



## RON STUBBINGS

**What are your top five policy goals, in order of priority?**

My number one priority is to foster private investment into YFS. Students have to realize that the only way that we can increase funding to groups and clubs on campus is to look at untapped revenue sources. The potential for development in this area is unlimited. Secondly, I will fight the fees. This can only be done through maintaining our strong four seats at the Ontario Federation of Students, not trying to decrease the number to one as my challenger would like to do. Thirdly, with regards to OFS and CFS I will work to make sure that York University finally gets some value for its money. When tuition fees went up — where were they? When payments to secondary institutions were cut to an all-time low — where were they? If our money is not being used to lobby against these increases perhaps it is time to reevaluate our relationship with these organizations. [exceeded word limit]

**In addition to the Ontario Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students, what outside institutions will you be focusing on and why?**

My primary focus will be set on developing a strong relationship with the universities in the Toronto area: University of Toronto and Ryerson. The concerns of students at these three institutions are very similar and perhaps by establishing some form of coalition we will be able to use our combined influence to produce change in areas like tuition and residence costs.

Secondly, through community outreach, the YFS (under my directives) will be able to establish a relationship with future York students, even before they arrive. In so doing perhaps this will curtail the political apathy we often see at York regarding the YFS.

Thirdly, I will personally lobby the provincial government in the interests of York students. I think we should go to the premier before the premier comes to us. Maybe this way we can stop all these surprise funding cuts before they happen.

**What policy changes will you push for in lobbying Queen's Park?**

The most paramount issue I will lobby at Queen's Park is the current 1% increase on payments to universities. They must understand that the only way for Canadian universities to stay competitive and current is for more revenue to be allocated.

Secondly, I will communicate to the Minister of Colleges and Universities that the current curriculum is not diverse enough. It should be expanded to include extended studies in neurocentric areas.

Thirdly, I will try an influence change in the area of OSAP reform. I strongly believe that the current program is exclusionary because I believe that education is not a area which should be limited by economic parameters.

Fourthly, because of the current economic crunch, I will tell the government that they must look at involving private investment into the university system through pro-

grams like sponsorship and specialized training programs.

I think in looking at these points one can see that they could really influence change.



## BORIS CIBIC

**What are your top five policy goals, in order of priority?**

(1) Empower residence students to take control over runaway rent hikes and ensure the same security that every tenant in Ontario enjoys by bringing Residences under the Landlord and Tenant Act.

(2) Fight government underfunding of post-secondary education by continuing to play a leadership role in the Ontario Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students.

(3) Work toward achieving a university student rate Metropass.

(4) Fight to maintain and increase student grants under OSAP.

(5) Maintenance and extension of student services (eg. to ABLE and Childcare).

The twin pillars of my platform are accessibility to post-secondary education and the empowerment of students to control their lives. When dealing with the position of Vice President of External Affairs one must have a representative who is aware of how to respond to the crisis facing post-secondary education. The YFS must take initiative to bring York into the 21st century.

**In addition to the Ontario Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students, what outside institutions will you be focusing on and why?**

I don't feel OFS/CFS are outside the university — they are simply the larger student unions which we joined so as to be represented on the Provincial/Federal basis along with most other universities.

Having said that, I would like to build stronger links with other groups: Fight Back Metro! — a broad-based coalition which was formed to fight the provincial government in social spending. The Education Rights Campaign — a group which is building a grassroots alliance between trade unions and students for accessible education and improvements in students standards of living. The York Anti-Cuts coalition, which is composed of students, Ontario Confederation of University Faculty (professors' union), and Canadian Union of Educational Workers (TA's union). In addition, the Parent's Association of parents who are concerned with their daughter's/son's education. The local Jane-Finch Community network to extend the notion of Community Outreach beyond just High Schools.

**What policy changes will you push for in lobbying Queen's Park?**

My campaign focuses on what we expect from the Provincial government. But what is fundamentally at issue is not how we deal with the Provincial government; rather, it is how we deal with the Federal government which is responsible for 73% of all government spending in the area of post-secondary educa-

tion. Thus, one must push the NDP to go back to its roots and reaffirm the mandate (the People's Agenda) that they were elected on.

## Board of Governors Representative



## MIKE BAGLEY

**In recent years, students haven't had a clue what their Board of Governors reps have been doing. What will you do to improve communications?**

I agree absolutely with the fact that students are unaware of the Board of Governors and the role that it plays at York. It would seem that the preponderance of students that I have talked to do not even know what the Board of Governors is.

In effort to alleviate the "mystery" about the Board I would like to start a bulletin type information sheet that would be distributed to the students through their Office of Student Programs in their regular mailings. This, hopefully, would ensure that all students received the information about the Board. Other solutions can be found in communication with the various campus media, like *Excalibur*, and the publication of a telephone number where students can register concerns — possibly as part of the York Phonemail system in an attempt to make the Board less of a "closed" venue to students.

**What are the three most important issues you'll be facing next year, and what approaches will you be taking on them?**

The three most pressing issues that will be facing York in the next year will undoubtedly be related to the budget crisis of the University and how the University will try to increase it's revenue. The administration cannot be allowed to transfer the burden of their financial problems to the students. Attempts to cut security and services on campus must not be allowed to occur as well as the protection of our academic classes — after all, we are here to graduate!

The approach that must be undertaken is that of total and full disclosure of all the University's spending patterns. There can be no excess spending in the budgets any longer and as a representative of the students, I would strive to ensure that all budget matters are discussed in forums with the people who fund the University: the students!

**Many people say the Board of Governors membership doesn't represent the community adequately. What will you do to improve accountability?**

This question relates directly to above two questions in that at York, there has always been a tendency to underrepresent the groups that most need to, or should be represented. It would be beneficial to implement an arrangement that would ensure that all budgetary or policy matters passed by the Board of Governors would be ratified by the constituencies that are affected by the deci-

sions. Mind you, that this would just be an increase in the bureaucracy of York, but would add a level of accountability to the people that the Board is intended to serve.

Again, it is imperative that York University recognize the fundamental importance of serving the students, not the students serving the University. Students must be given legitimate representation on all University committees and miraculously accountability to the community will develop.



## CHRIS EECKLOR

**In recent years, students haven't had a clue what their Board of Governors reps have been doing. What will you do to improve communications?**

In overcoming the communication gap between the Student body and the Board of Governors, I feel that it is imperative that the student representative maintain a close link between the individual student councils and YFS. In achieving this I propose to establish with each College council two yearly meetings which will enable them to have firm understanding about what is happening at the BOG. At this time the members of the Councils can vocalize their constituents concerns. In maintaining a more grass roots approach, I would hope that the students themselves would attend these meetings and exhibit their concerns, so it could be more of a personal approach, rather than going through channels. My feelings are that the large degree of channels at York, impede the process of communication. To bridge the gap between YFS and BOG, I will attend all monthly meetings, and work in tandem with YFS.

**What are the three most important issues you'll be facing next year, and what approaches will you be taking on them?**

Security, Student Representation and Residence Concerns. For security, I propose to get BOG members to come to campus in the evening to participate in what I'll refer to as a "security walk". The objective is to escort BOG members around campus on a planned trail, and exhibit the areas that present a threat as extremely unsafe. I hope that when time comes to passing the budget, the members will review the amount of funds allocated to security for lighting etc., and if it is obviously far to little, I hope that they will send it back for revision.

Secondly, as a on-going concern about representation, I will attempt to convince BOG members, and the government that we need to be better represented on BOG.

Finally, residence students require a loud voice in BOG, and in sitting on the Student Relation Committee, I feel that concerns can be vocalized.

**Many people say the Board of Governors membership doesn't represent the community adequately. What will you do to improve accountability?**

Community representation is essential on the Board of Governors.

In achieving this, I will display my concerns to BOG members, and to the government. By doing this I would hope to increase student representation, create more of an equilibrium regarding genders, and attempt to create more of a cultural diversity membership in the Board of Governors.



## CINDY REEVES

**In recent years, students haven't had a clue what their Board of Governors reps have been doing. What will you do to improve communications?**

I will hold regular office hours so students will know where to reach me, prepare reports for other student representatives and send press releases to the campus media.

**What are the three most important issues you'll be facing next year, and what approaches will you be taking on them?**

(1) Lack of adequate student representation on the board. We need more than 2 reps on a board of 30 members!

(2) Safety and Security. I will ensure that the administration doesn't cut corners that will compromise our safety. For example will the new parking structure have adequate lighting?

(3) How York's administration chooses to deal with the recent federal and provincial governments' cuts to post-secondary education. I will ensure that a) they don't try to make up for the losses through either illegal ancillary fees or through residence, food or parking fee increases; and b) they don't cut back on services essential to students such as the Sexual Education and Complaint Centre.

I will do try to address these points by setting up a Board of Governors Committee which will act to a) interpret all board documents and proposals; and b) come up with well researched proposals that place student's interests first.

**Many people say the Board of Governors membership doesn't represent the community adequately. What will you do to improve accountability?**

I think the Board of Governors Student Reps should be accountable to students through their constituency's various student unions. Perhaps they should become ex-officio members of these unions. This would empower the unions to demand such things as mandatory office hours, and reports. As for increasing the accountability of non-student members, I think a more diverse board will be a more accountable board. Right now most of the board is made up of members of Toronto's business community who essentially have the same ideas about what role universities should play in our society. Along these lines, I will lobby the Ontario government's "Task Force on University Accountability" to implement legislation that requires universities to have more diverse boards.