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## Bethune council president says CYSF offers nothing for college

By JULIAN BELTRAME

Bethune College has nothing to gain by joining the CYSF, James McMurdo, chairman of the Bethune council, says. The money would go and where it

The question of whether Bethune will join the York Student Federation or remain the only unrepresented college in the Council will be decided Wednesday, October 16, when a referendum will be presented to the college's 1,400 students.

The decision to call for a referendum on the issue was reached on September 10, when the Bethune council voted unanimously to take the issue to its students for the second time in the past two years.

Although McMurdo felt a majority of the council members are in favour of remaining separate from CYSF, he stated that the council as a whole

would probably not take an official position.

The turnover of students belonging to the college was the only reason McMurdo gave for the unanimous council decision to call for a student vote.

In the past, CYSF's president had to negotiate with Bethune over the distribution of CYSF's share (\$10 per student) of the money collected by the university from Bethune students.

Until such an agreement was reached, the money was held in trust by the university. This allowed Bethune practically to dictate where the money would go and where it could not be used.

"Our main concern is that none of Bethune's money should go into CYSF's administration costs," McMurdo said.

"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."

The April 18 settlement this year gave 30 per cent of money that would normally have gone to CYSF, unconditionally to Bethune college. The remaining portion was distributed in lump sums to Excalibur, the daycare centre, the graduate emergency loan fund, the Edgeley Soccer Club, and Harbinger, through CYSF.

Were Bethune's students to vote by a 2/3 majority to change the college's status to one of member of CYSF, Bethune would lose all power to affect the allocation of funds collected from the college's students.

The next few weeks will see an extended debate on the subject as both McMurdo and Council president Anne Scotton plan to take active roles on opposite camps.

"I think it's very important that Bethune join," said Scotton Tuesday, "because they take advantage of CYSF benefits, anyway."

"When a student walks into our offices we don't ask, 'Are you a Bethune student?' and then tell him to get out. The CYSF represents all the students at York."

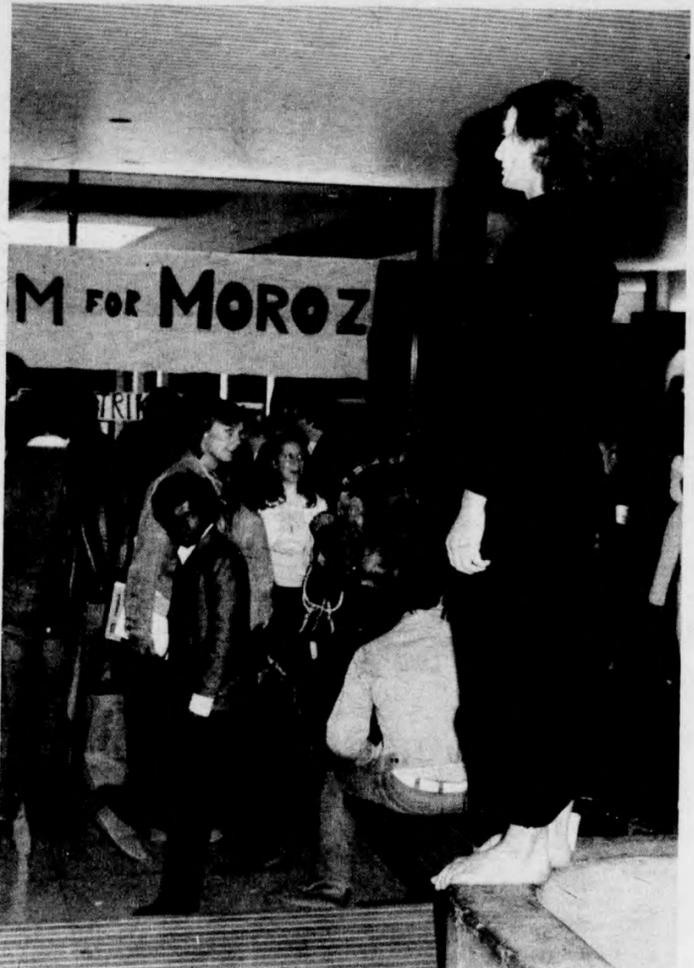
"I'm on the chapel committee — if I weren't, which president of which college would be on it? You couldn't have eight college presidents in every committee."

If McMurdo is correct in his assessment, the students of Bethune will once more reject CYSF, and the main reason given will be that the Council spends close to \$20,000 of its approximate \$100,000 budget on administrative costs.

If the two bodies are unable to reach an agreement before the April 30 deadline, the next move will be uncertain, because "so far a resolution has always been found," said vice-president John Becker, in charge of the money until a settlement is reached.

"My view," he added, "would be that the money would belong to a student association."

Becker added that if the negotiations were to reach an impasse, he would personally enter the discussion, in a concerted effort to find a worthy cause for the odd \$14,000.



Pictured is the Phantom Mime of Central Square. In this picture the Phantom is shown doing his impression of a stick. He went on to do a collection of mimes including a stalk of celery, a straight-edge ruler, a lamp-post, and an umbrella.

## Installation for president

York's new president, H. Ian Macdonald will be officially installed this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on the outdoor plaza between the Ross Building and the Scott Library.

The ceremony, part of Atkinson College's fall convocation, will be held in Tait McKenzie if it rains; refreshments will follow in Atkinson's dining area.

"I would particularly welcome everyone to the Convocation," Macdonald remarked. "Whereas this will be a personal affair for me, it is also an occasion for the whole university to celebrate its past and contemplate its future."

## Valentyn Moroz vigil

# Strikers continue their fast

By DALE RITCH

Two York students, Anhelyna Szuch and Bohdan Kupycz, are now in the eleventh day of a hunger strike

which they intend to continue until Valentyn Moroz is released from Vladimir prison.

Moroz, a 38-year old Ukrainian writer and historian, has been imprisoned because of his outspoken criticism of the official Soviet policy of Russification of the Ukrainian language and culture.

Since his latest imprisonment in 1970, Moroz has been subject to severe beatings and frequent interrogations, and on one occasion he was stabbed in the stomach by fellow inmates. Moroz is also denied adequate medical treatment for a chronic liver ailment.

On June 1 of this year, Moroz began a hunger strike to protest the lack of medical care, the systematic denial of any civil rights, and his confinement to an isolation cell. He demanded that he be transferred to the relatively more humane confines

of a labour camp.

Since it is unlikely that a hunger strike can be prolonged past four months, even with intravenous feeding, Moroz is likely near death at this time. Recent reports indicate that he has been moved to the prison hospital and is in critical condition.

The York hunger strike, conducted to express solidarity with Moroz and all political dissidents within the Soviet Union, is accompanied by two demands: that Moroz be released from Vladimir prison, and that the Canadian government bring up the case at the current meeting of the United Nations general assembly.

"We, the hunger strikers of York University, appeal to all those concerned for universal human rights to support this hunger strike, and protest the inhumane treatment of all political prisoners," said a statement released this week by Szuch and Kupycz.

## Inflated blimp swallows dozens

By GORD GRAHAM

Anyone walking past the Steacie Science Library on Tuesday night would have been surprised to see a 60-foot dragon with a wriggling stomach on the grass.

Probably not as surprised, though, as the CKEY helicopter traffic reporter who flew over the same creature in a Toronto playground and called it "a big yellow mouse."

The dragon is actually an inflatable structure made from heavy

plastic and supported by fan-driven air currents. It was part of an exhibition billed around campus and on radio station CHUM-FM as a Starship Production on "inflatable environments, space, and you."

About 100 people turned out to Curtis LH-1, where the exhibition began with a multi-media display of existing air-inflated structures in Toronto, plus models put together by the Starship group.

"Inflatables" are basically any

forms supported by air instead of rigid frames. They have numerous practical uses, from covering tennis courts and swimming pools for year-round use, to relieving refugee housing needs after disasters.

If the idea sounds alien, remember it's the same principle behind the beach ball and the life jacket.

But an inflatable environment has to be experienced first-hand to be understood. And for dozens of people who frolicked through the body of the giant dragon, it was a remarkable experience.

As one of the Starship people said, pointing to a pyramid-shaped form in front of him, "Inside this is freedom."

Inflatables are widely used in Europe, especially in Germany, for multi-purpose living space. But as one Starship member commented, North America has been slow to accept the concept.

"The inertia here is incredible," he said. "Our culture molds our architecture into straight lines and sharp angles. We're locked into an architectural attitude."

Starship Productions, despite co-operation from Calumet College, are still hampered by lack of funding and publicity; but the structures should be very evident on campus in the months ahead.



Man versus the Inflatable in Curtis LH-1

## Senators up to usual form

By BONNIE SANDISON

Members of the York Senate managed to fritter away one and a half hours in the Senate Chambers on Tuesday.

Discussion centred on a new form which the Senate Budgetary Advisory Committee proposed to give to members of the faculty, in order to obtain data on hours spent teaching and doing other work related to the university.

A number of senators agreed

with the idea of the form in principle, but were opposed to the presentation of this particular form.

Unfortunately, so much time was spent debating the usefulness of this new form that the other pressing matters of business had to be postponed until the next meeting.

Some Senators commented on the quietness of the meeting, while others were relieved not to have another form to fill in.