

Letters & comment

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Course unions need cash

Computer students

First, I'd like to congratulate you and your staff for the excellent effort made in publishing the *Excalibur*.

Secondly, I'd like to denounce the disgusting attitude of CYSF (Council of the York Student Federation) towards the funding of the course unions. A mere \$3500 was allocated to the course unions when much larger amounts of money are allocated to other sectors, many of which are of little value. The course unions need at least \$10,000 more to function properly and CYSF should seriously reconsider its budget.

Ed Garcia
President of the Computer Science Students Association.

Anthro chairperson...

I have just learned that CYSF has allotted only \$3700 to CUAC (Course Union Administrative Council) in this year's budget. As I perceive them, course unions offer an invaluable service by bringing undergraduates with an interest in their discipline together. Furthermore, the academic and social programs developed by course unions help professors and students to meet outside the classroom situation.

Course unions depend on CUAC for funding. I find it difficult to believe that CYSF is interested in annihilating these student organizations. The CYSF budget leaves little room for another interpretation.

Stan Toman
Chairperson,
Anthropology Society



George Manios (right) was one of the prime movers in the establishment of CUAC (Course Union Administrative Council).

...Anthro treasurer

The CYSF 77-78 budget has set aside a mere \$3,700 for CUAC. CUAC funds the course unions at York.

I and a number of others are in the process of forming an Anthropology Society. In order for our club

to set up any sort of social or academic function, we will need at least initial funding.

Yet there are several clubs competing for these funds from CUAC. CUAC will have to make allotments of approximately \$100 to clubs who have submitted budgets for well over \$2,000.

This is absurd.

I often hear students complain about York's lack of spirit or social atmosphere. I believe that clubs, such as the Anthropology Society, are an alternative solution to this problem. It is my feeling that our efforts to form a club at York may be futile if we cannot receive reasonable funding.

Mark Tate
Treasurer
Anthropology Society.

"Lack of insight"

As of recently, it has been brought to my attention that the 1977-78 CYSF budget has voted in favour of drastically curtailing CUAC funds to a mere \$3,700. In my view, this represents only a token sum which is far from being adequate to carry out the financing of a number of student and faculty associations.

These student organizations provide an invaluable service for undergraduate students. It is by their outside formal atmosphere of the classroom set-up that provides the integrative mechanism to bring students and faculty together. A serious reduction of funds must be equated with CYSF's lack of interest and confused priorities.

It is a sad and sorry state of affairs, that the lifeblood of the established and newly emerging dedicated student associations, must fold under, due to the lack of insight of arbitrary fellow students.

G.C. McKnight,
Vice-Chairman,
Anthropological Society

"Arbitrary decision"

In 1976 CYSF professed that its aim was "to provide physical resources and leadership to assist students in their efforts to achieve better education and life here on the campus" (CYSF; *Take-It*).

What has happened to the good old days? Why should CUAC, the source of course union funding have to tolerate CYSF's arbitrary decision to allocate its resources elsewhere. After all, if its goals are no longer to aid and abet the educational process, what are they?

Secretary,
Anthropology Course Union

Radio York says column was biased

In the November 3, 1977 issue of *Excalibur*, David Chodikoff, vice-president of communications and student services (CYSF) made several statements vis-a-vis Radio York. As public relations director and assistant station manager, I feel that my colleagues at CYSF could have approached this matter with a little bit more objectivity.

It is true that Radio York's finances, administration, and general operations were neglected in years past. However, let it be known that CYSF's Finances, administration, and general operations have also been neglected in past years. I believe that it can be said that both institutions are "cleaning up" their acts.

In a monetary sense, it is true that CYSF has supported a radio station that has experienced a loss in past years. What has not been said is that CYSF has supported a lot of "losing propositions" in past years.

The board of directors of Radio York consists of six members: three from Radio York and three from CYSF. Those people, in common understanding, deserve the credit for any positive changes in the structure of Radio York, not CYSF.

I agree that rectification of administrative and financial matters are the radio station's number one priority at this time. On behalf of the staff of Radio York, I can assure you that we are still "dreaming" of an FM license and that it is our number two priority. Dreams do come true.

I contend that the past can be forgotten and has been forgotten. We at Radio York are only looking into the future with optimism and sincerity. If CYSF wishes to look into the dark shadows of Radio York, I leave it to them to do so. Let it be understood that Radio York is not interested in the dark shadows of the past. Let's leave the past behind and look into the future.

In conclusion, I would like to say that we at Radio York consider ourselves proud of our radio station, considering Radio York has changed and will continue to change.

Norman K. Ritchie

CYSF - "Take it from Harbinger"

Re — your editorial November 3, 1977, "Absurd Words From Our Leaders" should be entitled "Absurd Words From Our Newspaper". The editors have the audacity to claim that I suggested "the money be used on more worthwhile things, like maybe social events". Although a representative from *Excalibur* has never questioned me on this point I will concede that the view I hold is that the money should be directed to more worthwhile causes, but I have never stated the money be put toward social events. If the editors of *Excalibur* took the time to research this editorial or at least question me, they would know the real stand I take on social events being held at York.

I also feel that this time is appropriate to let the students of York know exactly why Harbinger is being cutback in its allocation from CYSF.

I cannot dispute the fact that 2500 contact were made (including repetitions) by Harbinger last year because I did not keep the records, however, some light can be shed on this figure and how it was achieved. It has been brought to my attention

that when representatives of Harbinger went into a lecture hall to speak before a regularly scheduled class, all heads were counted and included in this figure of 2500 contacts whether the students were paying attention or not. Furthermore a good majority of the services rendered were to off-campus groups or individuals.

The University provides free of charge counselling and development services in the Behavioral Sciences Building from PhD students. I feel these people are more qualified than Ms. Kaiser who has no degree from an accredited institution of higher education to deal in these matters, just an undergraduate degree in philosophy.

In this time of budgetary constraints, the student community of York can ill afford to subsidize an organization which might duplicate some services already available from professionals on campus.

This year CUAC (Course Union Administrative Commission) is finally beginning to materialize into a very viable and energetic endeavour. Among the activities that are in the planning stages are course and instructor evaluations, a

seminar on peace in the Middle East etc. In short these are activities which encompass a large segment of the York Community. If any activity on campus is worthwhile funding, this year CUAC is it. Therefore, let me go on record as suggesting the course unions be given a greater allocation this year, and that the source of this money should in part be derived from Harbinger's grant.

Tom Silverhart
CYSF, Vice President of Finance



Tom Silverhart, CYSF finance vice-president.

Stong calls TWSU's charges "astounding, distressing, and untrue"

Charges levelled last week by the Third World Students Union in its statement published in *Excalibur* that Stong College appears to be involved in "a developing plot to intimidate and harass TWSU" are astounding, distressing, and untrue.

It is not my intention to go over the background details in detail once again (this has been done among the parties concerned in both meetings and memos) - even though a number of important elements were omitted in the TWSU statement and even though some of the points as stated do not represent the situation accurately.

1) The allegation of violation of LLBO regulations at the TWSU orientation party October 22 did have a foundation.

2) The Bar Manager reported to the Saga Manager that at no time during the evening did the TWSU coordinator identify himself as the coordinator or speak to him about whether there were any problems. The Saga Manager could not have informed him of what was subsequently reported in the letter

about evidence of violation (noticed late in the evening). Logically, had there had been no problem and had the manager in fact made such a statement to the coordinator, there would have been no letter written at all.

3) Stong College's administration did not retract Saga's allegations but did say that it would accept TWSU's explanation as a basis for working in the future - does this position suggest harassment and intimidation?

Other implications deserve consideration. Since the discussion with representatives in mid-October at which various misunderstandings were cleared up, there has been no denial of Stong College facilities to TWSU and thus no "decision to refuse Stong College facilities" to rescind; there was a warning that regulations were to be observed if use of facilities were to be granted. The TWSU conclusion -- that "there was no real basis for the accusations in the first place" -- implied in the comment on the "speed with which letters of accusations and retractions

have been written" is unwarranted on two grounds: (1) the rapidity of exchange of letters neither proves nor disproves a basis for a report of violation; (2) there was, in effect, no retraction but an offer to act as TWSU would wish all units of the university to act toward it and all other groups - fairly, considering the situation, concerned about the "full realization of rights of all students at York".

Lest the administrative concerns at Stong College for observance of LLBO regulations seem over zealous to those who think evidence of slight violations of regulations might be overlooked or unreported, it should be noted that all College and University administrative units are *absolutely required* (according to York's Food and Beverage Manager) to observe the terms of the LLBO License. Not to do so could mean not merely that College and other University Pubs as well as special functions would be in jeopardy but that they fact the reality of a "de-licensing" of the entire university (there is just one

license at York). Any future denial of the privileges to any group will come if, and only if, it gives evidence of its unwillingness or failure to accept the regulations under which all of us must operate.

Finally, we are puzzled by the unstated assumption that members of TWSU have been denied "full realization of (their) rights" and their call for support from all students and fair-minded people at York. Our concern is precisely to ensure full realization of rights; we intend to do all we can to ensure that one privilege is not jeopardized or

lost by misuse of another. If TWSU truly feels there is some developing plot in which Stong and Saga are involved, if it still has some uncertainty about Stong, perhaps they could or should have responded to the week-old invitation to a meeting.

The invitation still stands. If there really is a basis not yet examined for a sense of a plot to "intimidate", "harass", and "hassle", I, as Master of Stong College, would like to know what it is. No one should be intimidated by any sources at York -- or elsewhere.

Virginia J. Rock, Master

Confess, car-mangler

I wish to appeal to the person(s) who witnessed my car, a red 1975 Chevrolet Monza 2-2, being hit by another car while it was parked in DD parking lot (between Complex II and the Curtis Lecture Halls) last Thursday or Friday. While the note which you left me is much appreciated, I have been informed that without a name it is next to useless and would not stand up in court.

Please help me to recover the damages incurred by the inconsiderate driver of the brown Oldsmobile station wagon by calling me as soon as possible at 661-1063 or 667-6258. Thank you.

Allan Mandel