

Letters To The Editor

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McMurdo replies to referendum article...

Bethune College Council would like to thank Excalibur for giving as much attention to the CYSF referendum as it did in the Sept. 23 edition.

On the whole it was a well written and well balanced article.

However there was one item that could well create animosity between Bethune College and CYSF. This item concerned the negotiation of the \$10 student fees.

Though it was true that in April CYSF found itself in debt because the Bethune student fees were held "in limbo" it was not true that we were practically able to "dictate" terms to CYSF.

As I attempted to make clear to your reporter, we negotiated with CYSF and specifically Mike Mouritsen. The terms agreed upon were acceptable to both parties and in no way did we dictate terms.

I apologize to Mike and the current president of CYSF, Anne Scotton for what might appear to be chest thumping on our part. Both sides did the best thing for their constituents.

No matter the outcome of the referendum I would hope Bethune College and CYSF can enter an era of co-operation.

I trust Excalibur will allow these clarifications to be made public.

James McMurdo

...and Mouritsen completely agrees

I would like to correct a few errors that were contained in last week's article about Bethune College's October 16 referendum on membership in the York Student Federation (CYSF).

The following statement was attributed to Bethune Council chairman James McMurdo: "Last year, CYSF went into debt waiting for our money, which was in limbo, and they had to come to us and offer us more than \$3,000 in order to settle the issue." Mr. McMurdo was referring to the arrangement whereby Bethune and the CYSF annually negotiate the allocation of the \$10 per capita grant that the CYSF would receive

automatically from the University if Bethune students belonged to the Federation (and which is paid on behalf of the other 8,000 students who do belong).

The 1973-74 CYSF did not go into debt waiting for Bethune's money nor would we have gone into debt if we had not received it. My Council was able to leave a \$9,000 surplus, to be used as a summer budget by the 1974-75 Council.

Bethune did not dictate the terms of last year's settlement, nor was it in a position to do so. Mr. McMurdo, who was the third Bethune chairman with whom I was required to negotiate last year, was as anxious as I to settle the issue. Indeed, when I suggested that we split the money 70-30 (with the CYSF specifying where it would spend its 70 per cent, rather than both of us try to agree on how to spend the entire \$11,000, I distinctly recall Mr. McMurdo saying, "We (Bethune Council) sure could use the \$3,000 (i.e., the lump sum)."

Your reporter claimed that if the membership question is approved in the referendum, "Bethune would lose all power to affect the allocation of funds collected from the college's students". This of course, is not true. If the question is approved, Bethune students would then elect three CYSF representatives (who could vote on the entire CYSF budget, not just \$11,000) and could participate in the presidential election.

Michael Mouritsen
Past President (1973-74),
York Student Federation.



Critic speaks out

Re: Coverage of my appearance in Central Square

Sincerely Yours,
the Phantom Mime

SAP launches war

We the founding members of Students Against Pinball feel that the presence of illegal pinball machines on our campus seriously detracts from legitimate academic pursuits.

We believe that a university environment is no place for such sophomoric entertainments. Surely the hours wasted on this silly pastime would be better spent on worthwhile projects.

No student can really afford the expense of constantly using these machines. Therefore, the members

of our group pledge to strive wholeheartedly to insure that not one of these will be left on campus by the end of 1974.

Bob Morin, president
Murray MacKay, vice president
Rebecca Pederson, treasurer

Ted's humour tops

Ted Mumford's "Notes from the Radiator" in last week's issue (September 26) was one of the best pieces of short humour I've read in ages and one of the best things I've ever seen in Excalibur and I've been reading Excalibur for eight years.

Eric Chodak

Smokers as twits

I have noticed with mounting dismay that students, faculty and staff are failing to douse whatever they are smoking before they enter the elevators in the Ross Building.

Surely it is not unreasonable to expect even smokers to realize that they pollute the little air available in an elevator when they bring aboard anything burning.

Is common sense and courtesy so dead that these twits actually need signs to tell them when they ought not to smoke?

J. Book

Opinion

Bethune lacks campus voice, should vote 'yes' to CYSF

By ALLAN COX

A referendum asking Bethune students to decide whether or not the college should become a member of CYSF will be held again this fall.

Two years ago the same question was put and those few members of the then newly housed college who voted kept the college out of the federation.

The prevailing mood at the time was that CYSF was an entrenched, financially wasteful institution, incapable of doing anything to meet students' social and academic interests, nor the particular interest of residence students. Bethune could take care of itself, it was felt and, at the same time, maintain an identity separate from the rest of the university.

However while Bethune has more or less successfully worked out its own identity within the university under a couple of fairly forceful councils, it has become clear that Bethune has interests that can only be effectively served through a reformed CYSF.

The councils have been forced to accept the obvious fact that services are provided by CYSF to Bethune.

Of the over \$10,000 deducted from students fees normally turned over to the federation, our council left \$7,000 in the CYSF accounts to subsidize such services as Harbinger, Radio York, and Excalibur. \$7,000 — and still not a single Bethune vote at a meeting of CYSF.

The range of services that Bethune students enjoy are not limited to the ones arbitrarily sponsored by Bethune students at the whim of their non-elected negotiator with CYSF. It is patently obvious, even to the pundits of the college council, that campus wide social events, CYSF sponsored lectures, and club activities will continue to be attended by Bethune students, despite the fact that they contribute nothing to the cost of these events.

The Bethune council cannot provide a range of ac-

tivities that will satisfy all its members, and continues to fail in its attempts to do so, as Alex Andronache, the colleges director of programmes, admitted at a recent council meeting.

Beyond the straight entertainment and obvious services, there is also a political role that CYSF can play in taking care of students' interests, an area in which Bethune council has had little success.

All of these particular interests are ones that affect the community as a whole, and are best handled by representation from the whole community.

Food and residence services are handled by committees of the university, and it is only pathetic posturing to maintain that Bethune will be able to handle its particular problems with, for instance, Versafood, separately from the rest of the university.

We can more effectively do so as part of the whole student voice by providing the unified feedback which will make the administration properly attentive to student needs. At the same time it is important that Bethune representatives begin to push CYSF into providing such academic services as a counter calendar, or used book sales, as well as playing a more active watchdog role over such items as the university budget, which year after year is hammered out with only tardy and ineffectual comment from students.

Only the cohesive voice of all the students will have sufficient weight, as those who have tried to deal with some of the above issues on Bethune's behalf have been forced to admit.

Students of Bethune seem to accept the necessity of being properly integrated into the whole community, and are probably tired of being disenfranchised at election time. There seems to be an increasing awareness that CYSF is regarded as the forum of all York students and, in most people's eyes, it speaks for all students, whether or not Bethune students have a vote in the matter.

On Campus

Events for On Campus should be sent to Department of Information and Publications, S802 Ross. Deadline is Monday, 12 noon.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

— Guest Speaker (Psychology Students Association "Precision Teaching", "Precision Therapy" and "Teaching Disabilities") will be given by Dr. Grant Coulson, Consultant Psychologist at the Durham Regional Centre — 162 Behavioural Science Building.

4:00 p.m. —

Guest Speaker (Philosophy, Philosophy Students Association) "The Priority of Liberty in the Theory of Justice" by York Professor Peter Danielson; commentator — Professor Patrick Nowell-Smith — 107, Stedman.

7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. —

E.G.O. — Innovative Approaches to the Helping Relationship (Centre for Continuing Education) "Art Therapy" by Bina Smith — cost for all seminars is \$60.00 (or \$6.00 per session); and \$40.00 (or \$4.00) for students — 107 Stedman.

Monday, 4:00 p.m. —

Physics Seminar Series — "Autoionization in Photoelectron Spectroscopy" by Professor Morris Weiss, University of Florida (at Gainesville) — 317 Petrie Science Building.

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m. —

E.G.O. — Parapsychology and Frontiers of the Mind (Centre for Continuing Education) "Parapsychology as a Scientific Discipline" by Howard Eisenberg — admission \$5.00, \$3.50 for students — S872, Ross.

Wednesday, 12:00 noon —

York Poetry Series (English, Humanities, Fine Arts) featuring Tom Wayman — Lounge (2nd floor), Fine Arts Building.

4:00 p.m. —

Guest Speaker (Mathematics, Physics, Program of Applied Computational & Mathematical Science) "Existence and Bounds for the Lowest Critical Energy of the Hartree Operator" by Professor Norman Bazley, Mathematics Institute, University of Cologne — 317, Petrie Science Building.

FILMS, ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, 12:30 p.m. —

Russia/Canada Hockey — today's game may be viewed in Room 107, Stedman Lecture Halls and Room I, Curtis Lecture Halls — should extra rooms be available, notices will be posted.

Friday, 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m. —

Noon-Hour Concert (Music) featuring the Ontario Chorale Federation — F, Curtis.

8:00 p.m. —

Film (Bethune) "Last Tango in Paris" (Marlon Brando) — admission \$1.25 — L, Curtis.

8:30 p.m. —

Concert (Jewish Student Federation) featuring Jack Schechtman — admission 99c, which includes refreshments — "Deli", Winters College.

Sunday 8:30 p.m. —

Film (Bethune) "Last Tango in Paris" — admission \$1.25 — L, Curtis.

Monday, 4:00 p.m. —

Films in Canadian History (History) "Jolifou Inn" (10 mins) and "Papineau" (26 mins) — I, Curtis.

Wednesday 4:15 p.m. —

Film (Humanities 373) "Foolish Wives" (1921: Eric von Stroheim) — 204, York Hall, Glendon.

COFFEE HOUSES, PUBS

For days and hours open, please call the individual coffee houses:

Absinthe Coffee House — 013 Winters (2439).

Ainger Coffee Shop — Atkinson College (3544).

Argh Coffee Shop — 051, McLaughlin (3606).

Comeback Inn — 2nd floor, Phase II, Atkinson (2489).

Cock & Bull Coffee Shop — 023 Founders (3667).

Green Bush Inn — T.B.A. (3019).

Just Another Coffee Shop — 112, Bethune (3579).

Open End Coffee Shop — 044, Vanier (6386).

Orange Snail Coffee Shop — 107, Stong (3587).

Osgoode Pub — JCR, Osgoode (3019).

CLUBS, MEETINGS

Thursday, 12:30 p.m. —

Informal Meeting — Y.U.S.A. members and friends are invited to coffee and dessert — S872, Ross.

1:00 p.m. —

Development of Teaching Skills — 108, Behavioural Science Building.

Monday 7:30 p.m. —

York Bridge Club — Vanier Dining Hall.

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. —

British Sub Aqua Club — open to all members of the community free swimming, skin diving and scuba diving instruction — 110 Curtis.

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. —

Christian Science College Organization — S501, Ross.

SPORTS, RECREATION

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. —

Tennis Tournament — York Women's Team in competition with the Universities of Western Ontario, McMaster and Trent — Tait McKenzie Courts.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sunday 7:30 p.m. —

Roman Catholic Mass — 107 Stedman.

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 5:30 p.m. —

Student Served Dinners — Winters Dining Room.

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. —

Christian Counselling & Religious Consultation — for appointment call Chaplain Judt at 661-5157 or 633-2158.

Wednesday 8:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m. —

Stargazing — Twin Astronomical Observatories, Petrie Science Building.