

CALUMET



DENNIS BEDEAU

A student government, as the name implies, should act like a student government and lend itself to more accessibility to the students. At least let the York student community get some strong feedback for their votes and their money. A distinct effort should be made to break down the communications barrier between CYSF and the York community. I ask these two questions: how many students at York know about the functions of CYSF, and as a result, how many care? Answer them yourself.

My platform is simply that I want students to be informed about CYSF and what goes on in meetings. I want them to care. The only way this can be done is to get rid of all that bureaucratic red tape and establish a direct line of communications between CYSF representatives and their respective colleges. As we are aware, some people get elected and are never seen by their colleges. This is something I would like to see changed.

On this campus, the general student body unfortunately does not have enough say in regulations directly affecting them. Student participation on senate committees is a mere gesture to pacify our yearning for democratization.

I will make a big effort to increase students' involvement in the goings on at York and strive for greater membership on senate committees.

Just vote and herald the change that's coming!



JOHN ROCCA ULS

It is my feeling that a student government should represent the students without the bureaucracy found in other governments, thus giving all groups or organizations on campus access to the government and not just ones which are favoured by the reps and president.

Because it is supposed to represent the students, the student government should bring the university to the student. This can be achieved by publicizing all events which take place in the university, and all issues which may arise, by publishing leaflets and press releases, in university as well as city papers. Student interests at York can be represented better by a student government which will give complete support e.g. mobilization of students, to push the interests of the students e.g. the fee strike, instead of one which will give just verbal support.

York University should be more democratic than it is now. The leaders of the university should be chosen by the students, faculty and staff as they are the ones affected by the everyday life at York. A person on the board of governors is not affected by budget cutbacks for he comes to the university to vote on the occasional issue. He is not pinched by the shortage of money as are the students, faculty, or the nine laid off CUPE workers.



LISA URSA ULS

"Contact" and "consciousness" have never been met by former student governments at York. One may say "consciousness" has been met in a way, in that most students are conscious of a lack of contact and have noticed a certain amount of elitism in the student governments so far. In three years at York, this is the first year I have encountered the better side of consciousness but this has occurred outside the student government system itself in, for example, the recent mass meetings against the cutbacks in education and the subsequent occupation of the student awards offices. With the support of the conservative and "liberal" factions of CYSF, John Theobald carried a negative vote against the fee strike to an Ontario Federation of Students council meeting before Christmas. Obviously, this vote was not in accordance with the wishes of the students.

Many people have joined the United Left Slate since the time of the mass meetings in sentiment with these strike. Whether it is successful or not has yet to be seen, but by the appearance of a growing unrest among students (not only in Ontario but in the rest of Canada as well) I would say that they are fed up with lackadaisical liberal leadership which tends to lean too much towards the administration's views and not enough towards the students' needs of a strong yet representative leadership. Within the workings of a university system, a student comes to feel the same insignificance and inability to control what he does and has, as he will feel when he works within society. Don't forget that York has a board of governors just the same as any big business would have a board of directors. I see in the United Left Slate a potentially strong leadership which is needed to make sure that the students are not forgotten for the sake of capitalist expenditures and profits.

I agree in principle with all of the United Left Slate's proposals. If you agree with these demands even partly and sense the sentiments behind the demands of the ULS I would advise you to take your chance now and make a decision — whether to allow students to be left unaware and unconscious of important issues which pertain directly to them, as has happened in past years with our many "Theobalds", or, to take the plunge and have your own interests represented and heard by the candidates of the United Left Slate.

Lisa Ursa — Candidate from Founders — CYSF Rep.

FOUNDERS



COLAN INGLIS ULS

I am a first year student in Founders College. I am running under the banner of the United Left Slate of which I have been elected campaign chairman. I have been active on the York cutbacks committee of which I was a member and press officer.

Why should I be elected as a CYSF representative from Founders College? I have been active on the York Cutbacks Committee as a member and press officer. I am willing to devote a great deal of time and effort to student government; Also to use my ability to produce ideas and solutions. I am also a United Left Slate candidate. The ULS as a coalition of activists will provide a strong student leadership. Especially if an adequate slate is elected.

What should the student government do? The student government must provide a strong leadership and educative program. This program must be directed towards educating students and thus activating them in their own interest. The question of the CYSF budget is of course important. Priorities must be established and funds allocated appropriately.

The representation of student interests at York is obviously a question of reaching out to students. I therefore propose the establishment of liaison officers between the CYSF and the various student groups. Also making the CYSF more accessible to the student body as a whole. And also appropriate actions so that student interests can be determined and implemented.

The democratization of York must take the form of student, faculty and support staff control of the university. The ultimate form of a democratic university government is a long term project which must be formulated by the parties involved.

In conclusion I must say that we of the ULS feel we have a strong student oriented program which will result in a better university community. I would urge all students to, support the ULS fight the cutbacks, and most importantly take an active voting interest in the CYSF elections.

Any feedback on the ULS program or this article plus any support would be appreciated. I can be reached in Ross N 109 or at 667-3532.



ABIE WEISFELD ULS

As a candidate for the United Left Slate in Founders College, I support the program as laid out elsewhere in this issue. The aspect of the programme that I have been personally concerned with in the past is the war in Southeast Asia and its relation to the Canadian universities.

At the present time when one phase of the war has ended and another begun it is difficult to understand what the prospects for peace in Vietnam are. What has actually occurred in Vietnam is that a freeze or imposed settlement has been put on the struggle of the Vietnamese people for their national independence and self-determination cannot be resolved with U.S. forces poised to defend the Saigon regime, with B52's remaining in Thailand, on aircraft carriers and other Asian bases, with U.S. war material being pumped into Saigon, and with the dictator Thieu having veto power over any proposed elections.

That of course leaves Canada in Vietnam trying to forestall any upsurge in the struggle against the Saigon regime and to try to impose an artificial settlement on the Vietnamese according to American interests. The only solution which in actuality can allow for the self-determination of the Vietnamese is the unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. personnel (military and civilian "advisors") and material from South-East Asia.

As a Canadian institution we then have a direct responsibility to speak out against Canadian intervention in Vietnam. As a member of the Young Socialists movement I find it necessary to also condemn the detente formed between the Chinese and Russian leaderships and the U.S. government for the benefit of the national interests of the former and the latter's desire to come to an acceptable manner of leaving the immediate arena of conflict while preventing a solution to the Vietnamese desire for national independence and subsequently socialism.

Here on the York campus we are not in any way isolated from the conflict. The ULS poses the need for an anti-war university because of the very nature of the university, that is the fact that the facilities of the university are being used to conduct war research for the Canadian Defence Research Board to the amount of \$96,350 and 14 projects and the American military to the amount of \$64,686. We call for the end of all war research so that this university is not being used to facilitate the military foreign policies of Canada and the U.S.

Together with fighting for our rights as students in the university and society we must see how we are also tied in to this society through the university and as a result recognize our responsibility.

Other aspects of the program of the ULS have been elaborated by the other candidates and if anyone wants further information or wants to help out in the campaign contact the ULS in Room N109 Ross, 667-3532.

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rescind the tuition fee increases ii) return the OSAP loan ceiling to the previous level of \$600 iii) lower the age of independence to 18 iv) tax corporate profits to pay the costs of education v) rehire the fired maintenance workers.

If elected to CYSF, we would organize mass meetings on the campus so that students themselves can decide upon courses of action. CYSF would of course provide any financial or organizational assistance needed. The natural direction of student actions would be towards a mass, province-wide

demonstration at Queen's Park later this month. We support the fee strike in conjunction with other actions and are prepared to lead any activities that are essential to stop the cutbacks, including a student strike (shutdown of the campus).

2) For student-faculty-staff control of the university: We demand: i) the new president of York must be elected by students, faculty and staff and so be responsible to the learning and working members rather than the board of governors ii) fight big business interests on campus; abolish budget allocations, curriculum and hiring and firing

must be under the control of all the students, faculty and staff iv) the administration should be the servants of the learning and working community rather than our overseers.

3) For a women's liberation university: We demand: i) that the university administration carry through its proposal for the establishment of 24-hour daycare centre financed by the university and controlled by the parents. ii) the repeal of all anti-abortion laws iii) equal pay for equal work for all employees in the campus and the end of all discriminatory hiring

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