

Editorial

CYSF election

New presidency starts with clean slate

"We're going to start over, we're going to start clean."

With those words Greg Gaudet christened the beginning of what many hope will be a truly innovative council. Not one that starts up more businesses than others, nor one that initiates more new policy campaigns, but one that is at last open and honest to the students it represents.

This has certainly not been the case in the past. Recent allegations (only a fraction of which have made their way into print) have made clear that all is not right in the CYSF. Especially in handling Council funds, it seems that many members (employees, hangers-on) have been tempted to act dishonestly, knowing that to do so is to act with impunity. The dollars and cents of council business has

always been hidden, whether because students and Council members are too apathetic to look closely into CYSF financial records, or because these records have been denied those who really do want to look into them (Excalibur).

Council people have, on occasion, acted too freely because no one can become privy to information without committing themselves to the very secrecy that we would have them prevent. To find out about the power structure, you have to bind yourself to it.

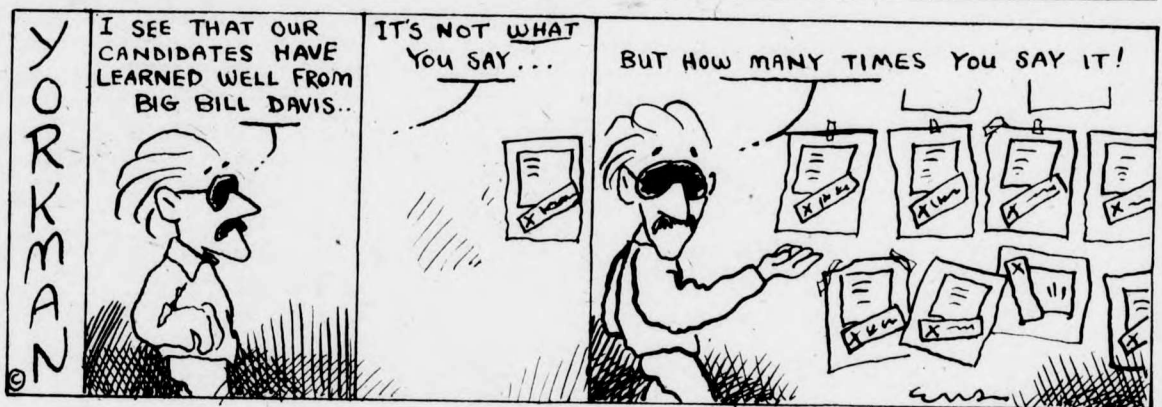
When wrongdoing is unearthed the matter is often overlooked by the parties involved because they fear the stigma of guilt by association. Sometimes the guilt is more tangible and deceit is a sure form of self-preservation.

At last someone has committed himself to changing this endless cycle. Good thing that. But we are less hopeful than pessimistic about the chances of success. Gaudet is new to the CYSF. While this makes him open to new ideas (candor among them, we hope) it would

also make him unsure and ready to follow the misguided council of those that preceded him in his post and those who surrounded his predecessor. Following their advice his words about honesty would go the way of most other campaign rhetoric.

What Gaudet received from the York electorate was a Diogenesian mandate.

What York students need is not a great leader or brilliant administrator. What they are looking for is one honest man.



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