



Delegates Tom O'Neill, Barb Taylor, Kevin McLoughlin and Murray Misikin put heads together at summer conference.

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Students set up first ever bursary

By Kim Llewellyn

Last Thursday, at the final summer meeting for '78, the Council of the York Student Federation approved funding for their own bursary program, the first student sponsored program in Canada.

The council approved a motion by president David Chodikoff, to provide three bursaries of \$250 to students selected by the university student coordination committee, which selects the recipients of other university bursaries.

The money is to come from the interest of the \$10,000 mutual trust fund put away by the council last fall. Controversy surrounded that move at that time because some felt the money could have helped fund the many student clubs and programs that were in financial difficulty.

"It's great to spend money," said Chodikoff, addressing this criticism at the meeting, "but I think it is important to be a strong student council with a purpose."

Later, Chodikoff elaborated. "The bursaries are purely a token gesture. We want to show the government we are serious about our education. A student council could never provide a significant bursary fund. It is a sign that we are not satisfied with the present financial system. If the government won't provide an adequate student aid program at least we can point out that we showed some concern."

Also discussed at Thursday's meeting were the plans for the CYSF's film festival, a 27 film series to be run every Thursday night during the school year.

Admission will be \$1.50 for York students.

The series, entitled "Oldies but Goodies", will kick off with *American Graffiti* and followed by *That's Entertainment*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Clockwork Orange* and *North by Northwest*.

The council also agreed Thursday to endorse a \$200 payment to Evan Leibovitch, editor of the '78-'79 student council handbook, *Manus*. Leibovitch was previously paid \$1200 for the handbook, but the additional \$200 was paid as thanks for the quality of his work.

In other campus business, Chodikoff told Excalibur that after his inquiries regarding campus bus service, Ward Five alderman Marilyn Meshburg requested the

Councils look for action

After a low turnout in last year's spring election and a summer spent, in part, listening to the opinions and criticism of the officers of the other student councils, CYSF president David Chodikoff is hoping to see some motion in York's student movement this year.

With the Calumet General Meeting's controversial decision to withdraw from CYSF last spring, another crack appeared in the federation just as the cutbacks to education, and the dire financial situation of many student organizations, pointed out the need for unity.

Last Friday, Chodikoff told Excalibur what he believes the role of CYSF ought to be.

"Without the colleges," he said, "there will be no central council. And without the central council, many of the services we offer would not exist."

"Take things like the clubs. Without CYSF the clubs would be going to seven different councils to ask for money. Too much bureaucracy. And we're the ones who get speakers for the campus and represent York at the National Union of Students and the Ontario Federation of Students."

He further sees CYSF as a tool that can help the machinery of

student organizations run more smoothly.

"A central student council should be a unifying focal point," he said, "It should be a place where the colleges come to hash out their problems."

So, after a summer of conferences and resolutions, what's in store?

For Chodikoff, "the basic challenge is to strengthen the college system by helping the colleges maintain their identity academically and by strengthening the social character of each college."

Considering the divided state of York students right now, it could turn out to be a very formidable challenge. Murray Myskin, president of Osgoode's legal and Literary Society, has been an active participant in the summer conferences. As chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students in 76-77, Myskin acquired considerable knowledge of Ontario student councils.

"In terms of student organizations, we're the most divided campus in the province," he told Excalibur Sunday night.

Yet Myskin is not pessimistic. He said that his council (the society), "sees potential for co-

operation in providing services in Central Square, which would require a very ambitious program."

Brad Varey, chairperson of Vanier council and Barb Taylor, president of the Winters council, have been keen participants in the summer planning.

Contacted on Monday, Varey said that he has been "tremendously impressed with the conferences on the whole and more than pleasantly surprised with CYSF's ability to organize them. Varey is optimistic about the constitutional proposals designed to improve college representation at the central council because he believes "the grass roots level of politics at the university is in the colleges."

While Taylor was disappointed with some of the colleges' participation as the summer progressed, she feels they will help the colleges to co-ordinate their activities. She stressed the value of communication:

"A major complaint of the colleges has been that they haven't known about some of CYSF's activities, and conferences like this serve to inform them."



Herman Yamagisi, CYSF vice president academic

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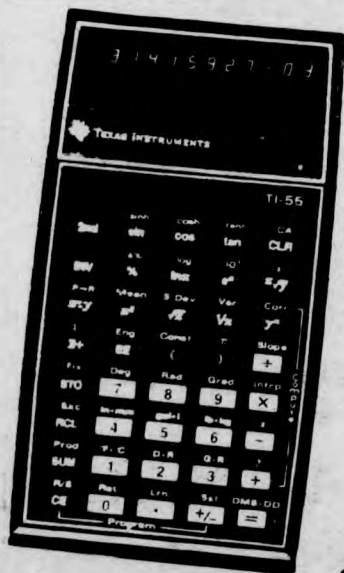
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