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## Extra funds boost Council budget \$15,000

The Council of the York Student Federation received some posthumous help from last year's council Monday night, in the form of a \$15,000 surplus.

Finance Commissioner Steve Banks announced the increase in revenue just before the CYSF Budget Council began its review of CYSF's proposed budget for the coming year. The surplus funds included a \$10,000 term deposit passed on by last year's council, and \$5,000 left over from operations during the summer.

The windfall raised the size of the budget from \$80,300 to \$95,300.

After a short discussion, Harbinger, the York student clinic received \$5,000 of the surplus. The other \$10,000 was put in trust for the next student council's summer operations, including office maintenance, telephones, duplicating and postage costs. By comparison, of \$11,000 budgeted by the last council for the summer of 1973, only \$6,000 was used.

The York Daycare Centre was awarded \$2,000, a sum trimmed from the social affairs "special event" budget. The social commissioner said the remaining \$3,000 in his budget will serve as capital outlay for events like the Winter Carnival, and that these monies will probably be recouped by next summer.

Following a constitutional amendment last week by the Council, CYSF's budget year now extends from April 1 to March 31. This in effect means that one section of its budget is retroactive to last summer, while another section promises one-tenth of its funds to next year's council for next summer — a distinction which caused some confusion among the gathering.

Banks explained that since the CYSF doesn't receive its funds until student fees are paid in the fall, the summer operating grants supply the council with "some money in the till in case of emergencies".

Two motions were presented during the course of the meeting which show slight variance from past CYSF policy. The first, to reject a membership fee increase by the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) to 40 cents from 25 cents per student and to "withhold increased fee payments until a final decision on the increase has been reached by the member institutions", was passed by a two to one margin.

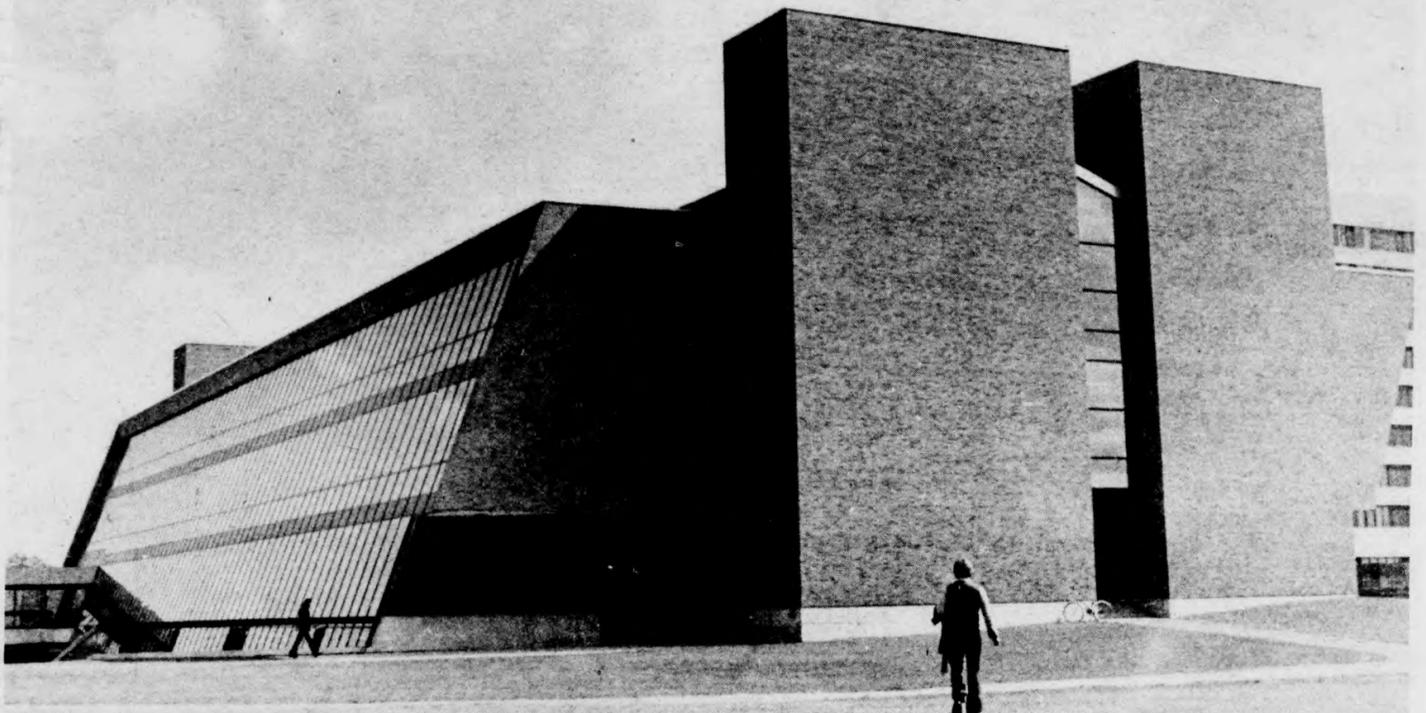
The Ontario federation was responsible for organizing last year's "fee strike" against the \$100 increase in undergraduate tuition fees, a strike to which Michael Mouritsen voiced his opposition in the platform which saw him elected CYSF president.

Monday night's meeting touched on a number of points, including a proposed \$13,000 grant to Excalibur. The paper, which had requested \$18,000, was awarded a \$500 sum left over from the publishing of the Manus handbook, despite fruitless attempts to reallocate monies from the summer operations fund.

An appeal was made to increase Radio York's grant from its level of \$5,000, described by the station manager as the "bare operating minimum". But the appeal backfired, and a subsequent harrowing vote to reduce its budget by \$2,000 was barely defeated 7 to 5.

An amendment to reallocate funds earmarked for a \$4,000 course evaluation, a project criticized by many in the room, was defeated 7 to 6.

The only mishap during the meeting was a sudden campus-wide power failure across the campus at 7:15 p.m., which forced a temporary move from the Senate Chambers to the padded hall by the elevators, lit by an emergency power source.



Figures on a landscape: Students caught in limbo, wracked by the gnawing guilt that haunts those who forget to pay their fees.

Which of the two figures, one wonders, is further away from the bicycle leaning against the wall?

## CYSF wants student centre

By ROSEMARY McCracken

The Council of the York Student Federation (CYSF) would like to start long range planning for a central student union building.

An amendment, to encourage the construction and administration of a student union building was added to the constitution of the CYSF on September 10.

However, is the long-range planning of a centralized building justified within the present college system at York?

The benefit of the college system, as outlined by York's first president Murray Ross, is "its

potential for meeting the problem of impersonality in organization and stimulating the creative energies of students and faculty."

The colleges currently hold individual student councils, produce their own papers, run coffee shops and social events, and contain individual athletic programmes. Do these present functions live up to Ross's ideal?

Michael Mouritsen President of CYSF feels that there is little actual student affinity with the college system. The only identification, according to the CYSF president, is in the tutorial system — and this is only for first year

students, and for the residents who are attached to each college.

Mouritsen suggests that specific departments become associated with each college; at present, a history student is obliged to go to the three or four colleges to see his professors. This innovation would also strengthen inter-departmental spirit.

"Right now, unless the college system is reformed, the union building would relieve some congestion at central square," said Mouritsen, students often only visit their college once a year — for registration. Few regularly use the lounge and coffee shop facilities of their own particular college."

The new union building would provide facilities for pubs, a day care centre, a student clinic, the radio station and the central university clubs.

The current government freeze on building necessitates that the union building be built with private funds. Although he can't at present estimate costs, Mouritsen feels that the students both have the resources and initiative at hand within the university to raise the money for their building.

## Night security poor, budget cuts blamed

If a 15 foot fence were erected around the entire university, George Dunn, head of York security, says his present staff could provide adequate night patrolling.

But in the meantime, he is asking for the co-operation of the entire community to help reduce vandalism and theft on campus.

His night contingent has been reduced as a result of budget cuts to two night watchmen and two senior security officers.

For weekends, when there are fewer students and no night cleaners in the buildings, he has hired eight students to help patrol the campus. Losses caused by vandalism and theft for the fiscal year 1972-73 totalled \$36,000, down from \$43,000 the previous year. Damages to university property totalled approximately

\$27,000; personal losses \$11,400; and damage to vehicles \$3,900.

According to Dunn, the area that has had the most losses is probably the Ross Building, because it is the most accessible centre on campus.

Recovery rates have not been promising. A description of stolen articles is given to Metro police and pawn shops, but much of the property is small, portable and easily disposed of by sale to individual contacts.

Although Dunn realizes students are responsible for some of the damages, he attributes part of the blame to the rise of low cost housing in the general Downsview area.

By discussing with outside groups the times when they can legitimately use athletic facilities, lounges, and lecture halls, Dunn hopes to develop a sense of respect for the university.

On the campus he has circulated a memo to all faculty, staff and students warning them not to leave wallets and purses "in clear view of would-be thieves" and to lock their doors whenever they go out.

The memo warns that "there is no provision in the university's insurance policies for theft of personal effects, and persons having items of significant value on campus are advised to maintain the necessary coverage under their own policies."

Further, the memo asks that suspicious persons seen loitering in corridors etc. should be reported to Safety and Security Services (3767). After office hours Security officers can be reached through the Emergency Services Centre (3333).

## Needham tried York coffee

Globe and Mail columnist Richard Needham put the knock on York's much-maligned food services in a recent column. He wrote: "I see that a British doctor claims to have discovered a drug which cuts down sexual desire. He's a bit late; I already knew about York University coffee."

Too bad he didn't sample the hot water . . . er the tea.

### I PAY ERGO I AM

You may be alive and well and roaming around the York campus but if you haven't paid your fees, the university doesn't know you exist.

All well and good for tourists and vandals, but if you pre-registered for courses your subsequent disappearance is worrying the university.

And besides you may be causing yourself unnecessary grief.

Unless you broke your leg on the way to the registrar's office you're already liable for a \$12-late-payment fine. And sooner or later they're going to drop you from the roster of all your favourite courses to make room for the other people clamouring to get in.

As for the university, the giant gulf between the number of students who indicated they want courses and the number that have paid means uncertainty about budgets and a costly tidying up process before the university's actual enrolment can be ascertained.

So give Milt Bider, the Registrar, a break.

It's time to fork over for those courses and make yourself known.