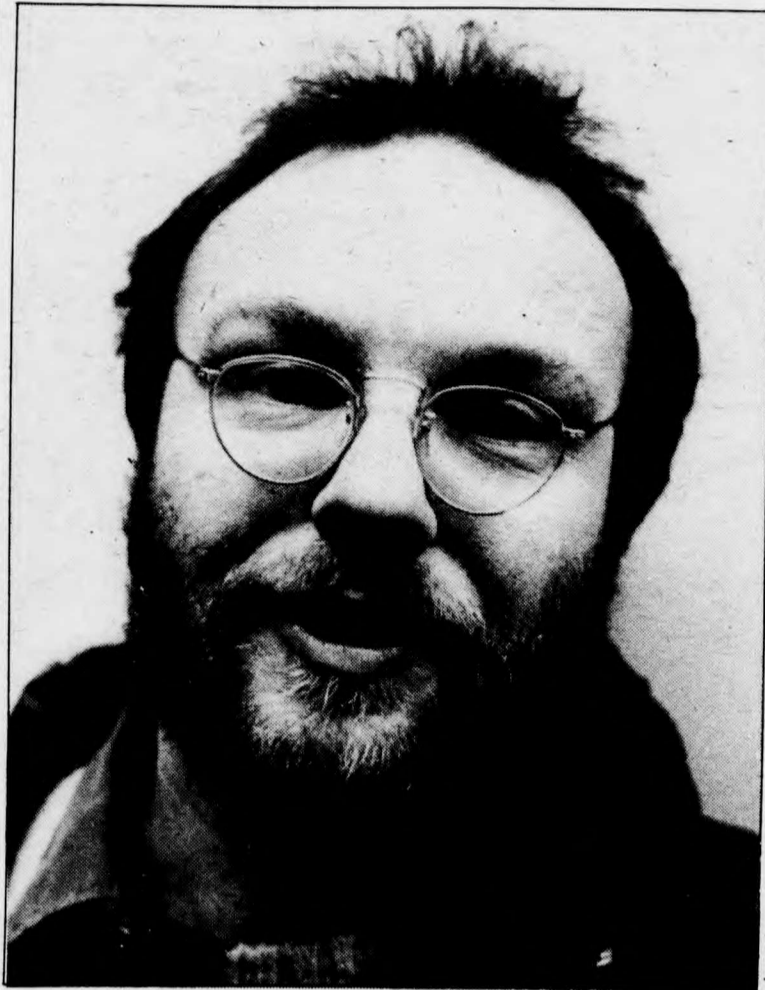


# News



Jonathan Mann

## Loses OFS post as a result

# Brickwood ousted

**Michael Monastyrskij**

The Council of the York Student Federation has just become smaller and the Ontario Federation of Students has lost its vice-chairperson.

All this is the result of January 14 CYSF meeting during which the council voted not to reinstate Board of Governors representative Peter Brickwood, dismissed from the CYSF for having missed more than four council sessions since September.

Brickwood remains the BOG representative, but as a result of the council decision he has lost status as a member of the York Student Federation and as such can not belong to the OFS executive.

Brickwood's college, Calumet, is not a member of the OFS or the York Student Federation, but its members can vote for or become BOG representatives. BOG representatives are granted seats on the CYSF and since the York Student Federation is a member of the OFS Brickwood was able to participate in OFS activities as long as he had a seat on council.

A clause in the CYSF constitution calls for the automatic removal of any member who has been absent from more than four meetings in a year. The constitution also states that a 2/3 majority of the council is needed to reinstate those members.

At the January 14 meeting Brickwood asked the council that he be reinstated but it voted 7-4 against the move. Earlier in the night, Steven Aronoff, who had also lost his seat for having missed too many meetings, was unanimously voted back on the council.

In a letter to the Ontario Federation of Students Brickwood argued that the council has actually refused to allow his return because the Student Strike Support Committee which he headed in September is in debt to the CYSF.

He wrote, "This is the first time that I remember a person's reinstatement being refused. Setting aside the possibility of personal antipathy of some members of the current council for me personally, the only other

reason seems to be an unpaid amount of \$109.40."

CYSF President Malcolm Montgomery says that he opposed reinstating Brickwood because of Brickwood's "inability to give any guarantee that he would attend future meetings". He added that he proposed the motion to reinstate Aronoff because "Aronoff did give some indication that he would be able to attend future meetings."

According to Aronoff, "I spoke to the Speaker, I excused myself and I said I would try to attend all future meetings." Aronoff, himself voted in favour of Brickwood's reinstatement because "I felt Peter had a place on council and that he served a purpose."

Brickwood admits that his job currently conflicts with council meetings but adds the days the sessions are held are about to be changed. He also says, "It has been my understanding that council meetings are only held on Monday and Wednesday because the Speaker (Mitchell Weisberg) and another member could only make those days."

# Brazil's Indians cheated and suppressed

**Erina Ingrassia**

"The government hasn't fulfilled its promise," stated Professor Shelton Davis of Boston University in a lecture entitled: "The condition of Brazil's Indians, 1975-1981".

Focusing on the Amazon Region, Davis argued to a small group of scholars last week at York that "the economic miracle" which transformed the Brazilian socio-economic structure during the peak years of 1964-1970 has been directly responsible for the continuing wave of political unrest.

During the past year alone more than thirty Indian leaders have been brutally murdered in the agricultural frontier which Davis labelled: "The El Salvador of Brazil".

Following the 1964 coup led by a group of generals who overthrew the populist government, a relatively new and seemingly revolutionary economic plan was adopted, he said.

"The Economic Miracle" according to Davis, is considered a prototype for other third-world countries. "It seemed impressive

at the time. However, the economic plan was a dependent form of development and not an autonomous one." The new economic policies encouraged multinationals to invest in order to boost the Brazilian economy. But, as a result, Davis pointed out, Brazil financed many projects through borrowing and increased its dependency. "For example,

foreign oil alone, Brazil was 80 per cent dependent as compared to the United States which is 40 per cent dependent on foreign oil today."

The large energy and industrial interests merged together in many projects which were to spark a political fire. One such project was the construction of the Northern Parameter Highway which runs

right through the tribal territory of the Yanamani Indians.

"Despite the Brazilian law which states that Indians have a right to land and that the government has a responsibility to demarcate it, this has not taken place," stated Davis. Furthermore, that which has been demarcated (roughly one-third of the Indian land) has only been done on a map. There has been

little if any security and no registration of titles to date. The peasants and the Indians in the Amazon Region have virtually been displaced in their own land.

According to Davis, no alternative has been introduced.

"The government could consider giving titles but only increases the amount of political repression and military control."

# Super fired despite tenant protest

**Mervyn Norton**

A petition by over 150 tenants at 6 Assiniboine Rd. supporting the retention of their superintendent has been to no avail.

Superintendent Bob Cripps has been told to vacate his job and his apartment tomorrow after working less than two months of a possible three month probationary period.

"This sort of thing happens all the time," said York's Director of Ancillary Services, Ross Dawson, in explaining why Cripps was let go. "We have considered the tenants petition but have decided to go ahead with this anyway." Dawson

said he could not discuss personal matters pertaining to Cripps' release, but stated that Cripps did not manage to carry out all his duties and, "he just didn't shape up."

The student petition to Manager for Housing Services, Jane Corbett, stated that there had been, "a significant improvement both in building maintenance and in superintendent-tenant relations since Mr. Cripps took over as superintendent in Dec., 1980." The tenants said they were shocked to find out that Cripps was let go for not "fitting into the system."

Typical of the way tenants say he relates to them, Cripps is candid about recent events. He recalled some "communication" problems in his seven weeks on the job, stemming from unclear and conflicting administrative policies. He feels caught between an official policy which instructs superintendents to leave repair tasks to York tradesmen and administrative pressure to have superintendents attempt more repair work themselves as a cost-saving measure.

According to Cripps there are constraints on maintenance supplies and unionized tradesmen

have been known to refuse to do work for superintendents who take repair work.

However, Dawson has stated, "I don't believe there has been any union involvement in this issue at all."

The major problem now faced by Cripps is that his release won't help him find employment with companies he has worked for previously. The manager for one large private company, he says, has already told him that "under the circumstances" he would have to turn down his application.

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