in Versafood cafeterias, angry students set fire to "funny money" coupons.