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Federation, Union want \$1.10, 70¢ more

Students to vote on higher membership fees

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York undergraduate students may be paying up to \$5 in excess of their present tuition if the referenda to nearly quadruple the Ontario Federation of Students' and the National Union of Students' portion of the Council of York Student Federation's budget are passed.

Currently, the OFS and the NUS claim more than \$4,000 from the council's external affairs budget, but have asked that their share be increased to \$15,000 by next fall.

The basic plank for the provincial student union was to lobby to the provincial government on matters that affected university students, and to keep Ontario students informed on the effect governmental decisions would have on their lives.

The National Union of Students was formed to represent students on a federal level.

The OFS is asking that the amount paid to it by each student through CYSF be increased from 40 cents, presently covered by the CYSF budget, to \$1.50. A York-wide referendum, sponsored by the OFS, has been set for October 30 to decide the matter.

Plans are currently being made for a second referendum dealing with the NUS request for \$1 per student, up from the current 30 cents, to be held later in the year.

CYSF president Anne Scotton has already indicated the council could not absorb the expenditure of over \$15,000 were the referenda to pass, and suggested the \$2.50 portion be added, on approval of the Board of

Governors, to the \$10 per head student fees the council now receives from the University.

Scotton indicated in a telephone conversation that the NUS referendum would be a good time for CYSF to ask for a rate increase of its own, and suggested a round number of \$5 per student to cover the added expenditures of the OFS and NUS, as well as supplement the council budget. She also stated that student fees at York have not increased in the last eight years.

OFS has already received increased rates from the University of Toronto, Ryerson, Western, Glendon College, Lakehead University, and St. Pat's (Ottawa). Carleton was the only university where a vote to increase the fees was rejected, but the university has indicated its willingness to hold another referendum on the issue this year.

The entire NUS and OFS issue came under attack at last week's CYSF council meeting, when McLaughlin council member Rob Wearing won a close 4-3 vote to hold back the entire external affairs budget until a justification could be found for York's membership in the student unions.

"It's a matter of priorities," Wearing told Excalibur Tuesday. "This year the Council wants to concentrate its priorities inside the university; to budget \$6,000 for something which most people are unaware of in this university, makes no sense.

"I asked around in the college and most people didn't know who OFS was or what it does. Some thought it

was a good lobbying agent, and I agree, but I want to know why it costs us \$6,000 to belong to this group."

"I've seen a page of their recommendations and most of them were fine," he added, "but so far I haven't seen the lobbying in action or read newspaper stories on their

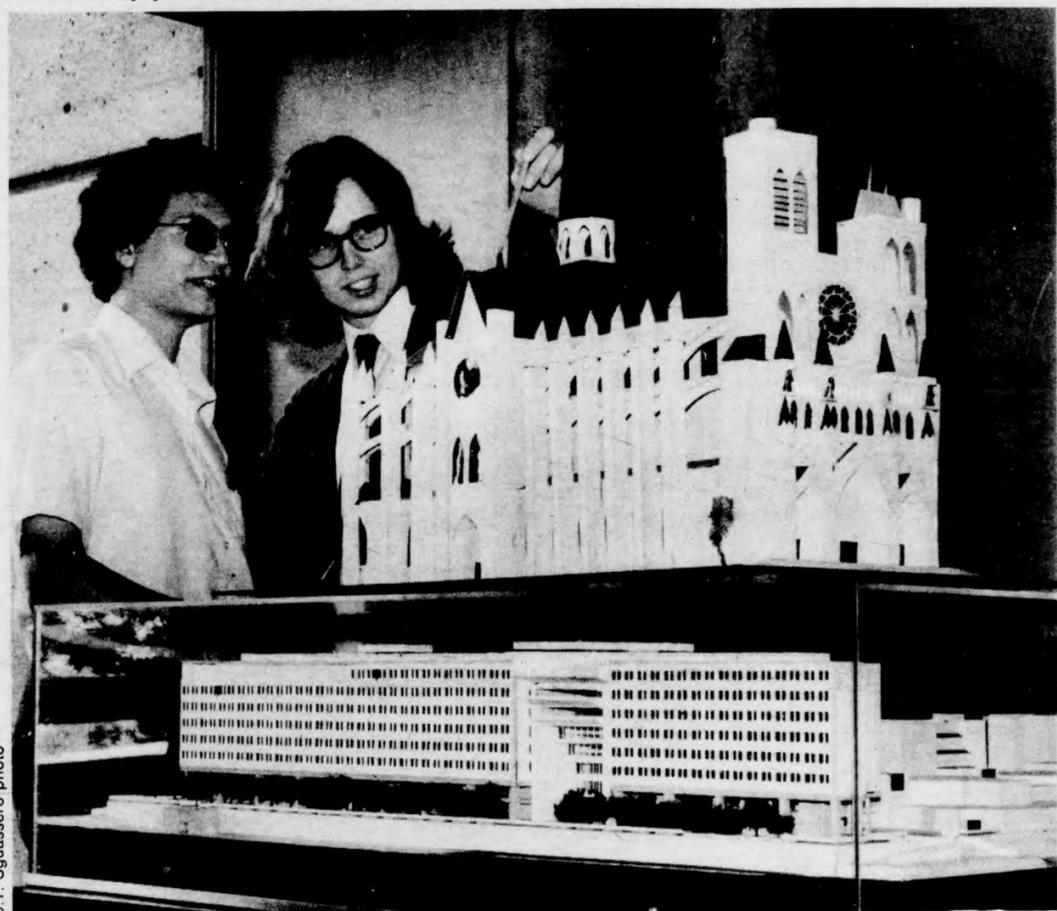
activities."

CYSF has formed a committee which includes Wearing to look into the university's membership in the OFS and NUS, and the advantages derived from such a membership.

"It's kind of a moot issue," Scotton, chairman of the committee, said, "because we can't get out of

paying without having an expensive referendum."

"What bothers me is that OFS and NUS primarily do the same thing," said Wearing. "I would say that we should hold a referendum on the whole OFS and NUS issue, and if it were passed, I would shut up forever."



C. T. Squassero photo

Two students of architecture study the latest proposed model of the York chapel, unveiled this week on the second floor of the Ross Building. Current plans call for the chapel to nestle on the

amphitheatre atop Central Square, although the architect fears "it may runneth over onto the Scott library". Not pictured is the walkway between the tall spire and the president's ninth floor office.

No infiltration, says Dunn

By OAKLAND ROSS

The current controversy over the role of Metropolitan Toronto police on campus surprises George Dunn, director of York's safety and security, because, he says, police have patrolled the university on an occasional basis for the past four years and nobody has complained until now.

"We are not trying to infiltrate police onto campus for some nefarious purpose," Dunn explained in an interview. "And if we were, we certainly wouldn't use marked cars."

As envisioned by Dunn, the role of Metro police on campus is threefold: first, the sight of a cruiser would act as a deterrent to would-be criminals; second, the police could keep watch on off-campus bad characters; and third, the patrols would provide police with some familiarity with York's "rabbit-warren" campus, thereby improving their ability to handle emergencies.

Dunn stressed the importance of maintaining good relations with the police. "We want to be able to count on the police in an emergency," he said.

Dunn does not want a confrontation to develop between himself and the student body over the issue of police on campus. In his opinion, the police are not here to make arrests, but to supplement the operations of campus security personnel.

"And we're not a morality squad here," Dunn added with emphasis. "We're here to protect university property."

York is "an easy place to rip-off," he said. While he considers his 14-man staff capable of keeping theft

and property damage on campus at a "tolerable" level, he would like to see a heightened "community awareness" of security problems.

Harbinger gets stay of financial execution

By BONNIE SANDISON

Calumet College has granted Harbinger a temporary reprieve from the financial dilemma that would have forced the student clinic to fold by tomorrow.

Due to a last minute Tuesday afternoon announcement by Ian Sowton, master of Calumet, pledging money to ensure the continued operation of Harbinger, the previously announced closing date of October 18 has been extended. The financial crisis occurred due to a lack of funding from the colleges, CYSF, and the administration.

Harbinger, located in the Vanier College residence, has functioned at York for the past four years as a service to York students, giving information, counselling and referral in the areas of birth control, abortion, drugs, venereal disease, and personal problems.

Marla Whitman and Shelley Howell, the two full-time coordinators of the programme, train the volunteer staff of 18 individuals who put in a minimum of seven hours of shift work a week as well as attending staff meetings.

Harbinger has not received any funds from either the administration or CYSF since August, 1974. Their budget proposal has been given to CYSF, but no budget meeting has

taken place to endorse it.

John Becker, assistant vice-president, raised a number of questions concerning the operation and organization of Harbinger in an October 3 memorandum to Dr. Joan Stewart, head of the Counselling and Development Centre, Dr. James Wheler, head of Health Services and Anne Scotton, president of CYSF.

In the memorandum, Becker said he felt "somewhat ambivalent" about the volunteer staff, the board of directors, the function of Harbinger in the community at the present time, and the spending of money on the clinic, when there might be a better way to carry out its services. He asked Stewart, Wheler, and Scotton to meet and advise him on the situation.

In an interview on Tuesday, Becker said, "Harbinger's main problem is a lack of money, and ensured continued existence is hampered by this."

He said his memorandum was designed merely to raise questions and get those involved either to approve or disapprove the continued need for Harbinger's existence.

CYSF and some colleges, however, have declined to fund Harbinger pending the examination of Health Services requested in Becker's memorandum.

"Harbinger at its beginning served as a bridge for students who could not go to the administration for help," said Becker, "and I'm not sure that bridge is still necessary."

Harbinger has continued to function in the last five weeks and has gone deeper into debt. In reaction to this increasing deficit, Becker sent a second memorandum on Tuesday to Harbinger stating the budget account would be closed as of October 18.

In addition to Calumet's funds, Harbinger has received a \$500 guaranteed grant from Founders college and a grant of \$1,000 from Bethune.

A letter sent to Becker October 8 by the Harbinger staff stated that they "not only support, but strongly

encourage, the inclusion of Harbinger's services in the Review Committee's inquiry into health services on campus."

This committee, composed of faculty and students and originally conceived five months ago, has not yet convened, and Becker said it would not be fair to make the committee rush a decision on Harbinger just to get them out of this financial mess.

However at the October 9 council meeting, Scotton said that if the investigation were not carried out within a week and a half, she would take matters into her own hands.

Members of Harbinger are waiting to learn how much money will be promised to them from all sources before they can reach a decision on the clinic's continued operation.

Abortion forum in Curtis tomorrow

A meeting to protest the present abortion laws and the conviction of Dr. Morgentaler for "illegally performing abortions" will be held tomorrow in Curtis LH-A at noon.

Eleanor Pelrine, founder of the Canadian association to repeal abortion laws, and Heidi Fischer will speak and present a special taped message from Morgentaler.

Morgentaler is currently appealing to the Supreme Court a Quebec Court of Appeals ruling that sentenced him to 18 months in jail and three years' probation for performing abortions. This court overturned an earlier verdict of a Montreal jury that acquitted Morgentaler on the same charge.