

Candidates miss meeting

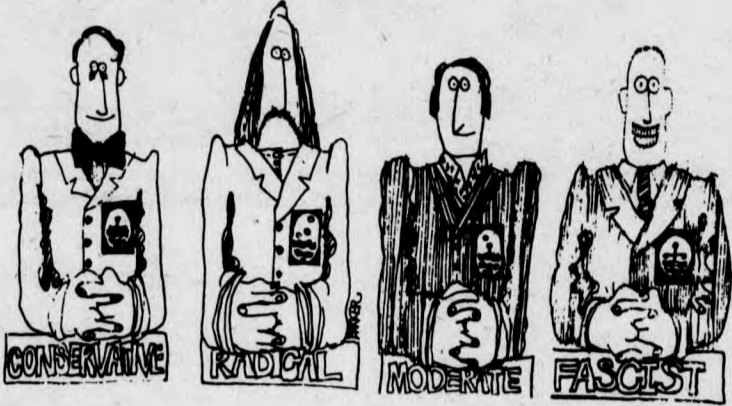
By Laura Brown

Only one candidate showed up for the first Council of York Student Federation all-candidates meeting held on Tuesday at noon in front of an inattentive lunchroom crowd in the Stong dining hall.

Present was Stong candidate Marilyn Job, a member of the newly formed York Students Against Cutbacks committee.

Job said running for CYSF in the upcoming by-election is one of YSAC's strategies "so we can go into council and bring forward our ideas... and talk to people about the problems of the cutbacks and how they effect the whole university community."

YSAC is mainly composed of students who were involved in the Student Strike Committee and the sit-in committee during the YUSA strike. They



are now attempting to make organized stands against cutbacks.

Job added that further strategies will include instigating political actions like demonstrations.

The other Stong candidate, Cheryl Scott, who was not present Tuesday, later told Excalibur that she had not been informed of the meeting, although meeting dates have been posted at the CYSF office all week.

Speaking of her candidacy, Scott said she will work as a liaison between Stong college and CYSF because, "I see that the major problem of the student government is that there isn't enough communication between the councils".

Also absent were Belinda Silberman and Louise Marie Fournier from Founders college who are running for the second vacant seat on council.

Belinda Silberman is running for council because, "I've interviewed every Founders college council member and they've all said there is a definite communication gap with CYSF... I hope to provide a powerful communication link between the two and delete the gap".

Another YSAC member, Louise Marie Fournier, is the second Founders candidate.

Fournier said students are fooling themselves if they think council has taken actions to fight the cutbacks and added that YSAC will take an effective stand.

There will be two more all-candidates meetings this week. The first is today at noon in the bearpit, and tomorrow the candidates will meet in Founders dining hall.

Stong and Founders students will be voting for one representative from their respective colleges on the October 25 election.

Get ready for Rill olympics

Along with October comes pumpkins, coloured leaves, and the "Intercollege Residence Competition," held during the last week in October, from Wednesday 25th, to Sunday 29th.

"Last year was so successful", said Warren Rill of Rill's Foods, "and this year, hopefully, we can get even more support from the resident students".

Warren Rill initiated the original idea of a competition between all six residences to "promote enthusiasm and participation" on the York campus. "We want to involve students who usually don't join campus activities, and that's why we base the greatest amount of total points on participation".

There are 17 activities altogether—including athletic and non-athletic events. From basketball, volleyball, and water polo to chess, pin ball, and tunnel painting, students with varied interests can be included in gathering points for their college. There will be a "Reach for the Top" event, modelled after the TV programme with the same name, in Curtis Lecture Hall I, to begin the competition on Wednesday night at 8 pm. The following evening the same hall will hold a talent show, to be judged by celebrities. With Friday canes certainly the most entertaining event—a "Cross City Scavenger Hunt" represented by 4 students from each college, travelling from point to point in their pyjamas.

The majority of events take place during the weekend, with the finale and most popular "Mammoth Relay" involving about 100

resident students, to begin 2:30 pm Sunday afternoon.

The winning college will receive a \$400 and \$200 scholarship for individual members and a residence donation of \$350 will be given. The second place team will receive \$200 scholarship, and a residence donation of \$150.

If you aren't involved already and want to be, contact a Don, a member of your student council, residence tutor, or a student committee promoting the event in your college.

Senate committee to listen to grievances

By Leslie Gaskin

A York University Faculty Association motion to set up an informal committee for student grievances resulting from the recent staff strike was approved at a Senate meeting on October 25.

John Buttrick said it will act "as a sort of ombudsman" to hear any strike-related problems students may have encountered.

Outlined in the meeting was the hope that a similar student committee would be formed to coordinate with the existing committee. It was felt that some students might be unwilling to approach the departments, faculties or Senate Committee with their problems. A student committee, explained Buttrick, would then "act as a buffer to help students."

If a student wishes to contact Buttrick, he can be reached at S842R, 667-2407.

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