

# CYSF ELECTION CANDIDATES

## PRESIDENT



**Christopher K. Bart**

Perhaps the most fundamental problem facing CYSF today results from the fact that it regards itself as a federal government among the college student councils. It forgets that it was the colleges which "breathed life" into it and that it exists at the pleasure of the colleges. It forgets that so long as not all of the colleges are represented on its council it fails in its raison d'être—to be the coordinating agency for the colleges and to provide a medium for collective college decision making. To obtain a finer appreciation for the problem one need only consider the dismal failure of Winter Carnival, the lack of a unified student voice on the quality and price of campus food, or the inability of campus clubs to acquire the needed central support. CYSF could and should have come to the rescue of residence students by mobilizing the colleges to provide scrip banks.

In addition, one is left wondering why CYSF should need to have an outside law firm on retainer when we have on campus both a Faculty of Law and Administrative Studies. Surely something is out of joint. To these issues and problems, I propose that CYSF must model itself after a council of College Presidents with a university elected executive. In this way CYSF could maintain effective communication and a "continuing dialogue" with and among the colleges. However the opportunity for creating a responsible CYSF remains with you alone — so please vote.



**Bernard Birman**

The biggest question asked today is, "What would happen if there were a state of anarchy at York U?" I intend to delve into the matter if elected. Most people are fed up with Versa Food, something hydroponics could easily replace. A little Zip or a little YIP (Some may think that stands for the Young Intellectual Party) is needed these days.

I don't have to ramble on about ontological, hermetic practices which would have no bearing on the impulses you will feel when you "vote". I could miss the prom or even be pro-miss or even promise certain things, but Duff Ucker-man once said, "Better said than done."

Of course music is always on people's minds, even though it is time to take it to the streets. Anyway, an underdog is an underdog (sounds like some of the food sold here). You might have felt that reading this was a waste of time, but it's better than some of the bullshit that flows through our senses sometimes. Adios.



**Fred Hauptman**

Howdy. First I'd like to say good luck to the Toronto Make Believes, the (YUL) York Underground League which runs the book shelves at the Scott mission, and the Reverse Section which is boring the Con token administration with the SLA's attempt to solve the food situation with the Vice versa food Squad.

M. Mannoni states with seemingly senseless sobbing that the Mike Kecky and Promo T. Rowbought refuse to admit that the lack of book co-ops are traits of a Nixonstein approach to Nixscum anti-eat the rich policies inherent in the Nixonhony culture of Nixswine's Ameri-go-wrong.

Luke N. De Mouth says that York president, Mike Morewith it, if impeached cannot go on unemployment while he is a member of the political Fizzies Party. The F.P. leader, the quasi pseudo-delic academic is being held incommunicado after he announced the regressive conservative reforms in neo-hi school institution inter-situations.

More in sync with this problem is pressed to the end president M. Moronson's One More Year attitude towards the infra-communist Heart ticks less strike out of hitters in inning after inning of world series talks, while opposing teams failed to find a first base to steal from.

This years York by North York elections call for someone. This somewhat, somehow sophomore, someone must gain the support of the average student while the ULS takes Castro-logic below average stud-unit vote and the others divide the above average existential presidential vote. Vote for me.



**Phillip Rasminsky**

On March 11 and 12 students of York University will be asked to participate in an election to choose their student leaders for 1974-75. It is a crucial time for students in Ontario. The Ontario Government's cutbacks have very serious consequences for students of York University.

Resident students now have to pay increased food prices even though they have already budgeted their expenses for the year. This is not the only area in which students are being hurt.

The university administration will be raising food prices, residence fees, and tuition fees in the near future.

The students of York University will need a strong but responsible CYSF that will deal with these issues. CYSF, in the past, has been ineffective and has not represented the interests of the majority of students on campus.

If elected president, I will insure that a larger percentage of the CYSF funds go towards social events on campus. I will also insure that the campus wide services such as Excalibur, Radio York, Harbinger, and the York Daycare Centre be properly funded. This has not been done by the present council.

I will work towards the unification of all York students into a responsible student movement that will be able to intelligently discuss and act upon the many problems that students face in this university.

On March 11th and 12th I ask the students of York to support me in my bid for the presidency of CYSF. If you feel that CYSF has done nothing for you in the past, vote for me on March 11th and 12th and give me a mandate to change this situation in the future.



**Joe Renda**

This election should deal with specific internal issues concerning students.

The student council should be concerned with the following:

1) Budget cuts in the library and cuts in the university's budget in general should be made in things that do not directly affect the student in his or her education. The library budget on the contrary should be increased in order to buy more books.

2) The high prices of books caused by the monopoly position of the York University Bookstore could be solved by establishing a student-run used bookstore on a non-profit basis. The bookstore at present time makes profit on the sale of used books, whereas a used bookstore run by students would provide this service without charge.

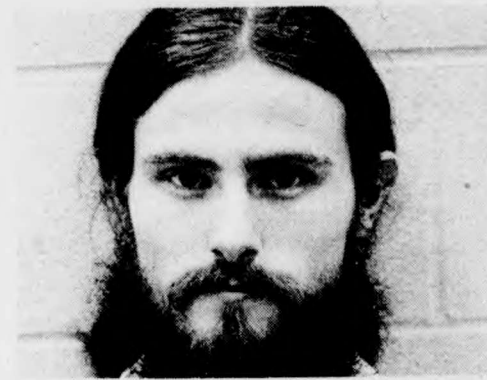
3) The food on this campus is a most pressing problem. Again this is because of the monopoly nature of the operation. Improvements can be implemented by allowing other companies and the student-run coffee shops to compete with Versa.

4) Increased student representation on the Board of Governors.

5) The establishment of a non-profit housing corporation to serve the York community, funded by the federal government's new housing program.

6) The granting of independent stature for Excalibur and Radio York from the control of C.Y.S.F. C.Y.S.F. should only provide operating funds.

7) The implementation of more ethnic studies for the ethnic community.



**Dale Ritch**

My political views and activities are well known to many York students. During my three years at York, I have participated in the organization of almost every major political campaign on the campus. Notable examples were the fee strike, and anti-cutbacks demonstrations of last year. At present, I and other members of the ULS are actively organizing the cash boycott of university food services in order to force the administration to return the unused scrip and rescind the 10 per cent food price increase.

Post-secondary education as a whole is under attack from the government which insists on rationalizing education to meet the needs of the corporations.

The solution to this crisis lies in the hands of students and their allies in the labor movement, faculty and staff association, teacher's federations and high schools. Students must organize themselves into a powerful movement, a movement which by nature, challenges the power structure which exists in the university and in society as a whole. My membership on the Senate (as a CYSF appointee) has convinced me that the senate is not interested in defending even the job rights of their own faculty, let alone the rights of students.

I think that our university should be controlled by the students, faculty and staff who work and study here, not by businessmen or bureaucratic administrators.

Council can no longer close their eyes to the problems of campus.

Experience shows that we are inevitably affected by these problems.

Therefore, I ask to be re-elected so I may continue to represent Stong students and help create a body that is in fact responsible to the students.

## R. William Osmary

Since becoming a CYSF Rep, I have concentrated on attempting to reform the constitution of the CYSF. The group that ran CYSF last summer when most of us were doing honest work, managed to concentrate a great deal of power in the hands of the Executive of the CYSF, by pushing through a new Constitution before anyone had a proper opportunity to examine it. As one of those who initiated the movement to restore democracy to the CYSF, I feel obliged to continue with my efforts in this manner.

More generally, the CYSF should attempt to promote unity among the various student organizations on campus, instead of bickering with them. With Atkinson and Bethune outside the organization, and other constituencies showing restlessness at remaining members with apathy growing as to voting in elections; and with difficulties being experienced in finding anyone to run as representatives: the CYSF can no longer shrug off criticism. It must become an effective, responsive organization to have any claim to a future existence.

## Waffle statement



**Anne Scotton**

(Anne Scotton has been President of Winters College Council and a member of the CYSF for the past two years. She organized the Winters Cosmicon this year, and has worked on many other college activities over the past three years.)

Meetings of college council presidents and representatives should be initiated immediately by the CYSF to co-ordinate planning of university-wide activities, especially events such as Winter Carnival and orientation.

The student council must not respond to York's bureaucracy by creating its own student bureaucracy. Student council services should be well-publicized and readily available to students.

In its campaign programme, the United Left Slate has focused on many issues, but has ignored the question of academic standards, curriculum and the quality of teaching. These are issues which the CYSF president must be concerned and familiar with.

The University Food Service Committee, on which students have a majority, must be given a chance to function effectively.

CYSF funding should be advanced to any and all student groups for advertising meetings.

Campus medical services must be improved for resident students.

CYSF must support essential community services such as the Harbinger student clinic, Excalibur, Radio York, counselling programmes and day-care.



**Brian Green**

"Catch-22 says they have a right to do to you whatever you can't stop them from doing." — Joseph Heller

Grand Proposal: I would like to see something called Project University evolve; a gathering of students, faculty, staff and real people from outside this institution through, meetings and seminars, proposing what they see York University as being within the context of the community that supports and interacts with it. The idea of this Project stems from my previous involvement in sandbox politics at the University of Victoria, the B.C. Waffle and in such activities as the original Greenpeace and Amchitka protests.

I tend to agree with the analysis of the Marxists on what universities are, but feel any change is minimal unless the university itself become a place where critical thinking and true dialogue can evolve.

We need:

- 1) a student telephone directory
- 2) Student run used book exchange in Central Square
- 3) Loans on periodicals
- 4) More encouragement of political interaction
- 5) A coordinate system for posting notices

And most important, pressure on the administration so that academic and staff considerations come before physical plant.

To quote Stephen Leacock, "A good university needs a library, a bar, and a meeting room; that's it."

In the capitalist system women form a super exploited strata of working people. To end this discrimination against women we support the following demands:

- (1) 24-hour university daycare for staff and students.
- (2) Equal pay for work of equal worth. End the pay and job classification discrimination against women at York.
- (3) Preferential hiring and preferential acceptance into courses, wherever applicable.

York has always had a very complicated student government. If elected, York Waffle would fight to eliminate the college system and form a strong centralized student government. In this way we would create an instrument capable of implementing our programme by connecting student struggles with the broader struggles of society and the working class.

Although we have political disagreements with the U.L.S. — especially with their exclusive emphasis on student issues — we do not feel that the anti-imperialist Left should be divided in the current election. For this reason we critically support Dale Ritch for president of C.Y.S.F.

For these reasons we support the following programme:

- (1) Stop the cutbacks by nationalizing the U.S.-owned oil industry and using the profits for education.
- (2) Stop unemployment among students and graduates by creating a Canadian manufacturing economy under public ownership.
- (3) Stop the Americanization of the university through student-faculty-staff control.
- (4) Support the struggle of faculty, staff and service workers for decent wages and working conditions.

## Acclamations and other candidates

The following candidates for representative have not submitted statements: Keith Boone (ULS) and Danny Di Felice (ULS), from McLaughlin, and Maxine Harris (ULS) from Stong.

The following representatives have been elected by acclamation: Dennis Bedeau from Calumet; Antoni Burzotta, Ted Kapusta and Raymond Van Enouge (Waffle) from Vanier; and Lynette Leverton, Barry Thomson (ULS) and Greg Thomson (ULS) from Winters.

## Founders

### Colan M. Inglis (ULS)

To a student activist, the belief that students can be organized to act in their own interests is supreme. As a member of the United Left Slate, a coalition of activists, I see the role of CYSF as an organizing centre for students. Since its inception CYSF has developed away from college council control and into an autonomous government. CYSF must continue to progress towards being a true student government. Reverting to having petty politicians struggling to divide up the pork barrel in favour of their own section of York will do nothing for students. The cutbacks in educational spending have triggered some discussion about the structure of York, particularly the question of the college system. Increasingly the role of the university must be redefined with the resulting changes in structure. This is where a strong student government can intervene.

### Ron Rosenthal (ULS)

I welcome this opportunity to explain why I am a Founders candidate for the ULS in the CYSF elections.

The class society in Canada is, by definition, based on the oppression of the majority to maintain a tiny group in wealth. I am convinced that the only way such minorities will be able to win equality is under a system oriented to human needs rather than profits.

Left organizations are often guilty of orienting towards issues which are fertile recruitment areas and ignoring groups too exploited to organize. That is why it is necessary for the handicapped to struggle against such groups in their own interests. The United Left Slate does recognize such minorities.

I will conclude by asking you to vote for me because I am a communist who will continue to struggle for student, staff, and faculty grievances but also because I am a handicapped who is deeply concerned about the plight of my handicapped brothers and sisters.

### David E. Walker

First, let me introduce myself. I have just finished a term as the Second Vice-President of Founders College Student Council. I was the News Director of Radio York for a period of one year, terminating last April. Now that you know a little about me, let me tell you what I would like you to understand about me. The first thing I should tell you here is that I am not a political activist; the best term you could label me with is "middle-of-the-road". I can see good things and bad things from the various student parties on campus; let me say that I don't think that any one person has all the answers, including me. In fact I have not formed any set policies yet because I do not have all the facts, and I refuse to make any judgements until I have collected as much relevant data as possible. I firmly believe in a steady, and methodical approach to solving any problem. However, I do not want you to think that I am incapable of rendering a snap judgement; if the situation warrants it, I can think fast.

## McLaughlin

### James A. Watt

I promise that if I am fortunate enough to be elected to the position of McLaughlin's representative, I will try my hardest to exemplify the prerogatives of the McLaughlin students in the Council of the York Student Federation. I feel that the McLaughlin students deserve both worthy representatives and a fair share of their investments entrusted to the CYSF.

McLaughlin College does not want, nor does it need a big "mother" council guiding its way. But it does need some co-ordination among the other colleges and the whole university complex. It does need to be part of what it considers an achieving university. Realizing these factors, I make my second promise, and that is to make myself a very worthy liaison officer, employed in making sure that McLaughlin students are aware of what is happening within the CYSF, and how it concerns them.

### Robert Wearing

As a constituent member of McLaughlin College it will be my aim to bring the Council of the York Student Federation to the members of McLaughlin College. McLaughlin students deserve representatives that will carry out the needs of McLaughlin as well as insure that McLaughlin receive its just portion of the financial assistance available to it through the CYSF.

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McLaughlin, being a member of the York University complex, needs a form of co-ordination to keep it abreast of what is going on throughout the campus. As McLaughlin representative, I will do my best to act as liaison between the other colleges to bring some cohesion among the university community.

In order to carry out these and other programmes it is necessary to ask for the co-operation of all members of the McLaughlin community. Together we can get it done.

## Stong

### Dominic Didiano

I chose to be nominated as a candidate for Stong representative for only two reasons:

1. My belief that CYSF should be made responsible to students.

2. To change a structure, it must be entered. In the past I have been an avid critic of CYSF for various reasons, but I realize the need for a central student representative body. It should be strong with total representation of colleges and associations, and it must be beneficial to the students who finance it to the tune of approximately \$100,000 a year.

CYSF must be made to work for and be responsible to you!

### Peter Jailall (ULS)

I am a second year student of Guyanese descent who has lived in Canada for four years. At

York and back home in Guyana I have been involved in many social and political issues. I would like to see York used to benefit the oppressed third world countries such as Guyana and the West Indies, providing more scholarships and carrying out research aimed at solving the problems of foreign ownership and underdevelopment in the Third World.

Also, I am interested in fighting for improvements in the quality of education and life here on the campus:

- the wretched quality of food on the campus and the 10 per cent food price hike
- a restructuring of CYSF and the college system

- minority groups on campus should be encouraged to share their cultural and political heritage with all York students

- York university should admit qualified Chilean students and academics to study and teach at York.

### J. John Koornstra

During the past term there has been a concentrated effort by a few council members (myself included) to somehow bring about changes within the structure of CYSF. Prior to these efforts almost all power was in the hands of the President and his Executive giving council representatives no seemingly worthwhile responsibilities. No wonder it was difficult to get a quorum at the monthly meetings.

I consider student services such as food service and bookstore operation, and tuition fees to be of prime importance. CYSF should direct a considerable amount of energy ensuring that there is an improvement in the area of government educational cutbacks.