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Chodikoff has plans a-plenty

By Paul Stuart

In the wake of his narrow presidential election win on March 15, David Chodikoff has been formulating plans which he hopes will make next year's student council a success.

While he is aware that this year's election sparked a good deal of ill will due to the disqualification of Student Action nominee Harvey Pinder, he said Monday that "my main concern now is to get people working."

Who will he be working with next year? While Chodikoff stressed that "no decisions have really been made," among those likely to be on the executive next year are: Winters reps Robin Carter and Keith Smockum; Stong rep George Karayinnidis; and Founders rep Herman Yamagisi, all of whom ran on the Chodikoff slate in the election.

Chodikoff said that he "could be asking" independent candidate Leon Mitchell if he is interested in a vice-presidential role.

He said he has had no response from Vanier representative-elect Tim Dayfoot, the only Student Action candidate elected on March 15, after he asked him if he is interested in a spot on the executive.

The beginning of the interview saw Chodikoff put aside a letter he was writing to the Calumet general meeting. Calumet has voted to secede from CYSF in two sessions of its meeting. He said his letter made the case that it's time "to put our personal preferences aside in terms of who was elected president and get down to honestly discussing the issues."

First on the agenda for the next president will be a CYSF college conference slated for the weekend of May 7. CYSF will play host to two delegates from each of the college councils and pick up the tabs for dinner for each rep who wants it. Delegates will be able to sleep overnight on campus during the conference, the idea of it being to spend a couple of days developing a working relationship between college councils and

CYSF, and to "get the problems out in the air in a friendly atmosphere."

"CYSF shouldn't really get involved in social affairs," said the President-elect, "but ought to aid the colleges in doing what they want to do."

As for cutbacks, the big issue of the campaign, Chodikoff said "the main thing is to increase people's knowledge and awareness of cutbacks and what they mean for the university." To this end he and his colleagues are planning a rally to be held in the first two weeks of September and will "be encouraging the editor of Manus to include a section about the cutbacks."

Since Council won't have any more money coming in next year than it has in '77-78, student organizations will face a tight budget.

Chodikoff said that Radio York, which was allocated \$9,000 this year, will have its grant "reduced drastically" by \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Harbinger got \$3,000 from this year's council after it requested 6,000 dollars Chodikoff said Harbinger's allotment would stay at the same level but that CYSF would contribute an additional amount, perhaps "10 to 20 per cent" of whatever the college councils gave to the peer counselling service.

As for Excalibur, Chodikoff said, "I'm not sure, it'll probably stay the same, \$13,000 or maybe \$14,000."

A central plank in Chodikoff's campaign platform was a proposal to ask the corporate representatives on York's Board of Governors for commitments to hire York students for summer jobs. Chodikoff told Excalibur that he'll be scheduling his appointments in May.

In addition to commitments in writing to hire at York from the BOG executives, Chodikoff will be asking for corporate contributions to CYSF's proposed direct assistance fund, which would be added to \$10,000 the council has salted away in the bank. He hopes that interest from the money invested in the fund will be a source of scholarships.

Chodikoff does not expect a great deal



President-elect David Chodikoff

from the BOG members but he added, "a total of 50 jobs is better than no jobs at all; a total of \$10,000 in direct assistance is better than nothing at all."

Chodikoff hopes to see the Ontario Federation of Students present a higher profile on campus next year. He believes that OFS could be helpful in providing York students with a comparison of food prices and quality on York and other campuses and useful in giving council some tips on making money with its own business ventures. Possible moves in this area are: a student-run second-hand bookstore, coin wash and, least likely, a grocery store.

Chodikoff said he'd be sending a letter to the National Union of Students right away urging the national umbrella organization to demand position statements from the leaders of all political parties.

Like almost all other York students, Chodikoff is not well informed on NUS activities, and hopes "to find out specifically what they do." \$23,000 a year goes to OFS and NUS, taken from the student activities portion of York's student fees payments. Forty per cent of this total goes to the national union.

interview:

Michael Cassidy, leader of the Ontario NDP

By Al Bell

EXCALIBUR - On your poster in the hallway, someone has scribbled "communist", "destroyer of the middle class", and various other unmentionables. How do you react to this?

CASSIDY - I've always been able to assure people about that because I've had a communist running against me in the last two elections.

EXCALIBUR - But occurring here in Osgoode Hall - perhaps a symbol of conservative Ontario - is this not a sign of a larger view of the NDP? Perhaps, a basic misconception?

CASSIDY - People can disagree with the NDP party, but the record that the New Democratic Party and the CCF has over the past 45 years in this country is an extraordinarily strong and positive one in contributing both in terms of social justice and in terms of the needs of the economy of this country. There is no question that we're rooted in Canadian society.

EXCALIBUR - You personally have been portrayed in a somewhat wild sense by various newspapers since you became leader of the NDP; by Toronto Sun columnist Clare Hoy and others. How do you react to that?

CASSIDY - Clare Hoy sees a red under every table and I'm not surprised that he had that kind of thing to say. Other than that, Norman Webster has been quite favorable and quite positive about many of the specific proposals that I've put forward. They have been offered seriously and have been accepted seriously as well.

EXCALIBUR - Many people feel that in Ontario, the best the NDP can do is become the official opposition. That they will never get sufficient support to form the government.

CASSIDY - I disagree. We've had 29 per cent of the vote in the last couple of elections and, therefore, we are within 9 or 10 percentage points of achieving victory and becoming the government of this province. It was my feeling when I became a leadership candidate that we needed credibility on the economic issues to match the credibility we had already built up on social issues. And, as you can judge by my speech today, that's the line that I'm taking very strongly. And I think there's a strong response from people out there who are really fed up with the Conservatives without knowing exactly what it is they want as an alternative.

EXCALIBUR - How have your political beliefs changed from the days when you were the editor of The Varsity?

- When I was the editor of The Varsity, the newspaper endorsed the CCF in the model parliament elections for the first time in its history. There was a great scandal as a consequence of that. So I've been a CCFer and New Democrat all of my life. How have my political views changed? I think that the most important change may well have been that I understand better now just what the steps are to taking power. And have become tighter and tougher in terms of understanding how the economy works and how it should be changed.

Black Creek Co-op held up by lack of campus space

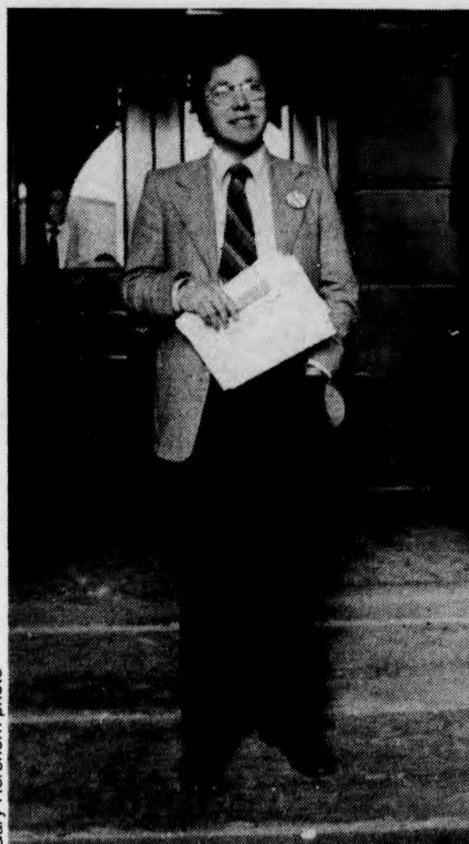
By Ted Mumford

A lack of suitable space on campus seems to be leaving the Black Creek Food Co-op perpetually on the drawing board.

After leaping several hurdles, the planned Co-op, whose prime mover is Osgoode student Doug Holland, has reached an impasse with the University administration over space allocation.

In the fall, the Co-op had to come to terms both with United Cigar Stores, which has a no-competition contract for its operation of the Oasis convenience store in Central Square, and with the Council of the York Student Federation, which has been considering a bid for the contract when UCS's expires in December 1979.

UCS decided it would have no objection to the creation of the Co-op, provided it would not be set up in Central Square. Since Black Creek would be a non-profit venture dealing in bulk "whole" foods, with



Cassidy waits on legislature steps to speak at the March 16 rally

EXCALIBUR - Premier Davis has said there are no cutbacks. How do you react to that?

CASSIDY - Their definition of no cutbacks is that so long as anybody gets a dollar more than last year, there is no cutbacks. Of course, what is happening is that the value in real terms of the money going into universities and community colleges is being sharply cutback this year. Even the government's figures indicate very strongly that the real level of support to universities has turned sharply down over the last six years.

EXCALIBUR - The cutbacks changes take the form of an order-in-council. There is no debate or vote in the House. On such an important issue as education do you agree with this procedure?

CASSIDY - I think that in a democratic society these things should be taken through the legislature, and I think it's particularly important in a minority government situation. We have fought for years against regulations used to take power that should properly belong to the legislature. In the recent budget we've had this phenomenon of a \$270 million tax increase in OHIP premiums, which went through also by order-in-council the day after the budget, before there had even been any chance to debate the increase let alone bring it before the legislature for a vote.

EXCALIBUR - If the cutbacks changes were brought to a vote in the House, would it pass in your opinion?

CASSIDY - I don't know. We would certainly oppose it, and I have a feeling that if it came to a vote the Liberals would be so strongly committed that they would have to oppose it as well.

EXCALIBUR - Do you think the Liberal position is the same as yours?

CASSIDY - No, it is not. We have tried every means possible to find a way to oppose the premium increase, and we've been thwarted and frustrated in those efforts to the point where we can only bring in a non-confidence motion which will be debated in a week's time. The Liberals have indicated that, given the chance to vote on the OHIP increase, they are going to cop out.

EXCALIBUR - The Ontario Federation of Students has warned that the cutbacks will lead to an elitism in graduate schools in which students from lower and middle income families will effectively be excluded. If you were in power, how would you ensure equality of access?

CASSIDY - We are committed as a goal to free access to university. Implementing that goal is going to take a long time. It would not be right today, we believe, to suddenly make university tuition free. If you don't do anything about class composition. That would simply mean that the workers from Hamilton would be paying taxes to support the kids from Forest Hill and North York and places like that. As far as we're concerned, the student aid program has got to be generous, particularly for people who are on modest incomes, and modest incomes today stretch up to approaching the \$20,000

limit. If you get a family living in Metro Toronto with two or three kids at home, then they are hard pressed to find a lot of support for a student who is in university. And that fact should be recognized and it's not being recognized by the Davis government right now.

EXCALIBUR - What do you see as the priorities and the purpose of a university?

CASSIDY - I think there's two priorities: the university has got to continue its traditional task, which is the pursuit of learning, the contribution it makes in terms of values and culture within the society, and, in addition, I think the universities must also recognize that some of the education that the university provides and some of the means by which the education is provided, aren't relevant or aren't sufficiently relevant to the needs of the society or to the nature of the society today. I have in mind a couple of things here. One: the phenomenon of highly educated people coming out of universities who have no foothold at all in the labour market, which is a fault both of the labour market and of the universities. And two: a large number of people who are not of traditional university age, who would like a higher education but for whom the universities are still relatively slow to adapt.

Cassidy at Osgoode: "Time for a change"

By Al Bell

Michael Cassidy, leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, has called for "basic structural changes" in the province's "branch plant economy" as the cure for current economic woes.

"We're faced with fundamental problems, and fundamental problems require fundamental solutions," Cassidy told an audience of 150 students in the Osgoode Hall Moot Court Wednesday.

The NDP leader blasted the government for condoning a "colonial situation" in Ontario which allows American firms to import expertise in research, development, and technology.

In so doing, Cassidy said, "American companies have refused to make a meaningful contribution to Ontario."

This contribution should encompass much more than providing jobs, Cassidy pointed out. "We think industry should also share in the cost of training individuals. As an obligation, not as an option."

Cassidy devoted a major portion of his speech to student issues: access to university, funding cutbacks, and student unemployment.

"These three areas are very closely intertwined," he told the audience, and a solution cannot be found for any one of them without solving all three.

"The Conservatives have copped out on their responsibilities to students," he said. "But then, we can hardly expect a government which has allowed 1800 workers to be laid off at INCO to suddenly change their stripes and help unemployed graduates."

"The entire Davis government acts as if unemployment among our youth simply

doesn't exist. When pressed for a solution, their answer is 'God only knows'."

On the issue of cutbacks in funding, Cassidy denounced the government for moving over the last seven years from cutting "the fat to cutting the muscle."

"The fact is," he continued, "the whole place is running down. The government just hopes that students won't recognize what's happening around them."

Following his speech, Cassidy fielded questions for over an hour. He was challenged several times on the wisdom of his demand for a four dollar minimum wage. When asked whether this would not substantially increase unemployment benefits to the point where some people might take advantage of the high premiums and deliberately stay unemployed, Cassidy replied that for the majority of people the desire to work meaningfully was far stronger than the desire to abuse the program. The four dollar minimum wage, he stressed, would provide an equitable return to the worker.

On environmental issues, Cassidy criticized the government for wasting Ontario's resources. When questioned concerning controls, Cassidy replied, "We cannot continue to tighten standards. We can properly implement the standards currently on the books."

In reply to other questions, Cassidy also recommended increased human rights legislation, housing for the elderly, and a larger share of the auto pact. None of which, he felt, have been adequately handled by the Conservatives.

"In 34 years at Queen's Park, they've had their chance to come up with answers. It's time for a change."

Morals no factor in CANDU reactor sale



By Andrew Nikiforuk

"The moral commitments of a country - it's not for us to judge."

Minister of Trade, Jack Horner

"First we will kill the subversives; then we will kill their collaborators; then ... their sympathizers; then ... those who are indifferent; and finally, we will kill those who are timid."

General Iberico Saint-Jean, Governor of Buenos Aires

In 1973, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) and its partner Italmapianti sold a CANDU reactor to Argentina.

The deal was hailed as a great success. A crown corporation had apparently demonstrated sound business acumen. Argentina had acquired nuclear technology. And it was promised that the contract would boost Canada's fledgling manufacturing industries. Such a display of competence proved too good to be true.

In 1976 it was revealed that AECL had signed a very unsatisfactory contract. As a consequence AECL and the Canadian taxpayer would lose \$210 million. This disturbing loss prompted AECL to quickly renegotiate the deal. To convince Argentinean officials of the value of our product we gave them two and a half million dollars in bribes.

The new agreement was instantly ratified. Now, we had cut our losses to only \$130 million. Undaunted we proposed to the Argentineans that the Export Development Corporation (another crown agency) finance the transaction. The Argentineans could not refuse such an uncommon exhibition of goodwill.

It was then discovered that not one Canadian company would benefit from the sale of the CANDU. The corporations that supply the parts and services for the nuclear reactor are all foreign-owned.

The entire affair comments unfavourably on the conduct of our federal government. A crown corporation bribed and financed the Argentinean government to buy a product manufactured by foreign corporations at a loss to the Canadian government and people. If the story ended here it could be dismissed as a comedy of incompetence, but it does not.

In 1976 the military staged a coup in Argentina. They substituted an inept and corrupt constitutional government with an absolute reign of terror. The AECL has not sold a nuclear reactor to a responsible to a group of generals who disdain for democracy and life, has become a matter of professional honour and prestige.

Every aspect of life in Argentina today is controlled by the military. Officers rule universities, trade unions and municipal and provincial governments. The only court is a military tribunal. Yet the Canadian government has sold these gentlemen a nuclear reactor capable of producing enough plutonium to make thirty-five Hiroshima-sized atomic bombs every year.

A Liberal government doesn't make moral judgements.

People that oppose military rule in Argentina disappear. Approximately 25,000 people have disappeared into rivers, lake bottoms and abandoned quarries. Amnesty International claims that 8,000 men and women are interred in

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