

## Osgoode unlikely to join CYSF

By NADINE CHANGFOOT

CYSF President Chris Summerhayes' hopes for Osgoode joining CYSF's political fold may be a bit too optimistic.

Summerhayes said there is "always hope that Osgoode will join and I think they will. I don't think they're going to join this year," said Summerhayes, but added that next year is not out of the question.

"It's partly our fault," he said. "We didn't get on it in enough time to really push it."

However, Dave Corbett, Vice President of the Legal and Literary Society, said that although Osgoode would always be willing to discuss joining CYSF, the issue is "not a significant movement here." It is not on the agenda and will probably not be a priority, he said.

As it stands Osgoode has never been a part of CYSF. Corbett said this may have originated from "a certain aloofness" on Osgoode's part because of its long history. He said the feeling of Osgoode's separateness has largely dissipated now and that there has been a tendency to take part within the York Community for some time now. He pointed out that Osgoode has been supportive of the Student Union Building proposal.

"If we could join at no cost we'd join," said Corbett, but he admits "that's not fair." He said if joining CYSF meant losing about 10 to 15 percent of the Osgoode trust fund money the cost would be too high. "We deploy it (the trust fund) effectively now," said Corbett.

Corbett said "from a casual observation I am not very happy with how the organization runs." He added that he is not pointing a finger

at the people presently in CYSF. In principle Corbett is in favor of having a strong central government, but says CYSF does not represent that body. He said that more time has been devoted to CCOY. "We've found there's more a community of concern," Corbett said.

"We feel we are effective and there is reluctance to join an organization that is not effective," Corbett said. He said that the current CYSF budget allocates far too much on administrative costs. As an affiliated member of CYSF Osgoode has sent people to attend the council meetings. Corbett himself attended the meeting where the issue of honoraria was brought up.

"The level of discussion of the issue," Corbett said, "the amount at stake and the general principles involved led me to believe the operation was a little amateurish. Most of our executive does not believe in honoraria, and none of us get paid and are opposed to receiving an honorarium."

Summerhayes pointed out that he has recently had extensive talks with Calumet and Osgoode in an attempt to rejoin CYSF (reported in the February 7 issue of *Excalibur*). But Corbett said that although there have been "some mumblings" they were moderate and not official.

"Nobody has asked us (the Legal and Literary Society) to join," said Corbett. Alex Nobile, Chairman of the Calumet College General Meeting, said that no one from CYSF has asked the General Meeting about rejoining. "Calumet has taken the issue on its own initiative," said Nobile, adding that, "CYSF naturally hasn't pressured us into joining whether it be this year or the next."

## CYSF settles \$250 seminar debt incurred by ex-director Contento

By DAVID BYRNES  
and GRAHAM THOMPSON

The CYSF passed a motion at its meeting on February 13 to pay \$250 that it never intended to spend.

The money will go to the Caribbean Students Association and the Student Christian Movement, who paid for a seminar by Richard Hart last November believing that part of the cost would be covered by CYSF.

Lily Contento, then CYSF's Director of External Affairs, committed the CYSF to support the seminar, but according to CYSF Director of Social and Cultural Affairs Reya Ali, she failed to get council approval for CYSF's participation in the event.

"She went ahead and put CYSF's name on the poster without getting council approval," Ali said.

At the time of the seminar, CYSF was busy dealing with the van incident. "What happened is it got delayed all the time and never got through council (because of the priority of the van business)," Contento said. "I got tired of waiting."

Contento said that she had a \$3,000 budget promised to her from CYSF President Chris Summerhayes and Director of Finance Valance Ellies, and planned to pay the \$250 out of her budget.

Ali, who put forward the motion to pay the money, said that Contento had an opportunity to ask for the council's approval at a meeting prior to the seminar. Although the regular



Lily Contento

hour-and-a-half meeting dealt exclusively with the problem of the van incident, a special additional hour-and-a-half was to have been spent on regular CYSF business. After the first half, however, Contento left, leaving the council one member short of a quorum to proceed with the second half.

"I had something to do and I had to leave," Contento said, explaining that she was given no notice prior to coming to the meeting that it was intended to be extended.

Ali said that the regular business was on the agenda.



York Provost Tom Meininger

## Provost favors central student government

By ELLIOTT SHIFF

Provost Tom Meininger reaffirmed his position with regard to CYSF and CCOY while at the same time calling for the bringing about of a more central student government at York, at the February 13 CYSF meeting.

"In my personal opinion CCOY," Meininger said, "has been acting with the knowledge and consent of all student governments including CYSF, providing a forum for discussion not handled by CYSF." He added, "The continued development of CCOY will have to be addressed by students and their representatives on campus."

Meininger went on to say that he "never felt CCOY was taking power away from CYSF" and

that the students must "start addressing the structural nature of student government at York." Responding to questions from members of CYSF concerning the future of CCOY with regard to policy, decision making and financial matters Meininger said "the issues have to be addressed by you."

Director of Academic Affairs Brian Taran said "This issue is about the future of CYSF" and asked Meininger if, in theory, he was in favor of one central student government at York. Meininger said he was in favor of such an organization.

Meininger concluded the discussion by stating "obviously CCOY has made commendable progress. This forces the question of what's going to happen with CYSF."

## Business Manager questioned

By GRAHAM THOMPSON

CYSF Director of Academic Affairs Brian Taran has charged the council's president and business manager with negligence for breaking council policy by leaving \$700 in cash and cheques, which was stolen in mid-February, in an unlocked drawer on CYSF premises.

Taran made the charges at the end of CYSF's February 13 meeting. CYSF President Chris Summerhayes defended council Business Manager Bob Gordon, and threatened to resign if the matter was ever brought up again in council.

"There is no question," Taran said, "that the business manager has been negligent. We have access to a night deposit and he did not use that."

"CYSF has a safe on its premises," Taran continued, "so why isn't that money deposited in that safe?"

Later Taran said Gordon was keeping the money in his desk drawer on "a direct order from Mr. Summerhayes."

Summerhayes denied he gave Gordon such a direct order.

"I'm not going to sit here," Summerhayes said, "and listen to people malign my business manager. I'm not going to sit here and listen to people malign me."

"If it comes up again this council will be less one president," Summerhayes said.

Board of Governors student representative Martin Zarnett, who accompanied Taran to the meeting, said that if council members agreed to keep money on the premises against its own policy, "I believe we should be looking to those people for restitution."

Social and Cultural Affairs Director Reya Ali revealed that council had decided to increase security at its offices as a result of the break-in. Ali said the measures would include the installation of an alarm system.

"You don't even take the security precautions available and you order new ones?" asked Taran rhetorically on Monday. "It's a red herring."

Gordon, who was not aware of the charges brought against him by Taran on February 13, had no comment last week after reading the council's minutes for the meeting.

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