

Central Square crowd underwhelmed

OFS could weld students into political threat

By PAUL STUART

Radio York's Bearpit Show attempted last week to provide its audience with a better understanding of the Ontario Student Federation.

The attempt may not have succeeded, as most of the central square crowd appeared to be wrapped up in other matters; but panelists Ben Macdonald, an OFS field worker, Shayne Roberts, a

member of the OFS executive at Waterloo, and Ted Kapusta, vice-president of external affairs for CYSF, pushed on regardless.

It was a timely programme, because on November 14, York students will be asked to vote for or against the following proposal:

"I agree to an increase of \$1.50 in (tuition) fees, commencing in the academic year 1975-76.

"This fee represents the proposed increase per student for membership in the Ontario Federation of Students."

If York votes in favour, the OFS will be able to pay four full-time workers next year. The workers would be on campus to assist students in organizing themselves as effectively as possible.

"Students are often occupied with having to attend classes and studying," said Roberts. "They make changes a lot faster if someone can tell them what has already been tried and what worked most efficiently."

Through extensive research into all issues concerning students and intensive lobbying at Queen's Park, the OFS may weld the dormant Ontario student population "into a threat to any political party trying for office without looking after our interests," said Roberts.

Host Rick Leswick questioned the viability of such plans in light of the fact that "students don't vote in blocks."

"All the studies show that," answered Macdonald. "But there have been cases where student movements have changed the course of a country's history. In France in '68, they almost sparked a revolution. I'm not saying that that is where OFS is heading, but I think well-organized, aware students can be made into a progressive force."

While no-one was opposed to making students more powerful, the question of OFS's ability to do the job was raised. Macdonald and



Thomas McKerr photo

Pictured at last Wednesday's Bearpit session are, left to right: Ben Macdonald, Shayne Roberts, Ted Kapusta and Radio York moderator Rick Leswick.

New library code proposed, Jarvie urges closed stacks

By SUSAN COOPER

Faculty members will be able to borrow three-week books for a period of 100 days, under one of the provisions in a proposed new library code discussed in an open meeting of the Senate Library Committee last Thursday.

All materials on extended loan are, however, subject to immediate recall, the code specifies, if those materials have been charged out a minimum of seven days.

Anthony Hopkins, chairman of the committee, said "the new extended loan system will simply legitimize something that has been in practice all along." He was referring to the habit of some professors of borrowing books for indefinite periods of time.

At present there is no system of fines for faculty. Hopkins expressed the hope that an equitable system of fines and sanctions for faculty as well as undergrad and grad students would be ratified by the committee before Christmas.

He added that since people are not willing to accept sanctions unless they have some protection, the library would provide receipts for returned books to those who asked for them. These would be available at the fines booth near the circulation desk in Scott.

Outstanding fines for overdue books and loss through theft or mutilation were also discussed.

Although there are no figures on losses incurred, over the years, Hopkins said it is well over \$250,000. Last year there were 15,546 missing monographs (books) from Scott and the Administrative Studies libraries alone.

Professor I.C. Jarvie, library liaison officer for the philosophy department, suggested that there was a need for a retrieval system whereby borrowers would return their books directly to a library staff member. This face to face confrontation, he maintained, would have the effect of deterring a person from returning a mutilated book.

Warren Holder, head of the reserve library, pointed out that students would object to the long line-ups such a system would inevitably create. Although Jarvie agreed, he saw lineups as a necessary evil in the greater cause of library improvement.

Jarvie suggested that the root of the libraries' problems lay in the open-stack system.

"This system, as they have learned in Europe," he said, "is Utopian. Without a closed stack library you can never have a good library."

Although the meeting was open to the public, there were no students present to give their opinions on the proposals brought forth. Future meetings will be held for the further discussion of sanctions and fines.

Copies of the library code are available in room S945 Ross.

Roberts indicated they felt effecting change would be anything but easy.

"Unfortunately," said Roberts, "success in dealing with the government can often be measured in how well you prevent them from doing things you don't want, rather than whether or not you can make them take action."

Macdonald stressed the need for student movements to work with other parts of the community, so as not to become merely self-interest groups.

A further meeting to discuss the OFS referendum will be held Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Curtis 110, with Kapusta and OFS representative Ben Johnson.

York briefs

Poet Eli Mandel reads his work

The prolific Eli Mandel, professor of English and humanities at York, will give a poetry reading in the Winters College senior common room next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

German expressionist art on view

German expressionist graphic art is on view courtesy of the Art Gallery in Ross N145, until November 17. Admission is free.

Semotiuk speaks to Ukrainians

The Ukrainian-Canadian Students Association of York will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, November 6, at 4 p.m. in N105 Ross. Guest speaker will be Andriy Semotiuk L.L.B., who will talk on multiculturalism in Canada. Discussion will take place.

Every jackal must have his day

Assassin Edward Fox takes aim at everybody's favourite general, De Gaulle, in Fred (High Noon) Zinnermann's The Day of the Jackal. The film hits the Bethune screen Saturday and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. in Curtis LH-L. Admission is \$1.50 general with York ID and \$1.25 Bethune.

Harbinger's financial woes ease

By BONNIE SANDISON

The funding problems of Harbinger have not been totally solved, but continued interest and support have eased the tensions which built up over the past two weeks following a proposal to shut down the service.

John Becker, assistant vice president in charge of student affairs, sent a memorandum to Harbinger two weeks ago stating the closure date of the budget account of this student oriented facility would be October 18. Ian Sowton, master of Calumet College, gave Harbinger \$300 from the master's funds, an act which convinced Becker to allow the budget account to remain open for an indefinite amount of time.

Harbinger has now been assured of \$1000 from Bethune College, \$500 from each of the Founders, McLaughlin, Stong and Vanier college councils, \$200 from the Environmental Studies student council and \$213 from the student council and \$300 from the master's budget of Calumet.

Located in Vanier College Residence, Harbinger serves the York community with information, counselling and referral in the areas of birth control, abortion, drugs, venereal disease, and personal hassles.

In a memorandum sent October 21 to Becker by Dr. James Wheler, head of Health Services, Dr. Joan Stewart, chairperson of the Counselling and Development Centre, and Anne Scotton, president of the Council of York Student Federation, all voiced strong support for Harbinger, and the need for its function on campus.

The memorandum stated that "if Harbinger disappeared, there would be an enormous number of students avoiding the medical and 'para-medical' issues pertinent to their life style... No other agency on campus from the dons and tutors to Health Services and Counselling and Development are able to help these people, because of mistrust, lack of confidentiality or whatever."

The only alternative which could be agreed upon by the three is that if Harbinger were closed down, a Social Worker in Health Services would have to be hired, which Wheler feels would be a very poor second choice, and a third part-time physician would have to be hired. Wheler stated the "dollar value of Harbinger far outweighs the other two alternatives."

Wheler, Scotton and Stewart have met with Becker to discuss the situation, and in a subsequent interview, Wheler said that as far as he was concerned, Harbinger was alive and well.

"Hopefully our letter to Becker has helped to give Harbinger more accountability and credibility in the

eyes of the administration," he said.

Marla Waltman and Shelley Howell, the two full-time coordinators of the programme, are waiting for the convening of a committee headed by Denys Brown, appointed to examine over-all health services on campus.

The funding of Harbinger in the meantime and its continued success depend on the support which CYSF and the administration will offer. Both Becker and Scotton hope to give a firm financial commitment to Harbinger by the end of this week.

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